

## Be Gentle 1561

### Chapter 1561

Queenie became anxious as she listened to the conversation between the two. "What the hell is going on here?"

Luca noticed that Leia was avoiding the topic, so she said, "Did you abuse drugs? Abusing drugs can be very harmful to the liver and kidneys."

"I didn't." Luca was being vague, and Leia denied it without a second thought.

Luca saw through the expression on her face. "Your liver and kidney failure is caused by substance abuse in the past. As for what the substance is, I can't determine it. After all, there are so many types. Although you've quit, it has caused an impact on your body. Your body is already weakened because of gynecological problems, so the other issues came out all at once following the substance abuse."

Leia listened to her and clenched her hands into fists as she gripped the sheets tightly.

Luca was right. She did depend on painkillers for several years in the United States. As for why this happened, it was entirely due to the physical pain caused by her ex-boyfriend.

When there was no pain, she still wanted to take painkillers to numb her body and mind.

After that, she knew she could not continue this habit if she wanted to go back to A City. If Jack found out, she would be cut off and she would no longer be able to call him her father. That was why she found an organization that helped her quit her reliance on drugs.

She only returned to A City after she quit the painkillers.

'All of the indicators are normal, so how did Luca find out?'

If what Luca said was true, that her chronic liver and kidney failure was caused by this, was it the end for her?

Leia originally hoped that there was a problem somewhere in her body and that after she was cured, she would be able to live a good life and not be troubled by this disease anymore. However, after hearing what Luca said, she suddenly felt angry and hopeless.

should we do?" Queenie was getting more and more worried. She understood the gist of what they were

drugs in the United States, which caused her body to deteriorate. She got this disease purely caused by her

'If so, can Leia be cured?'

looked at Luca helplessly. As a mother, it was her responsibility to educate her children well. Queenie could not bear to watch Leia live the rest of her life as

in A City was bad, but with the Norman family backing her, it was not difficult for her to find a good man from a well-off family to marry. However, if she was sick, the situation would be a little

Luca did not speak.

up and asked, "Luca, you're able to help

hands were tied. Leia's organs had already shown symptoms of failure. There was no way to restore them to their original condition. All she could do was delay

no way to cure it. Ms. Norman can only be treated with medicine to delay the organ failure," she said. Leia had no other choice than to take medicine. In the end, she had to get into the queue for an

of people were on the list. It was unsure when it would be

case, relatives could opt to donate their organs to her. However, she was adopted, so even if Queenie and Jack were willing to, it may not

"In that case, we'll opt to take medicine, then. Luca, thanks for your trouble." Queenie immediately decided on *Leia's behalf*.

She could not bear to watch Leia's condition get worse. If Luca's medicine worked, she was more than happy to use them to condition **Leia's body**.

Luca nodded, stood up, and looked at the woman with red eyes sitting on the hospital bed. She did not have the slightest pity for Leia. After all, she brought this *upon herself*.

"**Ms. Norman**, get some rest. If you had confessed to everything you did in the past, it would've saved you a lot of time and money. You wouldn't have had to do so many tests as well," **she said**.

**Queenie** turned her head away. She **was sad**.

**She** was not sure what went wrong with Leia. She had been taking care of Leia since she was a child yet Leia turned into someone whose health deteriorated because she was messing around and consuming drugs that she should not *have...*

*Luca* glanced at Queenie. Her heart went out for Queenie but she could not *express it*.

*She* had nothing to say, so she left **the ward**.

*Luca bumped* into Johann on her way out of *the hospital*.

*Johann* walked toward her with a smile on his face. He noticed that her eyes were red so he asked out of concern, "Dr. Craw, are you okay?"

"**I'm** fine." Luca pretended to be normal. She did not expect to bump into him.

are your eyes red?" Johann nodded while smiling

explained, "Sand accidentally got into my eyes, so I rubbed them. Dr. Park, why are you here? Don't you need to

no surgery scheduled today. It's a rare occasion, so I'm just walking around. Why are you here?" Johann glanced at the corridor behind her and noted that the wards in the area were all

Luca had come to see Leia...

knew but did not say

here to visit a patient. I'll head off now," Luca said. She knew that there was nothing about the hospital that she could hide from Johann. He must also know about Leia's

and that meant Luke knew

to have to go downstairs too. Let's walk together." Johann walked to the elevator

the elevator arrived, Leia's attending doctor hurried over while holding the examination results in his hand. "Dr. Park, it's great that you're here. Please help me look at this case and see if there are any other tests that we can

took the report and glanced at it. There was no major problem, so he asked, "The cause has yet to be the routine examinations have been done but the cause hasn't been found. The patient is in a bad mood and is making a fuss to be discharged from the hospital. I can't stand it anymore," the doctor said with

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Johann watched the doctor leave and sighed. After the past few incidents, he discovered that what made Luca unique was not just her wealth of medical knowledge but she was also meticulous in her observation. "Dr. Craw, if the hospital wants to hire you as a medical consultant, what annual salary would you be expecting?"

"Dr. Park, stop fooling around. How can I be a medical consultant at my level?" Luca shook her head and thought that Johann was just joking.

After she left the hospital, Luca got a call from Tommy.

"Ms. Luca, what are you doing now?" Tommy's voice was sweet and childlike. Even if she could not see him, her heart melted when she heard his voice.

"Nothing. What's the matter?" Luca's voice softened.

