

## **Be Gentle 1531**

### **Chapter 1531**

Luke knew that Jason was gone but he maintained the same position. He sat there and stared at the laptop screen.

His mind was full of memories from last night and what had happened in the past. They were different things but the memories were overlapping with each other. It was messy.

Everyone sang with different vocalization patterns. Different languages would lead to different vocalizations as well.

He thought of the tone of the song Luca sang last night. The more he thought about it, the more the tone sounded like Bianca's vocals.

Luke raised his hand to cover his forehead. He was overthinking, and his thoughts were everywhere...

If a person deliberately tried to imitate another person, they would try to sound similar to their target. He was confused because with Luca, there were some differences in the similarities.

"Luca, who the hell are you..." Luke muttered to himself.

On the other hand.

Luca took a taxi back to the hotel. Tina was still being cautious around her. She was not willing to leave until she helped Luca back to the hotel room.

After the door was closed, Luca breathed a sigh of relief.

Tina was tense and treated Luca like she was a pregnant woman. She was told to be careful with every step she took.

There was no fracture in her lumbar spine, which meant that things were not too bad.

walked into the bathroom with a change of clothes, took a shower, and then walked out of the bathroom. She applied the medicine prescribed by the doctor and then lay down on the

up her phone and connected it to the charging cable. When she turned it on earlier that morning, she did not check her missed calls because she knew that the missed calls were from Tina and Jason, who were anxious to find her

finally had the time to look through her

her phone and took a look. Among the missed calls from Tina and Jason, Amur had also

Luca hurriedly called him back.

phone rang four or five times before it was answered. If Amur answered, it meant that all was well. Luca breathed a sigh of relief and asked, "Amur, what's

did you turn off your phone last night?" Amur did not talk about himself but asked about

he called for the first time last night, he was informed that her phone was switched off. Amur continued to call for half an hour but Luca never answered the phone, so he eventually

trapped in a scenic spot yesterday while it was raining. My phone got wet and couldn't be turned on,"

Amur sighed and replied, "What happened?"

was worried all night and thought that something was

all, Luca was not safe by Luke's

*Luca explained* briefly, "Yesterday, I was thinking about going for a hike but I didn't expect it to rain when I was on the way up. I spent a night halfway up the mountain. I'm fine, don't worry. What happened **to you?**"

*She* subconsciously skipped past what had happened with Luke and did not tell him that she was **injured**.

**She** thought of Amur as family, so she did not want him to worry *about her*.

"No, I just wanted to tell you that I'm going back tonight. Don't come looking for me. If I have a chance, I'll call you to let you know that I'm safe," **Amur said**.

*When* Luca heard that, her heart clenched into a ball. "You haven't healed from your injury yet but you have to head off so **soon?**"

*The fact* that he was injured so badly meant that the mission was difficult. He had yet to recover but he needed to continue with the mission. She was worried that he would get hurt *again*.

"**You** stitched me up well and it has started to scab. I'll be fine." Amur did not want to tell her about this but he was worried that she would not be able to find him when she needed him. He told her so that she would not look for him blindly.

*Luca knew* that she could not be of help to him for this matter, so she said, "You have to take care of yourself, pay attention to your safety, and don't bite off more than what you can chew..."

"*Will* do." Amur glanced at his companion, who gestured to him to indicate that they were ready to *go*.

**He nodded** and said, "I'm about to leave. Don't get involved in this. When your trip is over, go back to A City and wait for me to come **back**."

"Okay." Luca agreed.

**After she** put down the phone, she opened her laptop. Although Amur had told her not to get involved in the matter, she still wanted to know where he was heading.

found Amur's phone signal through the software and watched the signal move little by little. The speed changed from slow to fast. She guessed that he was on the

to track the signal. The tracking program could not be interrupted because once it was interrupted, it would be difficult to continue

were so many signals, so it was easy to get confused. Luca remembered the address and knew that Amur had not set off, which was why she could

was a knock on the door. Luca glanced at the laptop screen, casually placed the laptop on the bed, and walked to

Tina was standing outside the door.

two bags in her hand and said with a smile, "Dr. Craw, I thought that you might not want to go down to eat so I got some takeaway for you. Let's eat

at the laptop screen that had its back facing the door and

all, Tina was taking the initiative to have a meal with her. Luca did not want to turn her down, so she let her into her

was not Luke. Relatively speaking, she was easier to control and

in with the bags and saw Luca's laptop on the bed. She asked curiously, "Dr. Craw, you brought your laptop with you on

some data comes to mind, so it's easier for me to keep track of them," Luca explained as she sat on actions subconsciously guided Tina to sit on the sofa and open

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Hearing that, Luca immediately said, "Don't worry about it. I'll head down for dinner tonight."

Tina nodded and repeated the doctor's words. "Alright then, Dr. Craw. Don't do strenuous exercise and rest more so that you don't burden the muscles in your waist."

"Mm, got it." Luca nodded.

After Tina left, she lay on the bed, put the laptop aside, and watched the tracking program run. She noticed that Amur was headed toward the border.

The mission that Abel gave him was probably related to the border trade.

Luca thought of the drugs that Abel had instructed Amur to snatch on the black market in New York and how Amur was currently heading toward the border. She knew that there was something illegal going on...

She clenched her fists at the thought of Abel putting Amur in danger...

If Amur's plan failed, he would be one of the world's most wanted criminals.

