

Be Gentle 1581

Chapter 1581

Luke and Tia were walking in front of her. Luca and Jason were following behind them.

Jason looked at Luke from behind and whispered to himself that he had no idea what his boss was doing.

After all, he seemed to have no interest in this woman. He simply wanted to investigate her. He suspected she was from the Island of Despair, but now he was taking the initiative to invite her to accompany him to a business dinner?

Could it be...

It dawned on Jason when he shot a glance at Luca, who was beside him.

Luke reminded Tia while walking, "They're good drinkers. Don't act tough if you can't drink much."

"Relax, I can hold my liquor well. Thank you for bringing me to such an event. It's my first time accompanying someone to a business dinner. Do remind me if I do anything wrong later." Tia was trying to say that she seldom became someone's female companion, and she hoped to leave a better impression of herself on Luke.

Luke nodded to tell her that he would.

The four Russians were already waiting in the private room. They were smiling when they saw them walking in. "Hello, my Chinese friends."

Luke greeted the four of them with fluent Russian with Jason's assistance. Tia followed what he did and greeted them.

Luca knew she was merely acting as a foil now. All she had to do was to smile.

She watched them greet each other and noticed that the Russian woman's eyes lit up when she saw Luke.

The gleam in her eyes was as though she had found a prey she was interested in.

had a thing for Luke. In other words, this woman was attracted by Luke's appearance.

silent. She knew Tia was a psychologist, so she was more observant than her. She must have noticed

noticed the abnormality in the Russian woman. She leaned closer to Luke, trying to show the Russian woman how close and intimate

were no changes in the Russian woman's expression when she greeted

observing everything. Indeed, they were wily old foxes in the business world except

had to pay the price for those small gestures of hers later.

them sat down after greeting each other. Jason chose to sit beside Luca after experiencing what had happened today at noon. He was protecting her from being harassed by these Russian

sitting beside Luca, and Tia was sitting beside

the Russian woman had a thing for Luke, so she had intentionally picked that seat. She acted as a barrier between

woman saw this and chose to sit opposite Luke instead. A Russian man was sitting next to

Russian man was one of those who had taken advantage of Luca at

it did not matter to a man which woman it was when he was horny.

Moreover, Tia was pretty attractive too. She might be taken advantage of **later...**

She was suddenly grateful that Luke had asked Tia to come along. Men loved to talk business over drinks, especially when they were drinking with *women*.

Tia's personality could make her gain popularity. She could help to drink on her behalf...

Could it be that Luke asked Tia to come along because *of her*?

She could drink less if Tia was here, and she would not be harassed by *those men...*

Luca was pondering in her heart as she stared at that Russian man. He was looking at Tia *lustfully...*

The drinks were served before dinner. The three Russian men began to drink with **Luke**.

Luca took tiny sips of her drink to make sure she would not drink **too much**.

Tia knew T Corporation wanted the project when she heard them talking about it. She thought Luke would probably think better of her if she was able to get him the project.

Hence, she worked extra hard to drink with those **three men**.

Their attention was soon on Tia. They were continuously toasting with her and talking about business cooperation.

Tia did not reject them. She was continuously drinking and enduring the man groping her body pervertedly.

She could not get angry as she could not ruin Luke's project.

help him get

up her mind and continued to drink with them.

Russian woman who was sitting opposite Luke was elegant. She was different from Tia. She smiled and talked about the cooperation with Luke. They drank with each

was jealous while looking at them, but she thought it would be enough as long as she

wanted to prove that she was someone who could stand beside Luke and become his

moment, the door was pushed open. The waitress pushed the dinner cart into the room. Then, while waiting for the dishes to be served, the Russian men were busy drinking like fish.

invited to drink a few glasses with them. After all, Tia alone was not enough
smell that had not gone away since noon came burning up again after she downed a few glasses.
Fortunately, Luca had taken the hangover cure just now. Hence, she did not feel that uncomfortable.
contrary, Tia's face was red after all the
sat at the side and watched everything quietly. Luke was still elegant. It seemed like only Tia and the
three Russian men were drinking
drunk after drinking with them for two hours. A man was harassing and groping her body under the
table.
still conscious, but she could not shed a tear and she dared not to tell Luke about it.