Tommy smiled and said, "Ms. Luca, I want to invite you over to my house."

"Visit your house?" Luca looked at the cars coming and going on the road. She thought about it and walked to the taxi stand.

"Yes, Great-grandpa said that you saved me and have helped me a lot, so he asked me to invite you to come over. Ms. Luca, do you know where my home is? If you don't, I'll send you the address," Tommy said while looking at Old Master Crawford.

It was Old Master Crawford's idea to invite Luca over as a guest. Tommy also enjoyed Luca's company, so right after Old Master Crawford told him that, he took the initiative to call her.

When Luca heard him, her instinct was to turn him down. However, she did not want to be a wet blanket to his enthusiasm.

Also, she had a mission...

"Today?" Luca asked, not expecting to have such an opportunity to be a guest of the Crawford family.

"Yes, Ms. Luca. Come over soon. Dad bought me the storybook I told you about last time. Shall we read it together?" Tommy was a child who loved to share, especially with Luca.

come now." Luca took a deep breath. After he heard her answer, Tommy laughed happily on the other end of the phone while she lowered

was happy to be able to spend time with the kids,

Luca, I'll wait for you at home," Tommy said to Luca and then ended the

listened to the busy tone on the other end of the phone. She shook her head and put down her

Tommy knew that she was only going to find information on T Corporation, he would be very

familiar with Luke's habits after being married to him for so many years. Important documents were either in the company's safe or in the safe in

of the time, he kept the items in the

were a lot of people coming and going in the company, while the manor had fewer idlers. Usually, if Luke was not around, the maids were not allowed to enter his

waited in line for a taxi. There were many people in line because it was a hospital. It took 20 minutes for her to get

she got into the taxi, she told the driver the address of Crawford

hour later, Luca got out of the car at Crawford Manor. She was slightly dazed as she looked at the familiar building in front

changed. Even the green belt outside was still the

not stand for long because there were surveillance cameras all around Crawford Manor. It would be strange if she kept standing

She walked toward the door and rang *the bell*.

**After a** click sound, the door **opened**.

**Luca** pushed the door and walked in. The butler of the Crawford family quickly walked over from the garden path. "Ms. Craw, hello. This way please."

**Luca nodded** and walked past *the butler*.

**The** butler did not take her down the garden path this time but went straight across the front yard to the main **house**.

"Ms. Craw, did you come here by taxi?" the **butler asked**.

"**Mm, yes.**" Luca looked at the scenery that surrounded her. After so many years, even as the flowers bloomed and fell, nothing had changed here.

**She wondered** if the osmanthus tree next to Luke's bedroom window was still there.

Luca remembered that when she used to stand not far from the window, she could smell the fragrance of osmanthus. At that time, the fragrance was sultry and it was wonderful.

"In that case, we'll have Zander send you back after this. I'm sure you've met Zander?" The butler thought that Luca would know Zander seeing that she was in charge of preparing Tommy's dinner and Zander had been driving **Tommy around**.

Luca shook her head to indicate that she did not want to trouble them. "I'll just take a taxi when the time **comes**."

**The** butler reminded her. "Ms. Craw, please don't turn us down. It's not easy to get a *taxi here*."

taken back. Indeed, it was not easy to get a taxi in the

the area was not remote, it was a high-income area. Those who lived here drove, and those who came to visit also came

were indeed very few people here who would take a taxi and on top

was lucky, she could get a taxi within half an hour. If she was unlucky, she may not hail one even after half

she booked a taxi on an app, she might have to wait for a long

Luca insisted. "No, I'll just take a taxi by myself. It's quite convenient to book a taxi in

she insisted, the butler did not say anything and took her into the

Luca!" Tommy ran toward her and threw himself into her arms the moment he saw

over, picked up the little kid who pounced on her, and held him in her

Master Crawford noticed her actions. Tommy was growing and was no longer the baby he used to be. Except for Luke who occasionally carried him, no one else could pick him up

Luca did not show any difficulty when she carried Tommy. She even looked

some cookie crumbs on Tommy's face. Luca freed up a hand to help wipe them off. Tommy grinned and rubbed against

Luca, I missed you. Did you miss me?" Tommy asked

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"Ms. Craw, sit. Don't stand." Old Master Crawford greeted her.

"Okay, thanks." Luca nodded and sat on the single-seater sofa. She was a little nervous when faced with Old Master Crawford.

Tommy got down from her arms and sat beside her.

"Ms. Luca, have some fruit." He greeted her like he was a little adult.

"Thank you, but I don't want to have any. You can eat it," Luca said and took another glance around. Old Master Crawford, the butler, and Tommy were the only ones in the living room.

Seeing that she did not want to have any fruit, Tommy was worried that his Great-grandpa's seriousness had scared her.

Tommy thought about it and looked at Old Master Crawford. "Great-grandpa, can I take Ms. Luca upstairs? Lanie and Rainie are waiting for Ms. Luca to continue telling the story."

When he heard what Tommy said, Old Master Crawford knew that Tommy was worried that he was scaring Luca. He saw through everything but he did not say anything. "Go. I have someone over for chess. Don't go too crazy, okay?"

"Got it, Great-grandpa." Tommy smiled and stood up while holding Luca's hand. "Ms. Luca, let's go."

Luca stood up, nodded at Old Master Crawford, and took the child's hand to go upstairs with him.