Luca yawned as she looked at the moving red dots. Amur would not arrive at his destination so quickly, so she could still get some sleep.

She sat up, took the oral medicine prescribed by the doctor, and then fell asleep.

she woke up again, the computer made a faint warning sound, which was the prompt that the tracking signal was no longer moving around

opened her eyes and immediately sat up to check it after she realized that Amur might have reached his looked at the coordinates displayed on the computer screen, picked up her phone, and opened the map to check. Surely enough, he was at the border. Moreover, the location was full of trees and the altitude was not high. The woods were the best place to carry out

sighed. If this continued, she would not be able to protect

were on the Island of Despair, she had some value to Abel and she could use it to ensure the safety of Eler and Amur. Since she had left the Island of Despair, she was merely a chess piece and Abel still had something on

Luca noticed that Amur's coordinates remained the same. She silently jotted down the coordinates, exited the software, and deleted the

wanted to know where Amur was. She did not intend to put him in harm's

Luca got everything done, she changed and went downstairs for

and painkillers prescribed by the doctor were very effective. She could walk briskly to

deliberately arrived at the restaurant half an hour late when there were not many people

*Luca ordered* some spaghetti, found a corner seat, and **sat down**.

*She* enjoyed her food in peace. After a while, a person sat down opposite **her**.

Luca looked up and saw Jenni.

*She smiled* at the other party, nodded, and considered that as *a greeting*.

*Jenni did* not think so. She snorted coldly in her heart when she saw Luca's reaction. 'All she did is hook up with Luke to get to the position that she's in. Who is she to act so coldly **toward me?**'

"Dr. *Craw*, are you feeling better?" Jenni asked, hiding the dissatisfaction in her **heart**.

"I'm feeling much better now. Thank you for checking in." Luca was aware of the contempt in Jenni's heart but she was more than happy to go along with the pretense since the other party was pretending to **care**.

"**I'm happy** to hear. The boss was so worried about you." Jenni probed as she put her phone with the recording function turned on on the table.

*She* wanted to lure Luca into confessing her relationship *with Luke*.

"Oh, is that so? Thank you for your concern." Luca's reply did not seem to be thanking Luke but Jenni.

also realized that. She pursed her lips and did not believe that she could not get Luca to spill

the way, did you go up the mountain with the boss yesterday? I saw you getting cramps when you swam and thought you didn't like sports. I didn't expect you to

what she was trying to imply. 'She must think that I look like I don't like sports and the sole reason I went hiking was because of

like sports, except for swimming. Tina asked me to go along for the hike. I thought it'd be a waste if I didn't get to enjoy the beauty of nature during this wonderful time. By the way, the scenery on the mountain is very beautiful. You can take advantage of the trip and check it out. The climb is not too difficult," Luca said. The hike was nothing for

would have been great if it were not for the rocks blocking the road on their way up, her fall, and the rain

Jenni's eyes widened.

sports? Didn't she go all out just to bump into

so that's the case. You and Tina planned to climb the mountain together? How did you end up with the boss? We all thought you went up the mountain with the boss," Jenni

into the boss and Mr. Doyle at the foot of the mountain, so we went hiking together. Later, I proposed to have a competition. The boss and Dr. Craw teamed up and the two of them got stuck on the mountain after that. This is what happened. Do you have any other questions?" Tina sat down and answered on behalf

was taken back. She smiled and said, "Ah, so that's what happened. I was curious as to why Dr. Craw went on a hike with you and ended up being trapped on the mountain with the boss. Tina, why weren't you on the same team as Dr. Craw? You chose to go with Mr. Doyle.

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Luca kept quiet. She noticed Jenni's admiration for Luke.

Jealousy arose in her heart because of the admiration, so she spoke without thinking upon being triggered.

Luca did not make any comment and continued eating her pasta with her head down.

Seeing her act as if nothing had happened, Tina sighed in her heart. Jenni's words were triggering but Luca was still calm. Tina was impressed...

She was impressed by her good temper...

Luca took a sip of the juice and wiped her mouth.

"Tina, don't be angry. She won't dare to talk nonsense again after this time." Luca was aware of human nature. Jenni acted out of jealousy but would never dare to gossip about Tina.

As for Tina and Jason, she believed that they were innocent.

Jason was a wonderful husband who could give Sue a stable and safe life...

Of course, the premise of that stable life was that Bailey Quarrington was not present.

Luca took a few more bites and felt that she was almost full. Tina saw this and said enviously, "Dr. Craw, you have such a small appetite. You won't gain weight no matter what you eat, right?"

"I usually eat quite a lot. I just don't have an appetite today," Luca explained.

Tina was nervous when she heard that Luca had no appetite. "What's wrong? Is there something wrong with your body? Do you want to ask the doctor to come and have a look at you?"

how nervous she was, Luca shook her head and said, "It's okay. I'm just not used to the food here. I'll head

to have a chat with Luca but she thought that she needed rest and did not ask her to stay.

the dinner plate in the recycling area and left the restaurant. When she walked to the elevator, she happened to bump

good evening." She could not pretend to not see him since they had bumped into each other, so she took the initiative to

nodded and noticed that she came from the restaurant. He asked casually, "You had your

Luca nodded, and the elevator reached their floor. She took a look at the other elevators. None of them had reached, so she had no choice but to step in with

the elevator doors slowly closed, Luca swiped the room card and pressed the elevator

swiped his room card and pressed for his

that Luke's suite was on the floor

decoration of the hotel was gorgeous, even inside the elevator. The elevator was spacious. He stood in the center of the elevator while she automatically stood in the corner of the

to remind herself the entire time that what had happened that night on the mountain was just

Luke would not have a bright future together, nor would they get their fairy tale

*Luca* took a peek at Luke's side profile. She was grateful that she had the chance to be with him in the past.

