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Luca walked in after the door was opened.

She was surprised to see Abel sitting on the chair. He was actually in A City...

Back then when she was on the Island of Despair, she often saw Abel in A City. The errands were always run by someone else.

Ever since she got out of the island, the chances of him being in A City were higher. Sometimes, Luca thought that he did not rebuild the Island of Despair for the sake of money. It was to deal with Luke Crawford.

Luke Crawford was a thorn in his heart. He wanted to get rid of it, and she was his tool.

"Why are you so late?" Abel complained and glanced at the time. She was half an hour late for the appointment.

"Your reckless way of doing things has caused me to be followed closely by his men now. I needed some time to get rid of them," Luca explained with many grievances in her tone.

Abel listened to her and chuckled. Then, he made eye contact with his men.

His subordinate received his signal and handed the vial to Luca.

Luca shook the vial and stared at the color of the antidote which was the same as the previous ones. Thinking that Abel dared not do anything now, she opened it and drank the antidote in front of everyone.

There was not even a drop left.

Abel looked at her actions and said, "I did everything I could to get you close to Luke Crawford, yet you tried so hard to escape. Luca, you've double-crossed me, so don't complain anything more."

Luca knew he was referring to her staying together with Nina at the hotel.

replied coldly, "I did that for the sake of getting the antidote. I'm being watched by the caretaker in the apartment every day. How was I supposed to

listened to her disingenuous explanation, but whatever. He would not believe it

can get rid of those bodyguards and the caretaker. Return after two days and stay there. Follow Luke's arrangement and just do everything he wants you to do. I want you to clear up his doubts within a month." Abel gave her the final order. It was obvious that he was extremely dissatisfied with Luca's progress.

listened to his ultimatum, she sneered, turned around, and left.

watched her as she closed the door and left. He asked in a deep voice, "Boss, I think she's not being honest recently. Do we need to send a few more men to follow

need. It'll naturally be done by someone else," Abel answered.

Luca left, she went to buy two sets of lunch boxes and some fruits. Then, she returned to the hotel.

were still two people there in the lobby. Those people who went out to follow her had not come back. She reckoned that they realized they had lost her and were apologizing to Luke

saw Luca carrying two bags and walking into the elevator. They looked at one another in astonishment.

elevator door closed, Luca saw one of them taking his phone out to make a call. It seemed like he was going to inform those who were still looking

like Luke Crawford was deeply skeptical about

felt slightly melancholic, and she recalled Abel's ultimatum. He was not joking about that. If she failed in the task, he would interfere with the matter later.

When the time came, she could not tell what he would do **either**.

After all, ever since the day Kassy was imprisoned because of Luke, this man had gone insane.

Luca was not complacent over the fact that she got away from those people who were sent to tail her. There was a feeling of melancholy in her heart that was difficult to calm every time she met Abel.

How was she supposed to let Luke's guard down against her?

Even if she succeeded, what would she be facing later?

The elevator had reached the floor. Luca's phone vibrated once she stepped out of it. It was a text message from **Abel**.

She tapped on the message, then she saw a few photos in it. They were photos of little Nyla.

During all these months after she left, the child seemed to have lost some weight. Although she still looked energetic, Luca could sense the threat behind *the photos*.

If she did not follow what Abel had asked her to do, the one who would have to suffer was not only her but little *Nyla too*.

Luca held her phone tightly...

If Luke knew about this in the future and that all these things that she was doing now were for the sake of their child, would he forgive her?

Luca smiled mockingly at the thought of this.

What made her think that Luke would forgive her? There was no turning back for her now. All the explanations would sound lame, and no one could **understand her...**

to her room with a heavy

put down her spoon as soon as she saw that Luca was back. She said, "Luca, you're

I bought some snacks and fruits. Do you want some?" Luca smiled

nodded. She did not expect that Luca would still think of her when she was out running errands. She even brought so much food

at the right time as she needed food to distract her now.

opened the bag and shared the food inside with

Nina got up and switched on her laptop. She wanted to look for houses that were available to rent

helped her too. In the end, both of them chose a few apartments that were closer to Brilliant.

lunch, both of them went to survey the houses together. When they got out of the elevator, Luca noticed that the people who were sitting in the lobby had changed shifts.

had no idea what Luke had in mind. If he was a little more attentive, he probably could have realized that she already knew he had sent people to follow

noticed that she was distracted, so she asked with concern, "Luca, what's

go." Luca snapped back to her senses and walked out with

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As the agent listened to her concerns, she smiled and explained, "Miss, don't worry. The apartment is located in a high-end residential area. The landlords who can afford the apartment units there are certainly are people with good personal qualities. And the apartment uses an electronic door lock. The password can be reset. Others won't know the password except for the tenant herself."

Luca nodded her head and did not say anything more.

It was a steal for Nina to be able to rent an apartment at that price. The agent had explained to them that the landlord was planning to immigrate and thought that it was a pity to leave the house empty, so he wanted to rent it out as soon as possible. That was why the rental was so cheap.

It was a reasonable explanation, but Luca had this weird feeling from the beginning.

Nina signed the agreement and agreed with the agent that she would be moving in tomorrow.

She had been excusing herself from work because of all sorts of matters in the past two days, so she wanted to move in earlier, clean up everything, and go back to work.

Even though something had happened in her life, still she could not allow herself to break down because of this.

After both of them left the agency, Luca sat in the passenger seat and leaned on the car window with her forehead against it.

Nina saw her and asked with concern, "Are you tired? You look awful."

"Probably. I'll be fine after going back and resting for a while." Luca knew it was because she had the antidote, so she was not feeling too well now. Previously whenever she took the antidote, she would encounter such situations where her body suffered from physical lethargy. However, it was never that serious.

It was just that it was much more serious this time. She reckoned that it was because of her weak body.