Although she felt that it was inappropriate, she felt pressured when faced with Old Master Crawford. She would rather head upstairs with Tommy.

Old Master Crawford looked at the two figures heading upstairs and asked the butler, "Do you think she looks familiar?"

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her hand when he saw her stay put. "Ms. Luca, what are you thinking

much. I just think that the decorations here are beautiful." Luca came back to her senses. She remembered the days when she lived in the manor with Luke when she looked at the familiar

**They** used to live here but they moved out after that. She wondered if their old home still looked *the same*.

"Is that so? It's alright, I still like where we used to live." Tommy took her hand and guided her into **Rainie's bedroom**.

"Where you used to live?" Luca asked deliberately. She knew what he was talking about.

**She, Luke,** and the kids had lived there after they moved out of **Crawford Manor**.

"Yeah, that's where Daddy and Mommy lived. After that, Mommy wasn't feeling well so Daddy moved us back to make it easier to take care of us. Daddy said that this is Great-grandpa's house, not ours," Tommy *said*.

Luca nodded and walked into Rainie's room **with him**.

"Ms. Luca, you're here." When Rainie saw them walk in, she put down the storybook in her hand, stood up, and greeted them with a smile. She acted like a little lady.

Luca smiled and nodded.

Tommy pulled her over to the sofa, pointed to the storybook on it, and said, "Ms. Luca, Daddy bought this for **us**."

"**There are** so many." Luca looked at the stack of storybooks and wondered when the kids would finish reading *them*.

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Luca's story was rather long. She would not be able to finish it even if she stayed all day. The kids listened carefully and sat around her on the carpet like she was a kindergarten teacher playing games with children. When the butler walked in with some juice and snacks, a look of disbelief flashed across his face. Tommy, who was always the most active, was sitting there quietly. He did not cry nor make a fuss. He looked obedient and even...focused. The only thing that he could focus on was cartoons but he was so focused on listening to Luca telling a story at that moment. The butler admired her in his heart. Luca noticed the butler walk in with something in his hands so she stopped telling the story and smiled at him. Tommy was fascinated with the story and was curious when she stopped all of a sudden. "Ms. Luca, what happened next?" "Ms. Craw, Young Masters and Young Lady, the chef prepared some juice and snacks. Come and have some." The butler walked over to them with a tray in his hands. Tommy had his back to the door the whole time so he just only noticed the butler walking in. After he put the tray on the coffee table in front of the sofa, Tommy stood up, picked up a glass of juice, and handed it to Luca. "Ms. Luca, have some juice." "Thank you," Luca took it and had a sip. three children also took a cup looked at them and felt as though he had interrupted the harmonious scene in front of him. He said, "If you need anything, let me know. I'll be

Luca nodded.

the butler left, Tommy asked, "Ms. Luca, what happened

looked at how eager Tommy seemed to finish the story, then glanced at the other two pairs of eyes that were looking at her. She drank the juice and continued

On the other hand.

returned to the tea room after he delivered the fruit juice and snacks. Old Master Crawford was drinking tea. He had invited someone over to play chess with him but the other party could not come because he had something to do, so the old master could only sit in the tea room and drink

Crawford, I just delivered the fruit juice and snacks," the

What are they doing?" Old Master Crawford

Craw is telling the children a story. They're all sitting together listening to her," the butler said. He only heard two sentences of Luca's story, so he did not know what story she was

Lanie and Rainie were young, they did not have a mother to take care of them and Luke did not have too much time to spend with the children. Occasionally, the butler would tell the children bedtime stories. Hence, he had read a lot of

**However, he** had not read the story that Luca was **telling**.

"*Telling* stories? Lanie went to listen too?" Old Master Crawford asked. Lanie was the most mature out of the three. He was not usually interested in this sort of stuff.

"Yes, Young Master Lanie is there," the butler replied.

*Old Master Crawford* was surprised and paused when he picked up the teacup. He put it down and pointed to the opposite seat. "Have some tea with me."

"*Okay*." The butler nodded and sat across from him. He skillfully brewed tea and poured Old Master Crawford a new cup of tea.

He asked tentatively when he saw that Old Master Crawford was slowly and silently sipping his tea, "Old Master Crawford, do you have something on your **mind**?"

"**Indeed**, my poor grandson has had a hard life." Old Master Crawford sighed. Luke was sent to the orphanage as soon as he was born. When the Crawford family finally found him, his father passed away.

Allison was not a good mother. She only fought for power and did not care about Luke.

However, his talent, as well as his intelligence, was discovered from the moment he returned to the *Crawford family*.

His father passed away and Old Master Crawford trained him to be the heir. He was very strict with him and was a lot more relaxed with *Louis*.

From an early age, while Louis was playing games, Luke **was learning**.

Susan thought that Old Master Crawford was biased. He only cared about training Luke as his successor while he ignored **Louis**.