"Is your brother still in B City?" Luke suddenly asked.

*Luca* came back to her senses and nodded. Even though Luke was not looking at her, he could still see her movements through the *elevator mirror*.

"Yeah, he's still in City B."

*She* guessed that if Luke had gotten someone to monitor her, he must have also found someone to monitor Amur. Although Luke's men may not be able to track Amur, he should be aware if Amur had left **B City**.

"**Since you're** here, why don't you go meet him?" Luke asked.

*Luca* was speechless. Except for the first night when she secretly went to see Amur, she had no other time to **see him**.

*Firstly*, it was because she nearly drowned. Secondly, she was being watched by him. Thirdly, she was trapped on a mountain for a *night*.

Luke thought of something and said, "Yes, you didn't have a chance before but we'll be going back in a few days. You should hang out with him. Siblings should care for **each other**."

"Mm, I will. Thank you for your concern." Luca was at a loss. 'What does Luke mean by saying **this**?

'*Could* it be that his men found out what Amur **is doing**?'

**When** the elevator reached her floor, Luca hurried past Luke and *walked out*.

frowned at Luca's hurried pace. 'Is she walking so fast because she's afraid that I'll

night on the mountain, she leaned against him when she felt cold but her attitude was not

still remembered her reliance on him and the warmth he felt with her in his

watched as the elevator doors slowly closed. Luca had already turned a corner and disappeared before his eyes. His gaze

Late at night.

on the sofa in the guest room and processed some documents. Out of the blue, he received a call from the lawyer who was helping

He answered the call.

"What's the matter?" he asked.

Crawford, where are you now? Ms. Tanner wants to see you tomorrow." The lawyer conveyed

and said, "I'm not in A City right now. What's the

When are you coming back?" The lawyer asked without answering his

it to me straight." Luke's attitude was not the best as he was dissatisfied with the lawyer's

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Luke listened to his accusation and it sounded like Johann was wronged. He raised his brows and asked, "What happened?"

Johann heard his indifferent tone and picked his nails. He was extremely doubtful about Luke being Allison's biological son.

One was strange while the other was indifferent. They were like old enemies, nothing at all like how a mother-son pair would be like with one another.

Johann even wondered if Luke was abused by Allison when he was a child, which caused his personality to be the way it was now.

"I can't tell you everything over the phone. End your trip and come back as soon as you can. I can't take it anymore." Johann sounded a little grumpy on the other end of the phone. It was highly likely due to Allison.

Luke leaned on the sofa and said, "Okay, I'll come back tomorrow."

When Johann heard his reply, he urged Luke. "Bring Dr. Craw back with you. She needs Dr. Craw's help in this situation."

Luke asked, "You didn't inform her?"

"I don't dare to contact Dr. Craw privately seeing how easily you get jealous," Johann blurted out his words without thinking much about them. After he said that, he wondered if he was being too straightforward and if Luke would refute him. Just as he was thinking about that, the other party spoke.

"I'll book our tickets and come back with her."

Johann whistled and replied, "Okay, come back as early as you can tomorrow. The airport is relatively close to the prison, so you can arrange it with the lawyer and see her tomorrow. I'm fed up with her."

Luke did not press on about what had happened when he heard Johann's complaints.

Allison was good at torturing others, including himself. If he asked, he would never hear the end of it from Johann. That was why he did not continue talking and hung up when the time was right.

Luke called Jason.

back to A City with Dr. Craw ahead of everyone. Please book our tickets,"

heard his words and asked, "Okay, Mr. Crawford. What time do

sooner the better." Luke hung up the phone as soon as he finished speaking. He knew that Jason would handle it. He picked up the phone and called Luca after

rang several times before

The voice on the other end of the phone

it and lowered his gaze. He could not figure her out. "Pack up and come back to A City with me

'Back to A City?'

stunned. If she remembered correctly, there were still a few days left to

is something wrong?" she asked softly and tried to figure out what was going

did not answer her question directly because he was also not too sure about what was going on with Allison. He replied, "I need your help

what time are we departing?" Luca did not continue to ask. It did not matter to her whether she was in B City or

She was just happy to know that Amur *was safe*.

"**Mr. Doyle** will let you know when he has booked the tickets," Luke *said*.

"**Okay.**" Luca hung up the call. Regardless of Luke's intentions, she put her phone aside and started **packing**.

He asked her to head back to help, so she guessed that it was probably related to Allison.



*The condition* of Allison's face was so bad. It was a tricky job for **anyone involved**.

**Luca** did not have much luggage. It took her 15 minutes to pack everything. She glanced at the tracking signal on the laptop screen, picked up her phone, and updated Amur about the situation. She put her laptop away, ate some medication to help her sleep, and lay *in bed*.

After a while, Jason called her.

**He had** booked a seven o'clock flight for the next morning. It would take an hour or so to get to the airport, so she had to get up at four o'clock in *the morning*.

**After** she was informed of the departure time, Luca set the alarm clock, put the phone aside to charge, and fell asleep.

*She* did not sleep well. Even though she had taken the medication, she still woke up several times throughout the night because of the pain from her lower back.