"Then let's go back." Nina felt slightly guilty when she saw Luca in such an uncomfortable state. If she had not asked her to accompany her to look at the houses, she would be resting now.

Luca nodded her head.

Nina drove back to the hotel, both of them went into the elevator together.

Nina knew nothing, when she saw a few people sitting in the lobby, she said in a soft voice, "Why do I feel like there are always people sitting in the lobby in the past

sure either." Luca looked at the look of confusion on Nina's face. She did not plan to tell her about

she had no idea how to explain to Nina that these people were sent by Luke to keep an eye on her. Secondly, one or two of them were sent by

to ensure Nina's safety, so Luca did not intend to

weird. They don't look like guests, and the hotel staff aren't sending them away either. It's kind of scary for a few men to be sitting there," Nina mumbled. She had her arm hooked around Luca's. She could feel Luca's body warmth and looked at her. She saw Luca's face turn much paler

seems like your body is burning. Are you having

her forehead when she heard that. It seemed like it was hot, but it was still fine. She replied, "I don't think so. I think my body temperature is still fine."

more awful than just now." Nina stroked her hand worriedly.

tired. I'll be fine after getting some sleep." Luca smiled and comforted her.

thought that since Luca knew some medical knowledge, she would probably be fine after getting some sleep. Nina walked into the guest room and pulled the curtains. Then, she said, "Alright, get some sleep. I'm getting some rest too. I won't disturb

Luca nodded her head and lay on the

She was having a slight fever, so she fell into a deep sleep. Even when noises were coming from Nina's side, they did not wake *her up*.

Luca slept through the afternoon. Nina was afraid that she would wake Luca up, so she lay **beside her**.

When she was unable to lay still on the bed, she sat up and looked at the other side of the bed.

Luca had not moved. If not for the slight movement of the blanket, she would think that Luca was not breathing.

"*Luca...*" Nina called out in a gentle voice. It was almost six o'clock in the evening, but Luca had not woken up even once. She did not even go to the bathroom.

Nina called out, but there was no response from **Luca**.

"**Could** she be sick?" Nina was worried. She got out of the bed and walked toward Luca's *side*.

"Luca? Dr. Craw?" She called out twice, but there was no response again.

Nina switched on the lights, and Luca finally seemed to react. She frowned, but she did not open her eyes.

Nina saw this and reached out to touch her forehead.

It was burning, and it was not merely a slight fever anymore. Nina felt guilty as she looked at Luca's pale face and the redness on her cheek. She had no idea Luca had fallen ill.

Given the circumstances, Luca had to be sent to the hospital now.

can you hear me?" Nina shook Luca's

Luca was in a daze and did not open her eyes. She only grunted as a

distraught when she saw

was not heavy, Nina was very thin and weak. She was certain that she was unable to carry Luca, but Luca had to go to the

Should Nina call the ambulance?

hurriedly picked up her phone that was on the bed at the thought of this. When she was about to dial the emergency number, Luke Crawford came across her

for a few seconds and eventually gave Luke

briefly told him about Luca feeling sick but Luke did not say anything. He only told her to wait for him and hung up the

listened to the busy tone on the other side of the phone and pondered. There was a hint of anxiety in Luke's

seemed to have never seen Luke feeling anxious for another woman other than

looked at Luca who was lying on the bed. Was Luke falling for

a man began to take a woman seriously, it would be difficult for her to reject his kindness, especially men like Luke

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Luke walked into the guest room, and Luca was right there lying on the bed.

He went closer and reached out to put his hands on Luca's forehead. Her body temperature was burning...

"How long has she been having a fever?" Luke asked.

"She was having a slight fever when it was noon, but I have no idea when her fever got worse," Nina answered helplessly. She believed that Luca must have gotten worse during her sleep.

Luca did not even mention it when she was feeling uncomfortable.

Luke shot Nina a glance when he heard that and remained silent.

Just a glance and Nina knew he was blaming her for being careless. She then said, "I thought she was just tired. I didn't think much about it. And I dared not to wake her up in the afternoon..."

Luke threw off Luca's sheets and carried her in his arms right away.

"Are you sending her to the hospital now?" Nina watched him carry her away and asked.

"I've informed Johann. He's waiting at the apartment," Luke replied and carried Luca out of the guest room. It was probably because Luca did not have an identification document, so staying in the hospital would be troublesome, which was why he informed Johann.

Nina watched as he left. She hurriedly grabbed her phone and room key before following behind.

She got into Luke's car and took care of Luca in the back seat.

Luke drove quickly to the apartment. Nina put her hand on Luca's forehead to check on her temperature from time to time while exclaiming how fast the car was moving.

It was supposed to be a 20-minutes drive but they arrived in only 13 minutes.

Luke parked the car and opened the car door to get Luca from the back seat, he carried her in his arms out of the seat.

Nina had the chance to say something, the other side of the car door was closed. She pushed open the car door on her side and got out, following Luke upstairs.

stay here tonight to take care of Luca." Nina thought Luca was exhausted because of

the trouble. There's a caretaker in the apartment. She'll look after her," Luke replied as he walked into the

pressed the elevator button for the floor

Luke shot her a glance.

"Back then when we found out Luca was hurt, Sue and I came to visit her before, so I know what floor it
nodded his head and did not say

only been a short while since Luca came here yet she had already gotten so close with Nina and Sue. She was somehow similar to Bianca in some ways. They were almost similar in terms of making

did not have many friends in the past. Nina and Sue were her best friends. Luca did not have many friends around here either. There was only Sue and

glanced at the woman in his arms. It was as if she was feeling especially safe in his arms. Half of her face was buried in

the elevator reached the floor, Luke carried Luca in his arms and walked out of the elevator.

of the apartment was open. He headed there and carried her right

"Mr. Crawford, Dr. Park is already here." The caretaker saw him come in and spoke respectfully.