Master Crawford could tell that Luke envied Louis. Luke was used to the conflicts in the orphanage when he was a child, so he did not know how to communicate with others. He would silently complete the tasks assigned to him by the

Old Master Crawford appreciated his calm temperament and continued to cultivate him as the  
had a much happier childhood compared to Luke.

master's life was a little tough but things got better after he returned to the Crawford family." The butler continued the conversation. After all, after Luke returned to the Crawford family, he lived a life

think that children would be happier playing or learning?" Old Master Crawford asked. The butler had served the Crawford family for so many years, and he had witnessed how Luke grew

butler was stunned. He suddenly understood what Old Master Crawford meant when he said that Luke had lived a

after returning to the Crawford family, he would study endlessly and participate in various classes all day long. He had no time for entertainment such as cartoons. He could not maintain relationships with his

he lived a life without worries, his tiny body still carried a heavy responsibility on his shoulder. He was crowned an heir since he was a child. He never had an easy

butler saw Old Master Crawford finish the tea in his cup and poured him another cup. "Young Master Luke has the ability. He's the

passed away just as Old Master Crawford was about to hand T Corporation to

was why Old Master Crawford was eager to train a new heir. He planned to hand T Corporation to Luke right after he graduated and then retire. As such, Luke was forced to go through high-intensity lessons every

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When Luke's phone rang, he was looking at a man who was talking while pinching his throat.

The phone vibrated. He stood up and walked to the balcony to answer it. "Hello."

"Young Master Luke, when will you be back?" The butler's voice entered his ears.

Luke glanced at the situation in the living room and said, "Don't wait for me to have lunch. I have something to do today."

"Is that so? Ms. Craw is here. Are you sure you can't come back?" the butler asked.

"Luca?" Luke frowned and lowered his voice. "Why is she in Crawford Manor?"

Based on what he knew about Luca's temperament, she would not visit at random.

"Old Master Crawford invited her. He thinks that Ms. Craw has helped a lot, so he specially invited her to be a guest," the butler replied. Even though he was not with Luke in person, judging from the change in his voice and tone, he seemed very unhappy that Luca was visiting the Crawford family.

"I can't go back until this afternoon. Please help me entertain her while I'm gone," Luke said. He could not leave at that moment.

The voice imitator that Percy Mallory hired on his behalf was already familiar with the fake Bianca's voice, so he asked him to come over and give it a listen. He heard it, and the other party, Jax, did a wonderful job of imitating her voice. It was not only the same voice but also in the same tone.

Jax was now talking to Queenie.

not heard the fake Bianca's voice for a long time, so she naturally wanted to talk to 'her' for a

The butler realized that Luke had something important to deal with so he did not say anything

hung up, he returned to the living room. Meanwhile, Jax was still talking

gestured to him to stop, Jax glanced at his phone, made an excuse, and hung up

him. "I didn't expect you to be able to imitate any sound. You did it so quickly too.

voice is hoarse enough. Otherwise, it would've been difficult to imitate," Jax said. Queenie talked about a lot of random daily life topics with him. For the most part, she asked 'her' to take care of

not talk much about what had happened in the past, so he could deal with it

found someone amazing for this, right?" Percy raised his chin toward Luke. He had an interest in meeting useful people like

was not stingy with his praise, and Jax was indeed of

After Jax said he could imitate Bianca's voice, Luke went over and used computer software to create a virtual transoceanic number for Jax to chat with Queenie.

"By the way, your mother-in-law told me to pay more attention to you and try to get back to A City for the new year," Jax said. He did not put the call on loudspeaker as he wanted to ensure that his words would get through.

*Luke understood* why Queenie said that and nodded.

"I said that I've been checking up on you regularly and I have to see if I can come back for the new year," Jax said.

"Mm, just tell her that you can't come back," Luke said. He did not have a fake Bianca to work with him, so he told Jax to turn her down on the next call.

**Percy** held and swayed the glass of red wine in his hand. After he heard what Jax said, he could not help but tease Luke. "Have you been cheating? Were you found out by *someone*?"

"No." Luke sat on the sofa and held up his glass. He was going to have dinner with the two of them later. He could not turn them down because they had done him a **favor**.

"Then why would your mother-in-law ask her daughter to pay more attention to you? Isn't that an obvious reminder?" Percy grinned and continued to tease him.

Luke's expression did not change in the slightest. He said indifferently, "She doesn't *know anything*."

so what does she know?" Percy did not intend to be brushed off like

at his friend and reminded him. "You have so much energy to check in on me but have you dealt with Nina? And that Johnston girl. Oh yes, and your brother. He seems to be very interested in

doing it on purpose, aren't you? Stop picking the kettle that's not boiling." Percy's mood turned sour at the mention of Nina. The matter with the Johnston family was about to be resolved but Nina never gave him a chance to explain and refused to see

was obvious that the apartment she was living in belonged to him but he did not even have the chance to meet her. The tenderness she had toward him before was ruthlessly abandoned. He was angry whenever the matter was

at the two of them and touched his nose. "Uhm, should I head

"No need."

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who were still taking jabs at each other just now said

out a note from his pocket and handed it to Jax. "This is my wife's account. You don't have to check the texts every day because I log in fairly frequently. You can check every few days. If you receive a text from Queenie, just send her a voice note so that she can feel at ease. Pay attention to the time difference when you reply to her. Make sure that you keep up with a call once

it." Jax was an expert in this. It was easy for him to imitate

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The butler heard her acerbic choice of words and thought that it was not how someone from the Crawford family should act. He sighed in his heart when he thought of the late Zachary Crawford. The two most important women in his life seemed noble and dignified, but in fact, the two did not have the best characters.

Their guest was still around. Although she had already gone upstairs, Susan should not have said these words.

The butler spoke up for Luca, "Ma'am, you can't say that. She and the children are fated, and Ms. Craw was invited by Old Master Crawford, so please don't say such things."