Chapter 1582

"No rooms left? Why are there so few rooms here?" Jason shook his head. He still felt light-headed.
The alcohol that he drank at noon was still in his system. Then, he had to drink again at night. He felt as
if the alcohol could flow out of his body from his ears once he shook his head.
"Sir, we're a five-star hotel. Our rooms are usually fully booked in the afternoon. The three rooms that
you booked at the front desk earlier were the last ones left." The waiter smiled apologetically.
Sometimes, there would be such coincidences. The three rooms would have probably been taken if
Jason had tried to book them half an hour later.
Jason was in a dilemma. He looked at Luke and Luca who were lying on the table. There were three of
them. How were they supposed to share two rooms?
Unless he slept on the floor in Luke's room.
The waiter then reminded him, "Sir, one of the rooms that you booked is a deluxe suite. There are two
bedrooms in it. Two of you can share that suite."
Jason remembered it once he was reminded.
He glanced at Luca and Luke. Both of them remained quiet. They did not look drunk, but they seemed to
be sleepy and were resting here.
It looked like Luca's cure did work, after all.
Jason did not feel like vomiting and only felt dizzy. He said, "Then can you please send both of them to
the deluxe suite? I'll take the other room."
He had no idea why he arranged it this way. He just felt that it was right to do so.
The waiter heard him. A few of them held Luca and Luke up, bringing them to the suite.
paid for the dinner and drinks after making sure that the waiters had sent them back to the suite. Then,
he went to the last room that was left
deeply asleep after he informed Sue

Morning.

up and realized it was dark around her. She could not see clearly. She moved a little and felt that someone was

shocked. She could not see anything clearly in the

up on the bed. She unconsciously tried to reach the bedside, where she found the switch for the desk lamp. She switched it open

startled when she realized it was Luke sleeping

remembered that she had been drinking with those Russians. Then, she got drunk after drinking a lot. However, she did not feel sick and just felt sleepy instead. It was probably because she took the hangover

is she lying on the same bed with Luke

looked around her using the light of the desk lamp. She looked at the unfamiliar furnishings. They were in the

did book rooms in the hotel, but he had only booked three of them. Why was she

hesitating if she should get out of the bed. After all, it was inappropriate to be sleeping with Luke on the same bed, especially since she reeked of alcohol.

and turned around. He placed his strong arm over her right

Luca was startled. She glanced at him. The man was still asleep. It seemed like he did it **unconsciously**.

She held her breath for almost half a minute. When she thought of moving his arm away and getting out of bed, she heard him mumble, "Don't move, let me hug **you...**"

Luca placed her hand on his arm. There was a complicated expression on her face.

Luke was deeply asleep. These were his unconscious gestures, and she heard him mumble in a soft voice. She did not have the heart to move away anymore.

He sounded like a pitiful child asking for some warmth.

Luke was supporting his family and T Corporation all by himself. He must be tired...

Luca looked at the man who was sleeping soundly with the light of the desk lamp. What the kids had said to her was resonating in her ears now. They told her that Luke slept very little due to his work.

It was normal for him to stay up all night **working overtime**.

He would not be this tired if Louis was willing to help him.

Unfortunately, Louis had his own ambitions to pursue. He was reluctant to return to T Corporation. Luke did not say anything either. He took the responsibility of managing the company himself, letting his brother start his own business and pursue **his dreams**.

He did it for Louis' sake. However, it looked like he was struggling for power without giving Louis a chance to come back to T Corporation. That was what Susan and the others thought.

Luca felt sorry for him that he had to carry such a burden and was even being wrongfully **accused**.

Her fingers unconsciously ran across his hair. The hair that he usually kept tidy was a little messy now. He looked peaceful, unlike how he usually was—cold and stern.