Luke nodded his head and glanced at the man sitting on the sofa. He gave him a slight nod and carried Luca into the *bedroom*.

Johann stood up and saw the scene in front of his eyes. He let out a sigh in his heart. He would say it was truly a lie if Luke said he did not care about **Luca**.

There were a few times when he noticed that there was a subtle change in Luke's expression because of Luca. He may seem cold, but in fact, he was hiding the concern in his heart.

Luke kept saying that he was suspicious of Luca, but he actually cared about her.

It looked like women were not the only creatures who would not mean what they said in this world. Men were the same too.

Johann carried his medical kit and followed Luke into the bedroom. After he took Luca's temperature, he gave her an antipyretic injection.

Luke watched him perform his skilled injection technique and asked, "Why is she having a fever?"

"**It's** hard to tell. It could be a cold, or it's just her body warming up. But ultimately, it's because of her weak body. I've said it previously, Dr. Craw needs to work on her health." As Johann spoke, he glanced at Nina who was beside him. "You were together with Dr. Craw for the past two days?"

"Yes." Nina nodded her head.

"**Did she** mention that she was feeling uncomfortable?" Johann asked again.

"*No, she* just looked especially tired today. She was fine the rest of the time," Nina answered.

Johann nodded his head. "She's been given an antipyretic injection. Let's see if the fever will go down in half an hour. I'll have to apply treatment measures for her if it's not *working*."

Luke nodded his head.

that Luca had not eaten anything and reminded Johann. "Dr. Park, she's been sleeping since this afternoon and hasn't eaten anything yet. Can you please give her a nutrient injection? She must be starving."

thought for a moment, then he turned around and told the caretaker, "Go to the kitchen to prepare some oats. If the fever goes away, she'll wake up soon. There's no need to give her a

with bananas fine?" The caretaker heard him and asked

"Yes."

prepare it now." The caretaker turned around and left the bedroom. She entered the kitchen to prepare some oats for

looked at the man who had been standing beside the bed and reminded Luke. "Dr. Craw has just gotten an injection. The fever won't reduce that quickly. Let's

Luke replied, but he was still standing at the his throat, reminding him that Nina, who knew nothing about the matter, was still a few people in the Crawford family, Percy, Johann, and Jason were the only ones who knew that Bianca was the fake Bianca. The others had no idea about the others knowing it, they would certainly be confused when Luke was showing concern for a woman at Johann, while Johann glanced at Nina. He knew what he meant.

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After half an hour, Johann walked into the bedroom to take Luca's temperature. Given the effects of the antipyretic injection, Luca's body temperature was getting back to normal.

Johann let out a sigh of relief. After he left some antipyretics for backup, just in case Luca's fever returned in the middle of the night, he left Luke's apartment.

When he left, he brought Nina along with him.

Since Nina did not drive here, when Johann offered to send her back to the hotel, she accepted his offer happily. Both of them left the building and got into the car. Nina could no longer suppress the confusion in her heart. "Dr. Park, you've known Mr. Crawford for such a long time. Do you get the feeling that something is wrong with him recently?"

"Something is wrong with him? I don't think so." Johann knew what she was going to ask. He denied it with a smile.

Nina saw his smile that was as sly as a fox and pouted, "I know both of you are best friends. And men will certainly cover it up for each other. But even if you don't tell me, I can see that Mr. Crawford is giving Luca special treatment. And he seems way too concerned about her."

"No way! You probably got the wrong impression." Johann denied it and pretended to act like he was surprised.

"It's my instinct." Nina reckoned he would refuse to tell her anything and continued, "All these years of knowing Luke, I've never seen him care for other women except for Bianca. And you're telling me I got the wrong impression? How is that possible?"

"Have you ever thought that there might be some other reason that he cares about another woman?" Johann was hinting at her.

After hearing that Nina was close to Luca, he could not let her ruin Luke's plan.

"Nonsense. There's obviously a motive when a man shows his concern for a woman. He can't be giving it away for free, right?" Nina rolled her eyes.

smiled as he shook his head. Sure enough, the woman that Percy had fallen for, no matter how gentle and quiet she was in front of others, was still meticulous and

least Nina was being straightforward now.

an excuse to help Luke. "You're really imagining it. Mr. Crawford is just cherishing his talent. The progress of Dr. Craw's research project is the fastest in the company. If everything goes smoothly, the research will be successfully done in a few months. Then, they'll apply for patents and launch the product in the market. Dr. Craw is an indispensable talent to T Corporation. When her medicine launches in the market in the future, it'll generate huge profits for the company. The share price will naturally double up. Everything that Mr. Crawford does is to keep this incredible

listened to his explanation, and it was indeed reasonable.

the boss had done so much just to keep his employee. It was still

saw her pondering and keeping silent, he smiled and said, "Mr. Crawford knows what he's doing. Things aren't as what

do I think?" Nina questioned him

and parked the car in front of the hotel's entrance. Some things were better left unsaid. He did not answer her and reminded her instead. "We've

a glance at him. She did not continue to ask insensibly. After she thanked him,

seat belt, pushed the door open, and got out of the

the man sitting in the lobby saw her getting out of a man's car, he informed

Nina walked into the hotel and noticed that three people sitting in the lobby were missing. The two men remaining there seemed to be the same people who had been sitting there since noon. She could not help but wonder if they did not have to work or eat.

They had been sitting here for the whole day as if their jobs were to guard the hotel.

Nina's expression changed as something crossed her mind. She looked at those two men again. They had noticed that she was looking at them, so they avoided her *gaze*.

With that, she was able to confirm that the two men in front of her were probably Percy's **men!**

He still refused to let her go and even sent people to follow **her...**

Nina clenched her fists at the thought of this. This man had a blissful life, yet he still wished to continue to torture her.