Susan picked up a piece of watermelon with a fork and gave the butler a disdainful look. "Why can't I say that? What's wrong with telling the truth? She can't hear me anyway. Tell me what I said that was wrong. Correct me if you can."

The butler did not dare to say anything. He quietly tidied the things on the table.

If Old Master Crawford had heard what she said, she would have been scolded. However, after Old Master Crawford ate, he suddenly had something to deal with so he went upstairs.

There was nothing wrong with Luca leaving the dining table.

After all, the host had already left the dining table, so there was nothing wrong with her leaving as well. She was not a maid who had to wait until everyone had finished eating before clearing the table and leaving.

Seeing that the butler did not respond, Susan snorted coldly. If it was not for him being close to Old Master Crawford, she would have fired him long ago.

'How dare he talk back to me?'

Luca was not too far away. After she brought the kids to the second floor, she went downstairs and planned to get a glass of water but she unexpectedly heard their conversation.

Even after three years, Susan was still so unforgiving.

Luca shook her head, turned around, and returned to the second floor.

telling the story to the kids for a while. Seeing that it was almost time, she reminded them, "It's nap time now. Why don't you guys get some rest

knew that the kids took naps after

noded and asked, "Ms. Luca, will you continue telling us the story

wanted to wait for them to fall asleep before leaving but it seemed like they would not let her leave until she finished the

still want to hear it?" She did not expect them to like the story so

three of them nodded and said, "Yes,

"Ms. Luca, after we wake up, can you continue to tell us the

no choice but to nod. The employees of T Corporation would be back in two days and her experiment had reached the next stage, so she would not have time to see them after

still had time, she agreed to their request. "Okay, when you wake up, I'll continue with the story. It's one o'clock in the afternoon. Go

up and invited her. "Ms. Luca, do you want to take a nap with

taken back. It seemed like she had no choice but to hang around

unhappy. He grabbed Luca's arm and said, "Ms. Luca is going to take a nap with

The beds at home were all about the same size. The bed in their bedroom was not that big. It could fit two children and one adult.

Luca could only sleep with one **of them...**

**Rainie** looked at Luca with hope in her eyes, "Tommy, let Ms. Luca sleep with me. We're girls, and there are things that girls need to *chat about*."

"But..." Tommy was still reluctant.

**"Tommy, let** Rainie sleep with Ms. Luca. Just this once." Lanie, the eldest brother, *spoke up*.

*When he* heard that, Tommy had no choice but to nod. "Only this one time. Next time, Ms. Luca will sleep with **me!**"

**"Okay."** Seeing that her brother had compromised, Rainie held Luca's hand happily. "Ms. Luca, I have a new set of pillowcases in my cupboard. I need your help to get them. The maid put them too high **up**."

Luca nodded and took out a change of pillowcases from the top of *the closet*.

Lanie and Tommy left.

**Rainie closed** the bedroom door, then got into bed. She looked at Luca with a smile and said, "Ms. Luca, come *lie down*."

*Luca nodded*, put the pillow on the bed, and got on the other side of the bed.

The two lay down.

Rainie took the initiative to curl up into her arms. She sniffed the scent on her body and whispered, "Ms. Luca, the scent on your body is very similar to my mommy's."

swept her back gently like a mother soothing a child

motion you're doing is very similar," Rainie

Luca pursed her lips slightly and replied, "Probably because all adults comfort their children in the same way to get them to

doesn't do this. The stories he occasionally tells me aren't as good as the ones you tell. Ms. Luca, do you know why I want to take a nap with you?" Rainie lifted her chin and looked

not know. In the past, Tommy was the one who liked to be close to

Rainie, as Tommy's older sister, would give him everything that Tommy wanted. She rarely fought

"Why?"

because whenever I sleep with you, I'll dream of Mommy. The last time we were at my grandmother's house, I also dreamt of Mommy. She told me that she's by our side now and not to worry. She asked me to be good and listen to Daddy." Rainie hugged

was beside Luca, she felt an inexplicable sense of

could not help but feel shocked and sad when she heard what

know about the fake



Luke's temperament, he would not let the children know about it. Even so, regardless of whether they knew or not, they must be feeling

## **Chapter 1567**

Luca coaxed Rainie to sleep, and after a while, she noticed that Rainie's breathing had become even.

Rainie had fallen asleep.

Luca moved back slightly, and Rainie did not react. Seeing this, she got out of bed.

She had lived in the manor, so she knew about the daily schedule.

Luke was not at home and she knew that Old Master Crawford had the habit of taking naps too. It was the children's time to nap so the butler and maids would not come upstairs as they did not want to disturb them. It was the best time for her to explore Luke's study.

Luca gently opened the bedroom door. She looked back the moment she opened the door and found that Rainie was still asleep.

Luke's study was in front. As long as she walked in without being noticed, her plan would succeed because she knew the password to the safe. She did not need to waste a lot of time deciphering it.

Luca gently closed Rainie's bedroom door and walked toward Luke's study.

"Ms. Craw?" When she arrived at the door of the study, she heard Susan's voice.

Luca turned around and saw Susan, who was standing by the stairs. She did not expect that Susan had not gone back to her room after lunch.

secretly glad that she had not gone

you doing?" Susan glanced at Luke's tightly closed study door, then

a little thirsty, so I want to head downstairs to get some water," Luca said softly, not wanting to disturb the kids. She was thankful that she had not opened

had walked faster and acted quicker, Susan would not have seen her approaching Luke's study but her opening the study

that the maid made today was indeed a bit salty." Susan approached her. She looked at Luca's face and was

she was not a fan of the person in front of her, she had to admit that Luca

could be so beautiful

squinted, looked at Luca, and said, "I know you came to the Crawford family for a reason. Let's have

Luca frowned.