This was his truest side.

let out a sigh, and she gently lay on the

Luke could sense her gestures, he wrapped her in his arms the moment she lay down on the
feel the warmth of his skin.

and complied. She reached out and groped for the lamp, switching

her tightly when she put her hands back under the

Luca was leaning on his chest. If it were not for the smell of the alcohol, she would have thought he was doing it on purpose. She knew Luke did not mean to do this to her. He was drunk.

miss you so much." She heard him utter a few words in his

and sighed. She held Luke with one of her arms. "I miss

could feel her warmth in his dreams. He closed his eyes and moved his hand downward, putting his hand around her waist.

a tingling burning sensation, and she had goosebumps all over her body. When she was about to push the man away, he sealed her lips with

She could not help but put her hands against his waist, pushing him

would not let go of the warmth he had just touched. He could not help putting his arms around her while continuing to

Chapter 1583

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Luke opened his eyes when his breathing was stable. He could not see much in the dark, but he could feel the warmth of the woman in his arms.

He was sleeping but woke up when Luca woke up too.

He did not know why they were on the same bed. He had called out Bianca's name on a whim, but he did expect Luca to reply to him instead of pushing him away.

He heard her voice while he had his eyes closed. It was as if Bianca was whispering in his ears.

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Luke listened to her breathing and wondered if Luca could be Bianca...

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Even so, their eyes looked similar. She did not push him away either and complied with his request.

If she was the real Bianca, then why did she not admit it right away?

Luke thought if Luca was the real Bianca, then she probably had her reasons given the current situation.

No matter what, the first thing he needed to do was to figure out if she was the real Bianca.

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did not draw the curtains when they went to sleep. She lifted her head and Luke's face came into sight. stubble on his smooth chin. Luca lifted her hand and wanted to unconsciously touch it, but she stopped. She could not do this...

recalled previously whenever she was sleeping on the same bed with Luke, he would always rub his stubble on her face. The tingling sensation that was also a little ticklish could always wake her up instantly, and she would not be able to stop

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not help but smile as she recalled the past. She could feel him move a little. He turned around, and the arm that he put around her naturally moved

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had passed now. Luca sat up on the bed and looked around her. There was a couch near the got out of the bed, tip-toed to the couch, and lay down

felt that something was wrong, so she sat up again. She glanced at the man on the bed. Luke was still sleeping.

Luca let out a sigh of relief. When she was about to lay down again, she thought Jason would not have been so silly to arrange Luke and her to sleep in the same room. Hence, she tiptoed out of the room. It was then she realized it was a suite with two bedrooms.

That explained why Jason sent her **here**...

However, she had no idea why she was sleeping on the same bed *as Luke*.

Luca trotted to the other room. She closed the door and lay down on the bed, wanting to rest for a while more. She had another hour till **dawn**.

Luke opened his eyes when he heard Luca's footsteps leaving the *room*.

He sat up on the bed and looked at the strands of long hair left behind on the pillow. These were **Luca's...**

He picked up the suit coat that he had taken off casually. He drew a tissue from the bedside table and placed Luca's hair on the tissue before wrapping it securely. Then, he put it in his suit pocket.

He had to investigate it since he was suspecting her of something. Everything would change if she was the real **Bianca**.

Luke believed in his instincts. He was cast into doubt after what had happened last night. He was probably right about it.

Luca was still lying on the bed at seven in the morning. She was not asleep, and she listened to the signs of activity next *door*.

It was either the hotel had good soundproofing or Luke was still sleeping. She could not **hear anything**.

Luca had no choice but to wake up. She walked into the toilet and washed herself up.

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Luca met Luke's eyes. She caught a glimpse of mischief in his eyes. Her face reddened at once.

He was not awake when she woke up. Could it be that he had woken up in the middle of the night or perhaps he was only pretending to be asleep the whole time? Did he know she slept with him on the same bed last night? Did he know she had just lied?

When Luca wanted to know what that hint of mischief meant, Luke had already turned his face away.

Tia listened to Luca's explanation and forced a smile. She thought her status in Luke's heart had changed when Luke invited her to join him for the business dinner. She forced herself to drink on behalf of him and was harassed the whole night. She had only thought of sharing his burden.

She knew nothing about business, but she did everything she could for him.

Yet, she woke up realizing that she was sleeping alone in the room. She was devastated when she saw Luca in Luke's room.