**At** half-past three, the alarm clock went off on *time*.

Luca sat up and looked like she did not get enough sleep. However, when she thought about how she would have to catch a flight shortly, she immediately got up, changed, and packed up. She then pushed her luggage **downstairs**.

and Jason were already waiting downstairs. There was only one suitcase. She guessed that Jason would have to stay here to preside over

quickly walked over. She apologized when she saw that the two were waiting for her. "Sorry, I got up alright," Luke said and

behind with her luggage. After she woke up, she applied the medicine to her injury. She was on an empty stomach and did not take painkillers, so her waist was still

However, the pain was bearable.

got into the car. Jason was in the driver's seat while Luke was in the backseat

than an hour's journey, Luca was already exhausted from sitting but she just held on and did

parked the car, he helped the two of them with their luggage. After he passed Luke the flight tickets. He said, "Boss, Dr. Craw, these are your flight tickets. I'll head back

Luke took both tickets and held them in his

was a little embarrassed, so she reached her hand out but eventually retracted

Luke not realize that he's holding onto

a little upset. She pushed the suitcase and went to check in with

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"Mr. Crawford?" Luca was taken aback.

"Aren't you hurt? I'll help you." Luke lifted the shoulder straps of the rucksack. He motioned for her to put it down and let him carry it.

Luca felt a little embarrassed that a man who was more than a head taller than her was going to carry her rucksack for her. She looked like an elementary school student who was being bullied.

She could not walk properly if she had to carry her rucksack, so she gave up fighting back and put down her rucksack.

Luke carried her rucksack and walked off.

Luca followed beside him. He held his briefcase in his left hand and her rucksack in his right. Even so, it did not affect his mighty aura.

Everyone at the airport was looking at him.

Luke carried the rucksack in his hand for a moment before carrying it on his back. He was wearing a suit with a women's rucksack hanging on his shoulders. It looked out of place...

Luca was thinking about carrying it herself. However, considering Luke's temperament, she would not be able to go against him if he insisted on carrying it.

She gave up.

Jason had booked them first-class tickets. After waiting in the VIP area for a while, they were informed that they could board the plane.

Their seats on the ticket were side by side. Luca had already known about it, so she was not surprised. After all, the tickets were booked at the same time and it was in the first-class cabin so it made sense that their seats were next to each other.

When she found her seat and sat down, she watched Luke help her put her rucksack away.

Luca sighed silently in her heart. At that moment, they looked like a couple who were going on a trip together...

was just that... they were not

Luke sat in his seat, he told Luca, "It'll take two hours for us to arrive. Adjust your seat and get nodded. Sleeping could ease all of her emotions and even reduce the need for more, with Luke around, she could fall asleep

adjusted the seat to a comfortable angle and closed her

After a while, she fell asleep.

the plane took off, the flight attendant brought them their meals. Luke glanced at the sleeping woman beside him. After he ordered breakfast for her, he also asked the flight attendant for a clean

flight attendant heard that, she immediately brought him a

took the blanket and placed it gently on Luca. His movements were light, and he did not wake

you and your wife like something to drink?" The flight attendant was envious when she saw him being so attentive and considerate toward

had been working as a flight attendant for a long while and had seen all kinds of passengers. It was rare that someone as handsome as Luke would treat his female companion so gently. The flight attendant was envious. She would quit her job if she could find a man like

a dream to be taken care of for my entire life by such a

cup of milk and one cup of coffee," Luke said. He did not get much sleep as well and needed a cup of coffee to wake himself up. As for Luca, she was injured and should not drink

**"Okay."** The flight attendant immediately poured them some coffee and milk.

Luke took the cups and put the milk on Luca's side.

Seeing how cautious Luke was, the flight attendant looked at him a few more times with envy in her eyes. She finally left after other passengers asked **for her**.

Luca was asleep and dreaming.

**In** her dream, she saw Luke standing on the mountain. Behind him was *the abyss...*

**Luca** looked at the man's sad expression in her dream and felt his desperation. She shook her head and wanted to persuade the man to come back but Luke did not speak. Half of his foot was already hanging on the edge of **the cliff**.

*He* did not speak, and his eyes were filled with questions. It was as if he was questioning her on why she lied to *him...*

The dream felt real. Luca cried out and shouted sadly at the man on the edge of the cliff, "I don't want this either... Luke, don't do this, come back. We'll be fine..."

**Luke** listened to her words with a disappointed look on his face, then he turned around and jumped...

Luca wailed, "Luke..."

Luke heard Luca's call and turned his head to look at her. Her eyes were still tightly closed and she was still sleeping...

**At that** moment, Luca continued to babble, "Luke, don't... **Luke...**"

*Her voice* was soft but Luke was close enough to **hear her**.

She was calling out to him...

as though Luke suffered a blow to his heart when he

years later, he had not heard any news about Bianca. However, Bianca's frowns and smiles filled his mind. They left a deep impression that he could never forget.

in front of him who was babbling in her dream sounded the same as when Bianca babbled while dreaming.

was that most of Bianca's rambles previously were ravings of happiness, while Luca sounded

'Is she dreaming of something sad?'

person talked in their sleep, they were in their most undisguised state. Luke listened to her calling out to him and a familiar feeling arose in

Luca was deliberately imitating Bianca's behavior to get close to

no way she could sound so similar when she

looked at her sleeping face. Luca had a slight frown as if she was going through a lot of pain. When he looked closely, he could see that tears had fallen from the corners of

could not bear to not take action seeing how sad

glanced at the time and found that there was still about half an hour before the plane would land at the airport in A City. It was the perfect time to wake

"Dr. Craw." Luke nudged her slightly.