**'She knows what I'm here for? That's impossible...'**

The Island of Despair would not reveal the identities of the members at will. If their identities were discovered, some special members would bring those who had been discovered back to **the island**.

**If the** person has contributed to the organization, they would be given a new identity and face. Those who had not contributed much would be killed *off*.

**The Island** of Despair was cruel, so for a long time, their identities and tasks were all well-kept among the *members*.

"I don't know what you're talking about." Luca knew Susan's capabilities and did not take *her seriously*.

*Susan* snorted coldly, turned around, and walked to the balcony. "Come with me. You'll know what I'm talking about then."

Although Luca did not take her seriously, she also wanted to know what other tricks Susan had in her efforts to deal *with Luke*.

**She knew** that Susan had always had that in *mind*.

**Luke was** well-protected by Old Master Crawford since he was a child, so Susan never dared to make a move on him. When Luke grew up, he was more promising than Louis so she dared not do anything to him as well.

However, just because she did not dare to make a move, it did not mean that she did not have something plotted against Luke. She knew that Susan had been waiting for the opportunity. She had failed to do anything to Luke in the previous times.

Luca followed her to the balcony.

was almost winter, the sun was still a little hot at noon. With the sun above their heads, Luca said, "Mrs. Crawford, if you have something to say, just say it. It's quite hot out

looked at Luca's attractive face and went straight to the point, "I know you

understand what you're talking about." Luca denied it. She had progressed to a certain level and was unwilling to reveal her weak

matter if you deny it but your behavior has revealed everything. You like Luke. Otherwise, why would you try to get close to him? Also, why would you put so much effort into building a relationship with his children?" Susan said as though she had seen through everything and spoke to her with

what you wanted to tell me?" Luca knew it was no use denying Susan since her mind was

coldly and said, "Okay, let's see how stubborn you can be. I can

don't think it's necessary, thank you." Luca did not know what Susan was plotting and decided to deny everything

only worry was that if she said too much, Susan might record

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"You!" Susan widened her eyes as she looked at her from behind. She refused to believe that Luca was still unwilling to cooperate with her even after what she had said to her.

She did not admit her intention when she was trying to trick Luca into talking to her throughout the conversation. Susan gnashed her teeth angrily as she looked at how invulnerable Luca was.

She even told Luca that Bianca was dead only to make her willing to cooperate with her...

Luca had no idea what was good for her!

A thought came across Susan's mind as she watched Luca walk into Rainie's bedroom. She should take advantage of her if she could not make Luca an ally.

She had a plan in her mind at once.

Luca had no idea what Susan was up to. She walked into the bedroom carefully, afraid of waking Rainie up.

She lay down on the bed. Rainie huddled up and clung to her tightly when she felt Luca's warm body.

Luca put her arms around the child and fell deep asleep.

On the other hand.

Mr. Griffin reported to Old Master Crawford about Susan meeting up with Luca at the balcony.

Old Master Crawford had asked him to keep an eye on Luca, so Mr. Griffin had been watching over her without missing anything out.

However, he did not know what both of them were talking about. The security cameras in the house had no audio features. It was to protect the family's privacy.

Mr. Griffin had noticed Susan's facial expression and assumed they did not have a pleasant

Old Master Crawford was listening to Mr. Griffin's report, he could not help but make a guess. "They don't even know each other. What can they talk

The butler shook his head.

Master Crawford said, "Didn't she want nothing to do with Luca, yet she's talking to her now. What does she want from

butler remained silent. It was true that Susan

Master Crawford was thinking about how Allison was going to be released from prison soon. She would certainly return to Crawford Manor judging from her health condition

would be no peace in the Crawford family with Susan and Allison in the house. Susan must be up to something

eye on her. Don't let her cause any trouble in the family." Old Master Crawford was talking about

two women his son had found were both troublemakers. If it were not because they had contributed to the Crawford family, he would have kicked both of them out of the Crawford

I got it," Mr. Griffin replied. He was thinking that if Susan was really bent on causing trouble, he would not be able to stop

...

woke up, she realized that three pairs of eyes were staring

The kids were awake, and they were standing beside the bed looking at her silently. She sat up, slightly confused. Did they not say they wanted to take a nap? Why were they all looking at her?

"Ms. Luca, you're finally awake." Tommy hopped on the bed and wrapped his arms around her waist.

"*What happened? Was I asleep for too long?*" Luca stroked Tommy's head. She planned to close her eyes and accompany Rainie for a while. She did not expect to *fall asleep*.

"Ms. Luca, you slept for a very long time. It's almost three o'clock now," said Tommy. They walked to the bedside eagerly after they woke up. Then, they realized Luca was still **asleep**.

They stood at the bedside and stared at her when they saw her sleeping so soundly. They made no noise so she could continue **sleeping**.

Tommy even got downstairs to inform the butler not to disturb her. He asked him not to send their afternoon tea upstairs. They did not know when Luca would wake up. They just did not want to wake her **up**.

"**It's** almost three? I've been sleeping for that long?" Luca cried out in surprise. She picked her phone up and glanced at the time. It was indeed almost *three o'clock*.