She had been trying so hard to get rid of the trauma that Percy gave her. She wanted to start a new life, but this man was constantly reminding her that even though she had left and they were no longer in a relationship, he was *still there!*

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On the other hand, Luca woke up not long after her fever went **down.**

She looked at the familiar ceiling and knew where she had been sent back **to.**

She was feeling uncomfortable earlier but did not tell Nina about it. She had only refused to come back here temporarily but never expected to be sent back here **so soon**.

turned around and looked. There was no one at the bedside. She looked again, and there was no one in the

sat up on the bed and unconsciously reached her hand out to her forehead to check her body temperature. The fever had gone

walked out of the bedroom and saw the caretaker sitting on the sofa. She asked, "What time is it

stood up when she saw that Luca was awake. "Ms. Craw, it's eight in the evening. You were having a fever and didn't wake up

nodded her head. She did not ask how she got here. It must be Luke who sent her

because when she was in a feverish daze, she seemed to have heard his voice. She also felt someone did not open her eyes, she could sense that familiar feeling.

the past when Luke carried her in his arms, that feeling had always been kept deep inside her heart. She was still able to remember it clearly now. The feeling made her heart race.

saw her standing there without saying anything. She asked, "Ms. Craw, I made some oats with bananas. Do you want to have

thanks. I'm not hungry," Luca replied. After the fever, her mouth felt bland and she had no appetite. "Where's Mr.

Crawford has left. He probably went home," the caretaker

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Of course, there was another kind of situation, which was Abel was trying to contact her.

The numbers they had been using to call each other were a bunch of messy codes. If Nina and Luke saw such a thing, they would definitely suspect what kind of phone call it was. At the same time, there was no need to unlock the screen to answer a call. What if they answered it...

When Luke saw her knowing that someone had been calling her but she was not in a hurry to check her phone, he started to suspect something.

When a person knew they had missed calls, they would immediately check their phone to see who had called. However, Luca did not do so.

Her expression was slightly unnatural as well.

Was she sick and confused, or was she afraid of something?

"Are you not taking a look at your phone?" Luke asked as he stared at her.

Luca snapped back to her senses and took her phone out of the bag. As she unlocked the screen, then there were indeed a few missed calls.

She was slightly relieved. This indicated that Luke and Nina had not answered her calls. She tapped on the call log. All the calls shown were unanswered, and they were normal numbers.

Luca did not call them back. She reckoned these were cold calls. It was just that the moment she saw there were no messy codes, she felt relieved.

Luke did not point it out when he noticed that she was clearly relieved.

It seemed like there were many secrets hidden in Luca's phone. He intended to take a look at her phone when he got her bag, but considering that he did not know her phone's passcode, he gave up checking her phone.

just one small expression, he was able to confirm that Luca was hiding something from

"Have you eaten dinner?" Luke asked.

shook her head. She deleted the missed calls one by one. It was a habit of hers that no matter who gave her a call, she would delete the call log after it, not leaving a trace

like it was something that would be done by someone with obsessive-compulsive disorder. It was just her habit not to leave traces

oats," Luke ordered

caretaker nodded her head when she heard him. She hurriedly went to the kitchen to serve

my appetite." Luca could not only taste the blandness in her mouth now but there was also a hint of bitterness.

replied, "Eat some even if you're losing your appetite. The reason you got sick this time is because your body is too weak. Continue to take a few days of rest here. You may go to work next

touched the gauze on her forehead. At first, she was supposed to go back to work this Friday. Now, it was postponed

project had already been developed once before, so things could go on normally even without her. Hence, Luke granted her leave as the progress would not be

thought that she had gotten enough rest. Besides, she was in this

accepted the oats that the nanny handed to her, and she took a sip of it. She thought for a moment and said, "Mr. Crawford, you have some personal connections in the police station. Do you mind helping me ask when I can get my identification card

Luke shot her a glance. He did not answer her question and instead, he said, "This apartment is now your employee residence. You can stay as long as you want to. I'll send someone to move my things **away**."

Luca felt uncertain when she heard that. It looked like he had decided to retain her here. Staying anywhere was not a problem. After all, since it was part of Luke's plan, even if she moved back to her apartment, her apartment would probably be installed with surveillance cameras when the time came.

It was the caretaker were to keep an eye on her for the whole day, it would be more frustrating than having surveillance cameras.

She said, “Mr. Crawford, I appreciate the benefits that you’ve given me. I can accept this apartment, but I have a condition.”

Luke looked at her and shook his head. “What’s the **condition?**”

"I'm feeling much better now, so I don't need a caretaker to take care of me. If you're really planning to make this apartment my employee accommodation, I hope you can bring this caretaker somewhere else," Luca replied.

The caretaker asked immediately when she heard her, “Ms. Craw, why? Am I lacking in **any areas?**”

Luca listened to her anxious tone. She could not be bothered being polite and interrupted Luca. She was worried that she would get blamed by Luke because of her incompetence.

He had always been a fairly strict person. If Luca suddenly said that she did not need a caretaker, the caretaker would be punished.

“You’re good, but I’m used to being alone. I don’t need someone to look after me,” Luca answered.

The caretaker did not say anything more. She was too anxious just now, so she said something hastily. Even so, it was not considered *impolite*.

nodded his head when he heard that and said,

Luca saw him not saying anything else, she could not bear it and added, “It has nothing to do with the caretaker. I’m just used to

it interesting when she emphasized that again. Clearly, she had noticed that the caretaker was here to keep an eye on her, but now, she was defending

to get rid of the caretaker but was also speaking up for her. Was Luca not afraid that Luke would let the caretaker continue taking care of

the death of the security guard was her plan of getting close to him, then why did she send some condolence money to the security guard’s family

Was she feeling guilty?