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Luca took a bite of the bread and glanced at the man beside her. His face was expressionless and cold. There seemed to be no fluctuations in his mood...

She suddenly regretted going to sleep...

Luca knew that she had the habit of talking in her sleep. She was afraid that he had heard her say something just now...

It was not the best idea to ask him whether he heard anything. Since Luke did not say anything, she would just pretend that she did not know anything...

Half an hour later, the plane landed safely at A City Airport.

When the two dragged their luggage out of the airport, they saw Zander waiting at the gate.

Jason had arranged for this and Luca knew about it. As Luke's special assistant, Jason had everything planned out.

Zander saw them coming out. He respectfully walked over and said, "Young Master Luke, Ms. Luca, good morning."

"Good morning, Zander." Luca had a good impression of the Crawford family's driver and greeted him with a small smile.

Zander returned the smile and put their suitcases in the car.

Luke and Luca got into the car.

"Young Master Luke, are you going back to the office, Crawford Manor, or to the prison," Luke

and started the car. He knew that they were going to the prison to visit

not notified Zander of the reason prior to this. He wondered why Luke came back so early and he now understood that it was because of

had a successful career, was in an unimaginable situation for having a mother

Zander drove them to the prison.

Jason's driving skills, Johann and the lawyer did not have to wait for too long. Johann whistled when he saw Luca and Luke get out of the car. "You're finally here! Dr. Craw, good morning. Sorry to have you run around so early in

and shook her head. "Don't worry

wasn't for someone's mother being too difficult to deal with, I would never take up your vacation time. How was B City? Was it fun?" Johann asked. Allison had made him feel helpless for the last couple of days. When he talked about the matter, he could not help but be a

bad." Luca noticed the wound on Johann's face and asked, "Dr. Park, what happened to

"Ms. Tanner scratched me with her fingernails." Johann touched his face. The day prior, Allison was extremely dissatisfied with his treatment plan and harmed him physically.

He was caught off guard. Even though Allison was eventually held down by the prison guard, his face was still **scratched**.

*Fortunately, the wound was not deep and would not leave scars on his handsome face. However, he was very annoyed to be in this situation. His medical skills and reputation were top-notch. No patient had ever dared to treat him like **this...***

**Luca** glanced at the wound on his face. It was not too deep and would heal in **two days**.

*She asked, "What's the deal with Ms. Tanner?"*

*Johann* rolled his eyes at Luke. He felt that it was not fair that he had to treat Allison while Luke went **on vacation**.

"What's the matter? She can't accept the reality that her face can't be restored to its original state," he said and glanced at the lawyer. "You remember how I recommended a doctor to her? The doctor told her the truth during a face-to-face consultation about how her face can't be repaired. She wouldn't accept it and yelled at the doctor. The doctor refused to grant me this favor, so..."

Johann touched his face. 'So... the bad luck came to **me**.'

**Luke frowned** as he listened to Johann's words. "That doctor won't operate on *her*?"

"**Yeah, he** told her frankly that no matter the method, it won't work. It's too difficult. Oh yes, the doctor also said that this kind of damage is permanent and can't be repaired. He asked her to accept the reality of things." Johann told Luke everything that the doctor said to **him**.

did not expect that the doctor would be unwilling to cooperate. All he had to do was give Allison a sleeping pill, send her to the operating table, and wait for some time to

it makes sense for him to say that. It's irreversible damage. There's no point deceiving her and giving her false hope. It's better to tell her the truth earlier so that she won't expect things to get back to normal. The best option for her is to take her medicine on time and prevent her skin from getting worse,"

at Luke, who was frowning as if he was troubled by what Johann had

plastic surgeon they found was a first-class doctor in the industry. There was nothing they could do if even he was not willing to

not a fool either. She certainly would not trust other doctors to cure her

the current situation, Allison would not agree to meet any doctor if they were

meant that Luke could not just find any doctor to fool Allison. She definitely would not be fooled after what

lawyer chimed in, "Mr. Crawford, you have to think of a way now. Those psychiatrists said that Ms. Tanner's mental state is terrible and she's showing some symptoms of depression. She will be released soon. It's best if nothing bad happens before

nodded and said, "Let's go in and see what's going

a little and told Luca, "Dr. Craw, you must stay away from her. Ms. Tanner hasn't cut her nails. They're

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Luke did not respond to her words, and Luca felt uncomfortable.

After she learned about Luke's life experience, she felt that he did not have an easy life. Everyone's childhood should be filled with happy memories.

Even though Allison stole her, married Kevin Rayne, and eventually abandoned her, Kevin Rayne and her grandfather treated her well and gave her good childhood memories.

However, Luke was taken to the orphanage.

If it were not for Susan Armstrong's failure to conceive, Luke would not have been brought back to the Crawford Manor to become the young master of the Crawford family.

Allison only had Luke and had always regarded him as a tool to stable her position in the Crawford family. Even after he returned to Crawford Manor, Luke's childhood was not the best...

When Luca found out about all this, she felt distressed and promised to love Luke and give him a complete home—a home for a lifetime...

However, Allison carried no guilt about what she did in the past and even mentioned it to hurt Luke...