Tia shot a glance inside the suite. Indeed, there were two bedrooms. They had probably slept in their rooms last night.

She secretly blamed Jason for arranging for Luke and Luca to sleep in the same suite. Still, she wore a smile on her face and invited Luca, saying, "So that's the case. But this five-star hotel is indeed popular. Sometimes, you won't be able to book another room when it's late. It's my fault. If I hadn't drunk too much, I wouldn't have taken up Dr. Craw's room."

Tia was busy expressing how helpless she was and reminding Luke that she had been a great help to him.

Luca looked at her without any expression on his face. There was not even a hint of gratitude.

said thoughtfully, "You know a

thought he was praising her. She was delighted for a while, then she became humble at once. It took her a moment to think that it might not be a

hurriedly explained, "This hotel is not far away from my consultation office. My patients would usually stay here when they travel from different countries to see me. Sometimes, if they don't reserve a room in advance, they'd have to find another hotel. That's why I

listened to her explanation, but he did not put on the expression she longed to see. Instead, he walked out.

kept up with him immediately. She walked beside him and asked with concern, "Luke, where are you the office," replied Luke. He reckoned those Russians were still asleep. He would need to send someone else to entertain them at

the Russians claimed that they were here to talk business, they were more focused on touring around. As for the cooperation, he would have to wait for their confirmation before he began the tender and competed with other companies.

Luke was not planning to waste too much energy on these people. All he had to do was find someone else to bring them around. It was all about beer and skittles to

the prequalified tendering, he was not worried about it. They were not going to reject another opportunity to choose if everything went well.

stayed close to him once she heard him. She tried to convince him, saying, "Why don't we have breakfast together before you return to the office? I remember that you have a weak

Luca felt uncomfortable when she heard their conversation from *behind*.

Many women were interested in Luke. They knew a lot about him because they admired him. It was normal.

However, those words had come out from Tia. Both of them were involved in a scandal not long *ago...*

She looked at both of them. Tia had even said something like that. It seemed like they were in an ambiguous romantic relationship.

Luca recalled their kiss last night. Even though Luke was drunk and asleep, he knew nothing about it.

Did she and that kiss they shared even matter **to him?**

Luke's brows were slightly furrowed as he listened to Tia pestering him. He rejected her suggestion right away. "I still have work to do at the office. I'm going back first. Oh, are you free to help me with something this *afternoon?*"

Tia did not feel upset when he rejected her. After all, his willingness to explain meant she had made *improvements*.

She would never reject his request. "Sure. I happen to be available. Tell *me.*"

not hesitate to ask for help when he saw her willingness. "Those Russians will be taking a tour around A City's attractions this afternoon. Are you free to be

Tia's expression changed when she heard that he was asking her to guide those Russians around. It was not because she was unwilling to help Luke but those Russians were lecherous. If it were not because she was afraid she might ruin Luke's cooperation, she would have taught those lustful bastards a lesson last

Doyle will be keeping you company all throughout, but he can't really understand Russian," said Luke as he walked into

him into the elevator

knew it would be awkward and strange if she waited for the next elevator, so she entered

recalled that Luca was able to speak fluent Russian during the dinner last night. She even spoke it better than her. She said, "Dr. Craw knows how to speak Russian too, right? And she's an employee of T Corporation..."

to accompany those people anymore. It felt awful to be taken advantage of, and she could not even stand up for herself.

glanced at Luca. The things that happened last night flashed across his mind. He might look calm on the outside, but he was in a hurry to do something

to take Luca's hair for a DNA test. If she truly was Bianca, he would treat her kindly no matter what reason she had to hide her identity while staying

has something to do. Our company's research for the new drug is ready for clinical trials. She has to be there to call the shots. I'll ask Jason to find a university student from an international studies course to work part-time, then." Luke did not force Tia, and he promptly took his phone

Chapter 1585

Luca thought it was because Luke did not want her to be taken advantage of, so he sent Tia instead...

She was surprised by her own thoughts. She remained silent.

After Tia promised to help him, she was no longer interested in inviting Luke for breakfast. She was in a terrible state after drinking the whole night. She needed to go home and clean herself up.

The three of them parted at the hotel's entrance.