Luca was sort of interesting...

pack up tomorrow and head to the suburban villa. You’ll be responsible for cleaning and looking after the villa together with Isabel.” Luke arranged another job for the caretaker in front of

out a sigh of relief when she heard

nice of him for not blaming the

Crawford.” The caretaker nodded her head hurriedly. Since Luke arranged another job for her in front of Luca, it indicated that he did not blame her for

must have noticed that she came to keep an eye on her under the cloak of taking care of her, so she requested Luke to assign her

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His words sent Luca's heart stirring with waves after it had started to slowly calm down.

With those unintentional words, she could not help but suspect. Was Luke already suspecting her identity?

If he did, would he do anything behind her back?

The caretaker kept the bowl and cutlery away. Luke stood up and said, "The caretaker will leave tomorrow. If there's anything you need, you can ask her to buy them for you."

"Alright. Thank you, Mr. Crawford." Luca was feeling uneasy, but her tone was still polite.

Her reply was always distant and calm. Luke stared at her and wondered when would her emotions be affected.

Probably when she was in fear.

Luca did not say anything more. He picked up his briefcase, turned around, and left.

He did not let her see him off. He walked to the entrance, opened the door, and closed it. He left the place with his lingering aura.

Luca was feeling a little melancholic.

The caretaker walked out after she had finished cleaning the dishes. She asked, "Ms. Craw, I'll be heading to the villa tomorrow. Do you have anything that you need to buy or anything to clean up? I can help you do it before I head there."

Luca thought for a moment and answered, "Then can you please get me a set of new bedding?"

Are you planning to change it? There are clean ones in the closet. Do you need me to change it for you now?" the caretaker asked.

her head. "Those belong to Mr. Crawford. I'd like a

understood what she meant. She nodded her head and said, "Sure. I'll get you a new one in the supermarket tomorrow."

Luca replied and stood up. Carrying her bag, she entered the

she walked into the bedroom, her phone began to vibrate. She glanced at it. The caller ID was a bunch of messy codes.

tapped on the phone to

made it a lot easier for you to move back into your residence. From now onward, don't try to set me up or play tricks with me. Just get Luke Crawford to trust you as soon as possible." Abel's voice came from the other side of

looked down and put her bag on the bed. "It's too

won't be difficult for you. Ivana, use your brain. Even heroes fall in the face of beauty. Luke's heart has always been held captive by you. Even though your appearance has changed, you're still the same old you. You know what to do. If you can't succeed, don't blame me for helping you out." Abel knew her unwillingness to do so. He reminded her again with a deep voice.

bit her lip and lowered her voice. "I don't need you to remind me. I know what I should great." Abel sneered and hung up the

Luca listened to the busy tone on the other side of the phone, she was slightly having an emotional breakdown. According to what he said just now, she was able to capture the important information in his message—Abel wanted her to play the badger game with

The caretaker knocked on the door. "Ms. Craw, can I come *in*?"

Luca put away her emotions. Then, she turned around and sat on the bed, trying her best to speak in a calm tone. "Come *in*."

The caretaker pushed the door open and walked in carrying her clothes in her hands. She said, "These are clean and dry clothes. Let me hang them up in the wardrobe for you."

"Yeah, alright." Luca watched as the caretaker hung the clothes one by one in the wardrobe without saying anything.

After the caretaker finished hanging the clothes, she was about to close the wardrobe door.

Luca said, "Wait a minute."

"*Ms. Craw*, what's the matter?" The caretaker turned her head around and looked at her with a smile on her face.

"Isn't Mr. Crawford sending someone here to pack his stuff? Can you please tidy up the things in the wardrobe first so that it'd be convenient for them to take his things away?" Luca answered. Every time she saw her clothes hanging together with Luke's clothes, she had the illusion that everything that had happened in the past three years was *not real*.

She had the illusion that she was actually having a dream. In reality, she had never separated from **Luke**.

Whenever the thought came into Luca's mind, she would pinch her hand, reminding herself that three years had passed. This time, there was no future between her and Luke.

Just like now, she was pinching her hand so hard.

The caretaker heard her, smiled, and said, "There's no hurry. I'll tidy it up tomorrow when Mr. Crawford sends people *over*."

she noticed Luca's action and reminded her in a soft voice. "Ms. Craw, what's wrong with you? Why are you pinching your hand?"

let go of her hand immediately when she heard

you pinch it until it's so red? Do you need me to rub it for you?" the caretaker asked in her head. Her reaction to pain was a few times slower than ordinary people's reaction because she had been taking medication for a long time. To remind herself, she would have to pinch her hand with great skin was fair, so it would redden even if a slight force was applied to it. Hence, with such great force, her skin would naturally turn fine. The redness will go away later." Luca smiled. She did not let the caretaker rub her hand really alright?" The caretaker was worried as it was her first time seeing someone pinch themselves so hard. and shook her smile, indicating that she was fine. "It's late. Get some gave her a response and left the her unworn clothes out from the bag. After she went into the bathroom and bathed, she fell asleep on the The next day. caretaker bought a set of new bedding at the supermarket. When Luca woke up, she saw her putting the bedding into the washing

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However, thinking from a different perspective, there was not much of her stuff here. It was unnecessary for her to use the maid's room, so naturally, she would not go in that often. Even though Luke's belongings were left here, it was not a big deal. At the thought of this, Luca walked to the table and pretended to ask inadvertently, "So, does that mean the people that Mr. Crawford sent won't be coming today?" "Yes, I'll be moving out after I tidy up all these. By the way, Ms. Craw, I bought some groceries for you when I went to the supermarket to get the bedding. They're in the fridge. I've also put the receipts you requested in the plastic bag," said the caretaker. "Alright, thank you." Although Luca was not having a fever anymore, her body was still weak and she was fatigued. She was probably still going through the effects of the antidote. After all, it was the antidote that Abel had mixed something else in. Her body needed more time to recover. Now that the caretaker had bought groceries for her, which saved her the trouble of going grocery shopping, she was thankful for that. "Don't mention it." The caretaker smiled. After she tidied everything, she closed the door to the maid's room. Then, she left the apartment. Luca was left alone in the apartment.