Luca's hands that were placed under the table clenched into fists. The veins on the back of her hands were exposed and looked hideous.

Allison was not at all fit to be Luke's mother...

‘Why is she still alive? All she does is embarrass Luke and ruin his life.’

response to Allison's nasty remarks, Luke said, "Have the doctor do a check-up

is there to check? Didn't they say that my body is fine? That's why I asked you to find a well-known cosmetic surgeon from overseas. Yes, go to Korea. The cosmetic surgeons in Korea are great! I believe they can make my face the same as it was. It's definitely possible!" Allison held her face and stared at them fiercely. "You don't have to show

that, she looked at Luke and yelled, "And you! If you don't find me a doctor, I'll tell the reporters about your ruthlessness after I get out of

was agitated when it seemed that Allison was not planning on letting Luke

she were not Luke's mother, she might not see the sun on the day she got out

the Island of Despair, Luca's personality and how she perceived right and wrong had changed significantly. She felt that people like Allison who would only drag Luke down should not

was unfortunate that she was his

not make a move on

the three of them were not speaking, Allison stood up and said, "I'll be out of prison in a while. Do your job. If you can't find someone to treat me so that I can get out looking as I did, you'll never hear the end of it from

she said that, she asked the prison guard to take her back to her

*Johann* leaned on the chair and sighed. "Is this woman really your mother?"

Luke did not speak.

**The** lawyer sighed and said, "Prison is a place that can change a person's character. It can make an arrogant person better but it can also turn a nice person into a terrorist... "

*Luca* listened to them. ‘Allison is no different from a terrorist...’

However, terrorists did not care about right and wrong. They targeted social groups while Allison only targeted Luke.

**It** was her fault for using second-class serums and now that she was facing the consequences, she was still trying to push the blame to Luke and burden him...

Allison's face was doomed...

**Johann** let out a sigh of relief and said, "That makes sense. Let's try to find a plastic surgeon from abroad who will cooperate. I don't think she'll be bothered to talk to local surgeons..."

After the doctor he recommended told her the truth, he was yelled at by Allison. She insisted that there were no good plastic surgeons in A City and demanded Luke hire someone from *overseas*.

*The lawyer* looked at Luke and reminded him, "Mr. Crawford, Ms. Tanner's condition is poor. If possible, you should arrange for a therapist to counsel her. After all, the psychiatrist in this prison is not the best. Maybe she'll change her mind after some **sessions**."

nodded. The lawyer's proposal was good, but he knew that Allison would not change because of

been aware of that since he was brought back to the Crawford

he had someone in mind for

stood up first and said, "I don't think she'll take the medicine we prescribed and apply it to her face. I doubt Dr. Craw and I can contribute any

lawyer immediately said, "That's not true. I don't know if she took the medicine you prescribed but she has been using the herbal ointment prescribed by Dr. Craw. I heard that after she used it, her skin wasn't falling off as much. Since it's effective, I think she'll keep using

if she keeps using it, it can't repair the skin. It'll only improve her skin condition a little. I've tried my best." Luca looked at Luke. There was nothing she could do in this

injuries, once caused, could not be repaired by even the most advanced medical

was like Luke's heart. He was abandoned when he was a child, which was why he was cold and

I know." Luke met her gaze. The warmth in it made him want to dive in for

nothing more I can do. I guess she doesn't want to take the medicine I prescribed her. Let's go." Johann walked

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Luca did not force him when he refused to come in. She dragged her luggage along and entered the apartment.

The apartment was still clean even after she had been away for a few days. High-end residences were quite different from the others. There was a big area of greenery, so there was not much pollution. The dust would not go into the house either.

Luca left her luggage aside. She took out her phone and lay down on the couch carefreely.

She was exhausted after traveling all the way here. She only wanted to sink into the couch...

She was reluctant to show how tired she was when Luke was there just now. Her waist was already protesting silently after enduring the pain throughout the journey.

Luca spent some time lying down, then she sat up. She took the painkillers out from her bag, filled up a glass, and drank it with the medicine.

She did not even have the energy to boil some water.

Although the injury on her waist was nothing serious, the dull pain that kept coming back to her was the deadliest.



Luca let out a sigh. If it was not bad to consume medicine with an empty stomach, she would have taken the medicine at the hotel before she got onto the plane.

She looked at her phone after taking some rest. Amur had sent her a message last night. She was already fast asleep at that time. She did not get the chance to look at her phone when she woke up this morning.

Luca smiled when she saw his words of reminder. After she replied to him that she had already reached A City safely, she closed all the tabs.

She then remembered Nina.

a message to Nina when she crossed her mind, asking how she had been doing to her message quickly. She only wrote two simple words.

Pretty good?

...

it was not Nina's style to answer like this. If she was truly doing fine, she would have added a few more words, then ended with a greeting at the end of the

last, Luca looked at those words and asked: [Did something

Nina called after a while.

answered the call. Her heart sank when she listened to Nina's exhausted voice. She knew something must have happened to Nina.

you come back from the trip? I didn't think it'd be that fast." Even though she said it calmly, Luca could sense the isolation and fatigue in her words.

I'm back. What happened to you?" Luca asked

out a sigh and answered, "Nothing. I'm fine. Why did you come back so soon? Did the company end the trip

have something to do here, so I followed Mr. Crawford back. What the hell happened to you? You sound tired. Did something bad happen?" Luca asked. She insisted on finding out the reason why Nina sounded

**Nina paused** for a moment. She felt a lump in her throat when she saw how much Luca cared **about her**.

**She** had been going through a tough time these few days. People would point at her and call her names whenever she went out of the apartment, claiming that she was the mistress who ruined other people's relationships.