Luca and Luke headed to the hotel's parking lot. Jason had already asked the designated driver to leave, and he was waiting for them in the driver's seat.

"Good morning, Boss, Dr. Craw." He smiled and greeted them both. The alcohol was already flushed out of his system after resting for a night. He did not feel sick anymore.

"Good morning." Luca got into the backseat. She wanted to ask Jason why he made her sleep with Luke in the same suite.

However, she did not ask that question.

Luca told herself to pretend that nothing had happened last night.

Luke shot a glance at the woman beside him. She was very quiet, and she did not say anything else after explaining herself to Tia.

"Send Dr. Craw back to her apartment first," Luke ordered. Luca had drunk twice yesterday; once in the afternoon and once at night. She must be feeling sick now. It would be good for her to take a rest.

Luca was startled. She turned to look at Luke. She was planning to go back to the office to work.

Luke knew exactly what she had in mind. He spoke at once, "Go back home and rest in the morning. You can go back to work in the afternoon."

had no choice but to listen to

him and sent Luca back to the

looked at his boss through the rearview mirror after Luca got out of the car. He had been turning his face sideways and looking out the window. He was not looking opposite the road but was looking at the apartment's entrance.

did you rest well last night?" Jason asked with a smile on his face. He knew there was a risk of getting scolded for arranging for them to be in the same room without their

Luke replied with a calm expression. He became anxious again when Jason brought up last night. "Head to Tommy's school

glanced at the time. Tommy would have reached his school by now. Why was Luke

it was the boss' order. He had no choice but to follow his instructions.

got out of the car after they arrived at Tommy's school by car. He called the child's teacher. After a while, the teacher brought Tommy along with

ran toward Luke when he saw his father come to pick

Luke simply pulled a strand of Tommy's hair.

are you doing? Ouch!" Tommy unconsciously covered his head with his hands and looked at his father with

back to class." Luke did not give the child a full explanation. After all, he felt that his suspicions were not to tell the child about it first. He would decide how to proceed after the test results

Tommy looked at the person who came and left all of a sudden. He was *puzzled*.

Luke got back into the car and took a tissue out of his pocket. Then, he wrapped Tommy's hair in it too.

"**Boss**, what are you doing?" Jason looked at his actions in bewilderment.

"To the hospital," Luke continued to order Jason.

Jason drove to the hospital right away when Luke refused to answer the **question**.

Luke had contacted Johann before this. Once he walked into the hospital's lobby, a nurse came to guide him to the relevant **department**.

He handed the two strands of hair to the medical staff who was responsible for conducting the test. Then, he filled out the form given to *him*.

Luke left the hospital and got back into the car after he completed everything.

Jason had been waiting in the car. He figured out something when he saw Luke go to Tommy's school just to take a strand of Tommy's hair before coming to **the hospital**.

He asked Luke, who was sitting in the backseat, "Boss, are you going back to the **office now?**"

"Don't tell anyone what I did today," Luke ordered.

"Yes, I won't," replied Jason.

office." Luke looked down and glanced at the bill in his hands. Then, he stuck it in his pocket.

the car engine and headed toward the

did not get out of the car when they reached the office. Instead, he said, "You may rest this morning. Bring those Russians around for a tour with Tia later

what about Dr. Craw?"

need to ask her to go along." Luke pushed the car door open and got out of the car. Those Russians were not good people. He did not want Luca to be harassed by

this point, he finally knew what the old master meant. He was right. Even though Luca was not Binaca, he still cared about her in

returned to the office at

went straight back to her department as she no longer had to attend to the Russians. She guided a few researchers to solve the current problem

She was busy the whole afternoon.

being busy with the tasks at hand, she still got distracted a few times. It was all because of what had happened

was her most intimate moment with Luke upon coming

did not intend to leave the laboratory when it was time to get off work. She thought of working overtime to use up all her energy before going back home. That way, she would not overthink.

rang when she was preparing for the next stage of the experiment.

Chapter 1586

There were two children at the kindergarten who had not left. One of them was Tommy.

Luca walked toward him.

The kindergarten teacher looked at Luca and asked, "Are you Tommy's guardian?"