Although it was a single apartment, it was more spacious than the two-bedroom apartment she was staying in back then. Luca suddenly felt a little not used to it.

She looked at the huge apartment that was kept clean and tidy by the caretaker. As she stood up, it looked exactly like a show house. Other than the clothes hanging there, there was not even a sign of life.

It was just like her. Even though she was alive in this world, her real identity had already been beaten to the ground.

She tried to find a trace of Luke's belongings in the living room, but after looking around for a few rounds, she was still unable to find anything.

The place was truly clean...

raised the corner of her lips and smiled bitterly with a hint of depression.

no intention to check if there were surveillance cameras in the living room. It was because she knew that even if there were surveillance cameras installed in the house, the bedroom would be the safest place.

not be that nasty to install surveillance cameras in the

phone vibrated, and the ringtone was ringing happily. Luca took her phone out and glanced at it. It was Nina calling.

have you moved in?" She recalled that Nina would be moving

moved in. Luca, are you feeling better?" Nina's tone sounded cheerful. It seemed that she was in a good mood.

she was able to start her life again, so of course, she should be

better now," Luca replied, "Is there anything you need help with?"

don't need any help. I don't have that many things. All I had to do was carry my luggage and move in." Nina recalled that when she moved into Percy's villa back then, she had also carried just a piece of luggage. There were not many things inside and just a few sets of

not expect the relationship to last long, so she did not bring many personal belongings with her, which included those precious decorations. They were all left at Anna's house.

Now that she had moved, she still only brought the essentials with her. She had just tidied up the stuff in her luggage. She was reminded that in the past three years, other than some necessities and consumables, she had not put anything else in Percy's villa.

It was as if she was already prepared for her **departure**.

Now, the apartment would be her new home. Although it was already nicely furnished, Nina wanted to decorate it to make it look more like her own **house**.

One day, she would buy another apartment with her effort and that would become her forever **home**.

Luca did not know what she was thinking about. She was relaxed after she knew Nina had settled down. "I was supposed to keep you company."

"**There's** no such thing as you're supposed to do this or that. I know how weak your body is. Luca, you must take good care of your health, do you understand?" Nina advised her.

Last night, when Johann was diagnosing her, Nina had listened to everything clearly. She realized that Luca was not as healthy as she *seemed*.

Humans were fragile, even Luca. She **was too**.

"*Alright.*" A warm feeling flowed into Luca's *heart*.

If she could, she would love to stay with Nina so that both of them could look after **each other**.

However, it was inconvenient for her to have a roommate now. She dared not to get too close with someone else **as well**.

said a few more words, telling Luca to take good care of herself. After that, she hung up

sat on the sofa and pondered. She briefly summarized everything that had happened in these few days in a text message and sent it

for a while, but there was no reply from

went to B City, she had still been receiving messages from him until a few days ago. He told her that he would be busy for some time, then she never heard from him

City was located near South Asia. The environment of those neighboring countries was complicated. Although Amur did not tell her what mission he had there, there was some uneasiness deep down in her

held the phone for a while but there was no news from

another message. [Tell me if you're facing any difficulties. And tell me before you come back. Send me a reply. I'm worried about

message was sent, then Luca deleted the

about noon, and Luca stood up to walk into the kitchen.

took some vegetables that were bought by the caretaker out from the fridge. There was indeed a receipt in the plastic bag. Luca glanced at the numbers on the paper and planned to keep the receipt. All of a sudden, something came into her mind. The plastic bag in her hands fell to the

She remembered...

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After making a simple lunch, Luca called the police station and asked if she was allowed to return to the apartment to pack her daily necessities.

The policeman told her that he could only give her an answer after enquiring about it with his superior.

Luca was aware the superior that they were talking about was probably Luke Crawford...

Although the murderer had not been found, it was impossible that the apartment was shut off for such a long time.

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The president's office of T Corporation.

Jason knocked on the door and entered the office before reporting, "Mr. Crawford, the police station just called. Dr. Craw called the police station and asked about wanting to go to the apartment."

Luke stopped typing on the keyboard and raised his eyebrows. "She wants to go to the apartment?"

"Yes." Jason nodded his head. "The police are asking for your opinion."

It was because Luke had a certain influence in City A, and he was considered as an involved party in Luca's case. Hence, the police had to ask for his opinion.

"If she wants to go back, then just let her do so. Let's see what she'll take," Luke replied.

"Yes." Jason nodded. He would just relay Luke's exact words to the police later.

thought of something, and said, "Send a policeman to keep her company. Watch every move she makes."

Jason noted it down and left the office with his phone in

the policeman exactly what Luke had said to him and informed the policeman to keep an eye on Luca's moves when she got to the

policeman received the reply, he

heard that a policeman would have to be with her at the apartment, claiming that it was to protect the crime scene. Luca agreed without hesitation and scheduled with the policeman to meet at the apartment around two o'clock in the afternoon.

was almost time, she arrived at the

the incident, the security system of the apartment was clearly reinforced. Residents were required to swipe their access cards to enter the building, while guests were to inform the residents' names whom they were visiting. Only after getting the resident's permission would they be allowed to enter.

access card was still at the police station. It had been a habit for her to always keep her access card and identity documents in her bag and bring them along with her for

not enter, so she could only ask for the security guard's help. "Hello, I'm a resident here but I forgot to bring my access card with me. Can you please let me

guard shot her a glance and said lazily, "Do you think that simply claiming to be a resident means you really are one? We do things with access cards now. You can ask your family to come down and get you, or you can make a call at the guard post. Only then can

live alone..." Luca did not expect it to be

me have a look at your ID card, then.” The security guard provided her another way when he

“...” Luca was speechless. She did not even have her ID card with her to prove her identity now. “I didn’t bring that too...”