**The** relationship that they were referring to was the relationship between Percy and the daughter of the Johnston family.

**Nina** was extremely depressed. How did she ruin their relationship?

**She took** the initiative to leave once she knew Percy was getting married to the daughter of the Johnston family. She never contacted that man again. However, a bunch of people was now mocking her. What was the meaning of all *this*?

Everything should be determined by the order of arrival. She got together with Percy before the daughter of the Johnston family. Although she kept her identity hidden, she was the one who appeared **first**.

*Why* was she being blamed for ruining their relationship now? Whose relationship was she **ruining**?

Sh\*t happened every time. Apart from the matter with Percy, there was Anna's affair, her loser brother, and Jean's **matter**.

*Nina only* wanted to end her life when all these things befell her. She refused to face *them*.

*Nina* was so quiet on the other side of the phone, and Luca knew something bad must have *happened*.

*She asked* her in a soft voice, "Nina? Do you want to come out and grab a drink?"

to talk on the phone, so Luca could only ask her out. Although she was feeling unwell, she felt much better after taking the

on the other side of the phone gave a delayed response after a while. "Sure. Pick a location. Oh, the place has to have private rooms. I'd like a

Luca chose a coffee shop that was not far away from Nina's apartment, which also had

to reserve a private room there. Then, she changed her clothes, went out, and hailed

there faster than her. She was already waiting for Luca in the private room when Luca reached the coffee shop. Luca entered and sat down. She was startled for a moment when she saw the haggard look on

something must have happened to

was not allowed to have coffee now, so she ordered a glass of

asked after the waiter left, "Alright. Tell me.

bitterly. She did not feel like telling Luca about it on the phone, but now when she was looking at Luca, she felt a sense of intimacy. She had the urge to tell her everything that was in her

there anything you want to know?" Since she was willing to talk to Luca about it now, then she would not hesitate or refuse to say

Luca replied, "Everything."

bitterly while she was stirring the coffee in front of her. She sighed and said, "I don't know where

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Luca stared at Nina. She looked upset when she was talking about this, and she even grabbed her hair.

These small actions of hers fully displayed how confused and upset she was.

Luca held her hand and said, "You're not a mistress. You never were. Someone is doing this to you on purpose."

Nina gripped her hand and said, "Luca, do you know who that wicked person is? After I've decided to draw a line between Percy and me, he hasn't come looking for me and I've always refused to meet him. Firstly, I'm not in a relationship with him. Secondly, I didn't sleep with him. How did I become an unethical woman like what they said... They just keep spreading the rumors around. Do they want me dead?"

Luca comforted Nina as she listened to her slightly agitated tone. "Nina, you've told me before that you must stay strong when others are trying to make you fall. You can only win when you're unbeatable. Don't let them get away with it. You didn't do anything. It's not your fault. So, you don't have to question yourself. It's up to them how they're going to spread the rumors. You're still you, right?"

Nina looked at her. She had said something like this before, but she had never said it to Luca...

However, she did not overthink it at this moment. "Yes, I can't die. I shouldn't let them get away with it. Those people will be gloating over my death if I died. Then the rumors of me being a mistress will spark even more. I can't die. I mustn't die."

Luca was surprised when she heard Nina saying so. What she unconsciously said had somehow revealed that Nina had thought of dying because of this...

Luca clasped Nina's hand tightly and said, "Yes, you can't let them get away with this. Don't worry, I'll help you to find out who started such a ridiculous rumor!"

please help me. You're the only person who's helping me..." Nina felt her heart break for a second. Although she did not feel better after pouring her heart out, when she heard someone was willing to help her without hesitation, she realized she was not alone. She had someone who could help

a tissue for Nina when she saw her tears come streaming down. She wiped her face gently. "Yes, I'll help you. And I believe you're not such a

and took a sip of coffee to calm

could see how badly she was affected, and she wondered if this had anything to do with

refused to let go of Nina, he was probably dissatisfied that Nina had left. However, he was not a silly man. He would not involve the woman he cared about in such big trouble like this.

the years they spent together, he must know that Nina was a vulnerable person. How would he let her get into such a situation and make her break

though Percy did not say anything, she could tell from the way he spoke to Luke that he must be planning something for the future. Hence, the person who was spreading this fake news was probably someone else.

must be someone who knew about what had happened between Percy and Nina in the past. The only person Luca could think of was Pierre. This man had been trying to win her over after knowing Nina had broken up with

She asked, "Did they harass you at your *door*?"

"Yes." Nina nodded. "They'd come to harass me when I'm going to work or when I just get back from work. But the district's security is good. They're only able to harass me for a while at the district's entrance. It's not affecting my life too badly but with them messing around like that, the people in the district will know that a mistress is staying **there**."

*She* was a very sensitive person. Many people would have a prejudice against her because of that false label.

*Luca* pounded on the table and said angrily, "That's too much. Nina, do you want to move to my apartment first?"

*Nina* was grateful that Luca invited her over, but she could not accept the offer. Although Luca was doing it for her own good, the apartment was Luca's, after all.

"**It's** alright. I've gotten used to it." Nina sniffed. She had tossed out some negativity. With Luca being here to listen to her, she felt much better *now*.