"**Ms.** Luca, you sleep a lot." Tommy sounded a little **plaintive**.

Luca knew why. It was because she had promised the kids that she would continue to tell them the story after they woke up. She did not expect she would sleep **that long**.

"**I'm sorry**. You could've woken me up," Luca reminded them. She wanted the kids to know that she was not a person who was hard to get along with.

Tommy shook his head and said, "We won't wake Ms. Luca up. You're the same as Daddy. You don't get enough sleep. So, we wanted to let you sleep more. The same goes for Daddy. It's rare for him to find time to sleep, so we won't wake him up because getting more sleep is good for *his health*."

"**Your daddy?**" Luca thought of Luke. He was indeed a workaholic. Many times, he would stay up all night to work.

must be tired, carrying the responsibilities of managing such a big company on his shoulders.

could not help share his load, and she even had to do such

clenched her fists tightly. A helpless feeling came flooding into her heart.

continue to tell us the story." Tommy noticed that she seemed to be in a bad mood, so he changed got out of the bed and tidied her hair with her fingers.

got out of the bed

of them sat in a circle on the rug. Someone knocked on the bedroom door when Luca was about to start her story. She turned around and saw Luke pushing the

The three kids called out unanimously when they saw him

looked at the bedroom. Luca was sitting there, surrounded by the kids. It looked harmonious as if they were a family.

are you all doing here?" He walked in while staring blankly

noticed that although Luke had just come back, he was wearing casual clothes. He must have been dealing with some personal matters instead of

Luca is telling us a story. It's the story that she didn't get to finish last time!" Tommy said with a smile. He stood up, walked toward him, and held his hand. "Do you want to join

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These were the only things that she could help him with and do for him.

Rainie stared at her for a while before she slowly said, "Ms. Luca, Mommy told us the same thing you just told us."

"Yes, I remember Mommy saying that before." Tommy nodded and turned to look at Luca.

He liked her so much because she was similar to their mother in many ways.

She was gentle and virtuous. Sometimes, even what she said was exactly like what Bianca had previously said to them.

Luca was startled for a moment. She did not expect the kids to remember what she had said to them before.

Luca still remembered why she said that back then.

Everyone in T Corporation was fully committed to carrying out the new project at that time. As the boss, Luke had to guide the whole company's progress. Sometimes, he would have to work overtime until three or four in the morning when he was busy.

However, he would always get off work on time as to not worry her and the kids. He would walk straight into the study after he got home. Sometimes, he would be so busy to the extent that he would even have his dinner in the study.

The kids would complain about it, and that was how she comforted them.

There was something else she had said too. Not only was he their daddy but he was also responsible for the parents of many other children. He worked hard so that the other children could be well taken care of.

The kids would stop complaining after listening to her.

Luca thought that they did not understand her back then. She did not expect Rainie and Tommy to remember what she said until now.

Lanie, who had been quiet, suddenly spoke. "Mommy even told us that the reason Daddy works so hard is to let many other children be well taken care of. We keep every word she said to us in mind."

felt a pang in her heart. They remembered everything she had said to

were just normal words that were not comforting or inspirational, yet the children kept them dearly in some time to get over what the kids said to her.

this moment, Mr. Griffin knocked on the door, walked into the room, and said, "Young Master Blanche, Young Master Tommy, and Young Miss Rainie, afternoon tea is

shot a glance at the butler, then they continued to stare

stood up and held their hands. Then, they stood up too.

don't we have some tea first?" She suggested. "After you finish your afternoon tea, I'll continue

three of them agreed as they bounced and hopped out of

Griffin stood at the bedroom door. After Luca walked out of the bedroom, he passed Luke's message to her. "Ms. Craw, Young Master Luke is waiting for you in

wants to see me? What's the matter?" Luca looked in the direction of the study. Why did he not tell her when he came in

not sure about that. Please go over," said

She watched the kids head in the direction of the stairs. She walked forward and stopped at the study's entrance.

She knocked on the door.

Luke's voice came from inside. "Come in."

*Luca* pushed the door and walked *in*.

The butler was still standing at the bedroom's entrance. He was confused when he saw how Luca was able to find the study without any **guidance**.

**Was** this not the first time she came to Crawford Manor? The study's door was closed before Luke went in. The door of the study and the bedrooms were the same. How was she able to find the door to the study so precisely?

*Could it* be that it was Young Master Tommy who had brought her for a **house tour**?

The butler no longer doubted it when he thought of that possibility. He followed the kids **downstairs**.

Luca looked around the room's furnishings after she entered the study. The office table that belonged to her was still there.

**After the** fake Bianca was sent to keep Luke company, she was never involved in the company's management, so no one was using the **office table**.

*She* did not expect that Luke still kept it, and the decorations were still there *too*.

*Luca* looked at the frame on the table and wondered if the photo in it was still the *same*.

"Take a seat." Luke pointed at the seat opposite him when she said nothing.

Luca glanced at the sofa. She ended up choosing to sit on the chair. It would only make him confounded if she deliberately avoided *him*.