“Don’t you bring your ID card along with you when you’re going out? Then I’m sorry, according to the rules, I can’t let you in.” The security guard said it was because of the incident that they had imposed new rules to ensure the residents’ safety.

The police blamed their management, while the management blamed them. Now, the security guards’ pay was deducted by a few hundred dollars, so they were not being very nice to the *residents*.

“My ID card is at...” Luca was about to explain when another security guard came forward and asked, “What’s the **matter?**”

The security guard who previously talked to Luca lifted his chin. “This person claims that she’s one of the residents here. But she doesn’t have an access card or an ID. She also lives alone. How can I just let her *in?*”

The security guard who just came recognized Luca at a glance and said, “She’s indeed a *resident here.*”

“Are you sure about that?”

“**She’s** the resident of unit 502. Let her in,” the guard replied.

The look on the other security guard’s face became more awful when he heard that. After all, everything was because of the incident at Unit 502. If such a thing had not happened, their pay would not have been cut and their workload would not have *increased*.

“Get in,” he said petulantly.

Luca found their attitudes to be bad, but she did not say anything. Her mind was on the apartment. She had no idea if Luke and his men had noticed the groceries that she left on the table on the day of **the incident**.

had not gone far when the security guard started complaining, “So that’s her, and that’s how she looks. That explains why those evil people were lured into her place.”

guard snapped at him in a lowered voice. “What nonsense are you talking about? Didn’t that man break into the house to rob the place? You can’t blame others for that, right?”

I blame her for that? Dolling herself up when she’s already so good-looking... That robber must have had his eyes on her because she’s defenseless and staying alone. If it wasn’t for Old Wade who sacrificed himself, I’m afraid she’d have suffered tremendously.” The guard

I know you’re close with Old Wade, but no one wanted Old Wade to get into trouble. Besides, we can’t blame her for the pay cut. What happened to her at her house was nothing more than an unfortunate

Luca walked farther and farther away, she could no longer hear

a reason to blame her. After all, who was willing to take the responsibility for such

The biggest responsibility was actually on

got into the elevator and saw the policeman who promised to meet her at the entrance of the apartment.

She nodded her head as she greeted him. "It took a while for me to get in as I didn't have my access card when I was downstairs. I'm

alright. Should we go in now?" The policeman took her house

Luca nodded.

blood in there has been cleaned up. And it's been ventilated for a few days. There's no smell in it anymore, but try your best not to touch the things in there. It's a crime scene, after all. Try to keep everything the way it was." The policeman pushed the door open as he spoke.

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When the policeman heard it and realized that they might have missed out on a piece of important evidence, he took his phone out and looked for the photos of the scene.

However, he was unable to find the grocery bag on the spot where Luca had fallen. He swiped backward, and finally, he found the grocery bag on the table. He handed it to Luca and said, "Is this the bag you've been talking about?"

"Yes, but obviously I was the one who carried it back home. How did it end up on the table?" Luca wanted to mislead the policeman and make him think that it was not her who placed the grocery bag on the table but the murderer.

"We'll find out about this." Cold sweat was running down the policeman's back. Based on what she said, the grocery bag must have been brought away by the murderer. Although it was strange for him to take the grocery bag and leave it on the table, it was still a bag that the murderer picked up. They seemed to have destroyed the evidence.

It was just because the meat and vegetables would rot if they were left here for a few days. They were just helping clean the mess up.

When Luca saw the policeman's expression, she knew she had successfully misled him.

However, misleading the police did not mean she could succeed in misleading Luke too...

Luca was still a little worried and hoped that the police could lend her a hand by removing all of Luke's suspicion.

"Can I take a look at the kitchen? There's some milk left that's about to expire. Let me throw it away as well since I'm here," she said.

The policeman nodded, indicating that she was allowed to do so.

Luca took all the food that had expired or would expire soon out of the fridge, putting them in a trash bag. Then, she carried the duffel bag with her left hand while carrying the trash bag with her right hand when leaving the apartment.

The policeman saw her and took her duffle bag while saying, "Let me help you."

"Thank you." Luca let him carry it. Apart from her clothes that were in the duffle bag, there were two laptops in it. One was for her work while the other was for her secret missions.

leaving the apartment, the policeman drove her to Luke's apartment. When he knew that she was still staying alone, he advised her warm-heartedly that she should lock her door and windows regularly. If anything happened, she could call the police immediately for

smiled and thanked him. When she carried her duffle bag and was about to get out of the car, she asked, "Mr. Policeman, I'd like to know where my identification documents are and when they'll be returned to

policeman paused for a moment. Her ID had already been tested, and it was of no use to them. However, it was not up to him to decide if those things could be returned to

decision has to be made by the superior. Let me go back and I'll ask about it."

you." Luca pushed the door open and got out of the car. After she waited for the police car to leave, she turned around and walked into the district.

the policeman did not give her an exact answer, she reckoned her ID would soon be returned to

the purpose of Luke requesting the police to retain her ID was to make her stay in this apartment as it would be convenient for him to keep an eye on her. She had moved in now and she would not be able to do anything without her ID, so her ID would soon be returned to her.

pushed the apartment door open, and a piece of paper fell on the

it up silently. It was the piece of paper that she had placed before she went out earlier. If someone had come in, the paper would fall to the

surrounded by enemies now. She had to be extra

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On the other side.

Luke had just finished listening to the policeman's report where he specifically mentioned the *grocery bag*.

He did not say anything about it and only asked, "Apart from her clothes and laptop, did she take anything else?"

"No, Mr. Crawford. Can we return Ms. Craw's ID to her now?" the policeman **asked**.

"Just follow the police's standard procedure." Luke did not give a direct answer.

The policeman understood immediately.