*Luca* caressed Nina's hand as she felt sorry for *her*.

*Nina* looked like she had lost some weight after Luca did not see her for a couple of days. Her fingers were scrawny, and they were no longer **beautiful**.

Nina would be living a wonderful life after she left Percy. She did not expect her to fall into the abyss. No one would be able to hear you no matter how hard you screamed in the  
should not be in a state

was supposed to live a wonderful

vowed that she would hunt down the person who was spreading the

"Is there something else?" she asked.

condition deteriorated. The doctor said the imported medicine isn't working on her. They'll need to perform another liver transplant. The liver donor will probably be my brother again." Nina was calmer when she talked

alright. Medical technology is so advanced nowadays." Luca comforted her, thinking that she was probably worried about Anna's

her head and said, "Do you know why my mother had a relapse? I just found out about it a few days ago. Come to think of it, it's

## **Chapter 1540**

When Nina told her about all these troubles, Luca realized that if no one was there to help her out, she would certainly end up at a dead-end.

"Nina, stop thinking that way." Luca held her hand tightly. She was heartbroken for what had happened to Nina.

Nina was a strong and positive-minded woman back then. Her life changed drastically ever since she met Xavier.

It was all her fault...

Xavier did that to Nina all because of her.

Luca comforted her, saying, "Listen to me. The most important thing is to cure your mother's sickness now. Stop overthinking."

Although what Nina said was true about the burden that she was carrying becoming lighter if Anna refused to receive treatment or if she passed away during the operation...

However, she was still her mother, after all.

She would be upset for the rest of her life if that really happened.

Even if Anna had done so many things that upset Nina, Nina should not forget that she was raised by her mother.

Nina sniffed and suppressed the sarcasm that was overflowing in her. "Alright. I know."

She looked at Luca. She was grateful to have someone willing to listen to her even if there was nothing they could do to help her.

With all these troubles, she was in a situation that others could not help.

a little relieved when she saw Nina slowly calming down. "Drink some

picked up the cup of coffee, and drank a mouthful. The caffeine was helping her emotions to calm

there and kept her company for a while. "Are you feeling

was much better after she finished drinking the cup of coffee. She turned to look at Luca and asked, "I feel much better. Well, let's not talk about this anymore. Oh, did anything fun happen during

recalled what had happened in the past few days. It would be a long story if she were to

again when Luca did not answer her, "What happened? Was the trip to the mountain villa not fun at all? But I've seen the reviews on the internet saying that it's quite fun. Some even planned to visit there during the new year."

villa has a nice view. It has all the facilities you need too. You should go there for a visit," said Luca. Everything at the mountain villa was good. It was just that too many things had happened to her

listened and asked, "Then what's with that expression

was fine. But I don't have much of an interest in traveling." Luca tucked her hair behind her ear. She did not tell Nina what

love traveling," said Nina. She suddenly thought of Percy after she said

so many hobbies and interests, but she gave them up after she got together with

wish was to

She had never told Percy that before, but he always brought her out to travel. They had been to several places all the years they spent **together**.

*Nina* remembered her past wish, which was to travel around the world with the one she loved. She had been to so many places in the world, but the one beside her was not the one who was meant for her.

**Luca** smiled. Of course, she knew *Nina* **loved traveling**.

*She* was just like a bird longing for the sky. She wanted to travel around and have fun, but reality was cruel. It held her captive on the spot.

**Nina** invited Luca for a facial after she finished her coffee. Her skin had become so bad after dealing with *so much stress*.

*Luca* agreed to go with her. After all, all she had to do was to lay down when she was getting a facial treatment. That would not be tiring **for her**.

Both of them walked out of the private room.

**The door** of the private room opposite happened to be open, and the waiter was delivering the drinks and dessert in *there*.

*Nina* was sharp enough to notice the person inside, and she cried out in surprise. "**Luke Crawford?**"

**Luca** unconsciously looked at the private room when she heard the name. It was indeed Luke, and the person sitting in front of him was *Tia*...

**It turned** out he was in a hurry to leave just now to meet *Tia*. He did not even need Uncle Zander to drive *him*.

**Luca understood** immediately. Uncle Zander was the Crawford family's driver but he was not Luke's personal chauffeur. The Crawford family took Luke's relationships very seriously, so that was why he did not let Uncle Zander drive him. He did not want Uncle Zander to know that he was going to meet **Tia**...

he drove the car himself, it would be convenient for him to pick *Tia* up or send her back. It would be easier for them to spend time

was so loud that even Luke, who was sitting in the private room, heard her. He turned around and saw both

Then, he stood up.

Luca's hand as she watched the man walk out. Then, she glanced at the woman inside. She could not help but mock him. "I didn't expect Mr. Crawford to come back earlier to go on a date with a beautiful woman."

frowned when he heard her talking in such an enigmatic manner. *Nina* must have misunderstood, and she was speaking on behalf of

was still being kept in the dark. Hence, Luke would not make a fuss about it with her no matter what she said.

you here?" He looked at Luca

grabbed Luca's arm and said, "Why? You're allowed to end the trip earlier to come back to keep your woman company but Luca isn't allowed to end the trip earlier and come back to accompany

not mind what Nina said to him. He came looking for Tia only because of Allison

said Allison needed a psychiatrist, and Tia came across his

was still unsure whether there was someone powerful behind her. Now that Bianca was missing, if he wanted to get closer to her, he could only give her an excuse to

saw Allison as a good tool