"Mr. Crawford, are you looking for me?" She could not wait any longer to know why he was looking for him after she sat down.

did not expect she would have the chance to step into the study

not do anything with

as if her gaze was unintentionally sweeping across the safe in the corner. The furnishings here had not changed even after three

give you a hard time?" Luke asked. That was what he wanted to know

what he wanted to know at first when he heard that the old man had suddenly invited

old master had made things clear that he would not interfere with his social life as long as it did not affect the company's

he also made it clear that his ultimate goal for everything he did was to

was worried that Old Master Crawford would intentionally make things difficult for Luca or promise her

Crawford didn't say anything. He only thanked me for taking care of Tommy," replied Luca. He was acting a little

worried about her being bullied by the old

if the old master was going to bully her, why would he invite her to

Master Crawford did not treat her enthusiastically, he was kind to

knew him pretty well after the years spent with him. Old Master Crawford would pull a straight face in front of someone he did not like, and his seriousness would give that person

## **Chapter 1570**

When the kids insisted on listening to that story, he went online to search on it but he could not find any information about the story she told them.

Left with no other choice, Luke went to buy different kinds of storybooks to let the kids read them themselves.

"I came up with the story," Luca answered. As the children's mother, she knew what kind of story the kids would love to hear even though three years had passed.

That was why they loved her story very much.

"You came up with the story?" Luke looked at her. Luca had immensely surprised him at this moment.

The kids liked to cling to her. Her culinary skills were as good as Bianca's, and she was even good at making up stories of her own...

Luca thought of Bianca, and it set his nerves on edge.

"Well..." Luca nodded. She stood up and said, "Mr. Crawford, I'd like to leave first if there's nothing else."

Susan leaned against the wall outside the study while listening to the noises inside. Still, she did not hear anything.

Susan hurriedly trotted back to her bedroom when she heard Luca say that she was leaving.

Susan closed the door when she returned to her room and called Queenie.

send them falling into the abyss since Luca refused to cooperate with

the call. "Good afternoon, Madam

not Susan's son. Hence, she would not address her as her in-law when she talked to Susan. She would only politely call her 'Madam

Mrs. Norman. Are you free recently? I'd love to ask you out for tea." Susan stood beside the windowsill with her fingers tapping on the glass. She lowered

been busy. What's the matter?" Queenie shot a glance at Leia, who was lying on the ward bed. She could not leave Leia be with her

been busy? Did something happen? Is there anything I can help with?" Susan pretended to be

she was not close with Queenie at all. It was because she was jealous of Allison for having such in-laws with good family backgrounds. She only started to build her relationship with Queenie to implement the plan she had in mind now.

course, Queenie would never tell her about Leia's matter. She found an excuse to brush her off. "It's not a big deal. Don't trouble yourself, Madam Crawford. Thank you for your invitation, but let's talk about it later when I've finished dealing with my

her eyes when Queenie refused her invitation and her kind thought of helping her. She picked her nails and replied, "Mrs. Norman, I won't bother you any longer since you're busy. But I just wanted to remind you that you should be paying more attention to Bianca's happiness. Even though she's Mrs. Crawford now, that doesn't mean she'll be sitting in that position for the rest of her life."

you mean? What's going on?" Queenie asked immediately when she heard what Susan said. Her voice sounded a few pitches



"Luca came to Crawford Manor today. She's still in the study. I'm not sure what they're talking about there. Why are they in the study for so long if they merely share a normal superior-subordinate relationship?"

Queenie's heart skipped a beat. She should trust Luke, but many things were unexplainable. "They're both in the study? Then what about **the kids?**"

*The* three of them, especially Tommy, loved to stick with Luca. They were probably with *her*.

"The kids were sent away earlier. And I can see the three of them are very fond of Luca. I'm just worried. Sigh, never mind. I shouldn't be telling you more about this. Although I'm not Luke's biological mother, his mother is still in prison. As a mother myself, I should be keeping an eye on them. Bianca is such a good woman, but I'm afraid she has no idea what's happening here." Susan deliberately sounded like she was very worried while putting on a satisfied expression on her *face*.

**She knew** Luca was a capable woman even though she was just an ordinary person with an ordinary **family background**.

She refused to cooperate with her, which indicated that she was still siding with Luke. It would be even more difficult to get rid of Luke if she was helping him.

**Hence, getting** rid of Luca was one of Susan's plans.

While Queenie was listening to Susan, she was already imagining the scene of Bianca being dumped by Luke.

"*Alright. Thank* you for reminding me." She took a deep breath and reminded herself to be polite. Although she was worried about Bianca, she was busy taking care of Leia's health **now**.

"*Oh*, have you been keeping in touch with Bianca lately? If you are, then you should remind her about it. And you should tell her through a voice message. You can't just type a message and send it to her. You must always pay attention to her emotions." Susan intentionally mentioned Bianca. She wanted Queenie to contact Bianca.

be worried if she could not get in contact with Bianca. Then, once she investigated it, she would probably find out that Bianca did not even travel abroad

keeping in touch with Bea. She's doing fine now. I'll tell her about it. Thank you," Queenie replied. Then, she saw the doctor come in. She spoke before Susan could reply to her, "Madam Crawford, I've got things to do. I'm hanging

up the phone before Susan had the chance to say

put down the phone gloomily as she listened to the busy tone. "She's been keeping in touch with Bianca? How is

could it be possible for Queenie to call Bianca on

was sure she had heard the conversation between Old Master Crawford and Luke. The only explanation was that it was not Bianca who talked to Queenie on

It must be...

her lips. She did not expect Luke to be so

It was nighttime.

sat down at the dining table in Crawford Manor. She stared at the sumptuous dinner. As she ate, something was on