When it was about to get dark, Luca received a call from the police informing her that the test for her ID had been completed and would be returned today. They would send someone to return it to her so she did not have to go back and forth to the police *station*...

Luca thanked them when she *heard that*.

Before this, she needed her ID because she was in a hurry to move out. There was nothing she could do without her **ID**.

After that, she found a reason to escape. However, Abel added drugs to her antidote. She ended up being carried back here without the strength **to struggle**.

Even though she would have her ID back, she did not have to move out **anymore**.

Otherwise, if Abel knew about it, he would get her back here by all means.

Hence, Luca was too lazy to do something futile.

an hour, the

walked there to open the door. The person standing outside the door was not the police. It was a guard.

there are two parcels for you. Can you please sign for the delivery?" The guard handed two parcels

Luca furrowed her brows. Should there not only be one parcel that was from the police? Why was there

Even so, she signed it.

she closed the door, she opened the parcel. One of them was her bag with her ID and work permit in it, while the

noticed that the other parcel was sent from another province but she had not bought anything

she opened it, her expression changed when she saw what was

a few sets of clothes. She picked one up to take a look, and her expression changed. These clothes were not meant for daily use. They were clothes with a slight sexy

the note inside. She took her phone and dashed into the bathroom. She opened the tap to prevent her voice from being recorded by the surveillance equipment outside. Then, she made the call.

Soon, Abel picked up.

do you mean by sending these clothes to me?" Luca questioned him

Chapter 1480

Abel's hand was exploring her body restlessly as he lifted the corners of his lips. "What's the matter? Are you still in love with that man?"

Hera chuckled and playfully pushed him gently. "I'm just curious. You're still dealing with Luke after so many years. Is there some sort of resentment between the both of you?"

"My hatred for him is higher than the sky and deeper than the sea. Do you want to know about it?" Abel asked softly as he leaned over to her neck like a dangerous serpent.

Hera shivered for a moment, but she could not suppress her curiosity. "Tell me about it, will you?"

Abel drew his hand away and stood up with extreme hatred and coldness on his face. "You shouldn't have asked."

He resented Luke Crawford for taking his loved ones away, for his father's death, and for destroying his family. After all those things that had happened between Luke and him, one of them was bound to die.

However, he wanted Luke to have a taste of bitter anguish before he sent him to his death.

Otherwise, the hatred in his heart could not be resolved!

Hera realized she had asked something that she was not supposed to. She stood up hurriedly, smiled, and said, "Alright, alright. I shouldn't have asked. You hardly have the time to keep me company, so we shouldn't be wasting our time on that bastard."

Abel was placated by what she said. After he let out an evil laugh, Abel put his arms around her while they walked toward the bedroom. The reason why he had maintained such a relationship with Hera was because her voice was so similar to Kassy's. When he closed his eyes and listened to her talk, it felt as if Kassy had never left and she was always by his side.

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The following day.

Rhett's call, informing her that there was a problem with the research. They needed her to manage thinking of going back to handle things, but Rhett told her to get some rest and she could handle things by holding a video conference.

thought that it was a good idea, so she used the application to connect with the researchers in the laboratory. After listening to their reports, Luca learned where they were currently stuck in the research progress and discussed the issue with

discussing and obtaining a new line of research, they ended their

tell that they did not want to hold up her resting

a few of the researchers went offline, Rhett said with concern, "Dr. Craw, how's your

the bandage on her forehead. She would be able to have the bandages removed, so it meant that the injury was not a big deal. She smiled and replied, "Of course, it's fine. It's almost

great." Rhett was relaxed. He had thought of visiting Luca but who would have known that after rushing to the hospital after he got off work the day after the incident, he was told by the nurse that Luca had already been discharged from the hospital.

had gone to their department and informed them that Luca would be taking off for a week. They were told not to disturb her if there were no big

people in the research department had yet to visit

had no idea where Luca was staying right now, so it was difficult for him to pay a visit even if he

"Rhett?" Luca called out. Although she was clueless as to why he was spacing out, this was not the appropriate time to **do this**.

"**Oh**, yes. Dr. Craw, the company has decided to organize a vacation in B City. Mr. Crawford said that everyone must join if there are no special circumstances. And the company even bought insurance for the trip this time. We've already filled in the forms. I'm sending your form now. Can you please fill it online?" After Rhett came back to his senses, he continued to report about other matters.

A trip to B City...

Luca did not feel like going there. Was this trip not a little *forced*?

She had her doubts because usually, it was up to the employees if they would like to join the trips organized by the company. The company would certainly not force them to join if they were *unwilling to*.

Even though she did not want to go at first, when the thought of Amur being in B City flashed through her mind, she decided to grab the opportunity to check on him and see if he had gotten himself into **trouble**.

After all, he had not replied to any of the messages she sent yesterday.

Amur was not such a **person**.

"Alright. Send it to me. I'll fill it in now," **said Luca**.

Rhett sent the document to her immediately.

After Luca received it, she began to fill in the **form**.

She just needed to jot down her basic information as it was required for the purchase of insurance. Soon, she was done filling it and she sent it back to Rhett.

Rhett received it and made sure that there was no problem, he said, "Alright, that's all. Dr. Craw, rest well. We'll be waiting for you to return on Monday to

noded and exited the video chat application.

the next two days peacefully. In these two days, she did not do much as she was busy figuring out a way to contact Amur. Even so, he was out of reach.

the courage to make a call, but she was informed that the recipient's phone had been switched

Amur was missing now.

he was missing outside of the island. As for whether Abel kept track of Amur's whereabouts or not, she had no idea about it.

if she asked, he would not tell her either. He would even mock her for showing

Hence, Luca did not ask him.

Island Of Despair lost contact with their people who were sent outside, there were certain people who were responsible for getting back in touch with them. However, she had no idea who those people were in B City, and there was no way for her to begin tracking

only thing Luca could do was to pray and hope that Amur

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