The teacher hesitated for a moment. She wondered if she was his nanny. However, Luca's temperament and how she was dressed were nothing like a nanny.

"Hello, I'm Mr. Crawford's subordinate. He's busy today, so he asked me to pick up the child," Luca explained and reached her hand out to the child.

Tommy held her hand right away.

"Is that so?" the teacher asked the child.

"Yes, Teacher. I'm close with Ms. Luca. You can call Daddy to confirm that." Tommy knew the kindergarten would not allow strangers to pick up the children.

The teacher called Luke to confirm with him for the sake of the child's safety. Then, she allowed Luca to bring the child back.

Tommy lifted his head and looked at Luca with a smile on his face. "Ms. Luca, why are you the one who came to pick me up today?"

"Mr. Crawford said he's busy with work, and Uncle Zander has something to do. So, I'm here to pick you up. Why? Are you not happy that I came to pick you?" Luca held his hand tightly and stood at the roadside waiting for the taxi.

"I'm happy. Of course, I'm happy. Ms. Luca, are you bringing me back to your house or my house?" Tommy asked. He was hoping that he was going back to her house.

because he loved Luca's

house. I'll make dinner for you. What do you want to have for dinner?" Luca looked at the child. He was her biological son, so how could she not know what he was

want to have spaghetti with pork chop, and..." Tommy paused for a moment and lifted his head to look at her. "Ms. Luca, aren't you hurt? You don't have to

recovered. Look at me, I even went to work today. I'm fine. Is there anything you'd like to eat other than spaghetti and pork chop?" Luca asked. She twisted her waist to show him she

was just a minor waist injury. Even so, she was a little sick in the past few days. She could not sit down, and she realized that lying down was the most comfortable position. She felt better after taking the medicine and applying the ointment.

prawns." Tommy's eyes lit up. He knew he was in luck when Luca told him that she had

and promised him to cook those things for him. She brought the child to the supermarket nearby and bought some ingredients. Then, they went back to her apartment.

was a good boy. He did not cry or cause any trouble. He took his homework out and finished it carefully. He skipped the questions he could not understand and waited for Luca to teach him how to answer

with satisfaction when she looked at the

wonderful it would be if she could live a peaceful life like this in the

finish your homework first. I'll go make dinner now. We can have dinner later," Luca told

"Alright, Ms. Luca." Tommy lifted his head and smiled at her. Then, he continued to do his homework.

Luca walked into the kitchen and began to cook for the child.

The dishes that Tommy ordered required complicated cooking techniques, but she prepared them diligently without being **careless**.

She knew the reason why the child loved her cooking so much. It was not just because they were delicious but it was also because it reminded him of his mother's homemade dishes.

Luca and Tommy had dinner together after **that**.

The dishes tasted good, and they enjoyed the *meal*.

There was no news from Luke even when it was already eight o'clock at night. Luca remembered what Tommy said just now. She picked up Tommy's exercise books and went through them *for him*.

There was still no news from Luke when it *was nine*.

Tommy sat on the couch. He asked Luca after he finished watching cartoons, "Ms. Luca, is my daddy not picking me *up today?*"

Luca *looked* at the time. It was late, but Luke had yet to call her.

She picked up her phone and walked into the maid's room. Then, she opened the wardrobe. There were two boxes in it. She remembered that there were Luke's clothes in them.

He had said that Tommy's clothes were inside too. She opened the box and searched for Tommy's clothes. Then, she found them in the other *box*.

took the clothes out and glanced at them. They were indeed Tommy's

the change of clothes and walked toward him. She said, "Tommy, why don't you shower

his head and accepted her suggestion. He carried the clothes and walked into the bathroom.

to help him turn on the water but he stopped her outside the bathroom. "Ms. Luca, I can do this slightly dazed looking at how sensible he was. Yes, three years had gone by and the child had grown up.

no longer the child who needed her help to shower. Although he loved to cling to her, the way he addressed her had

Everything had changed.

Tommy close the door. She thought of Luke. She had no idea what he was

was wet after he finished showering. Luca hurriedly took the hairdryer to dry his hair. Then, she put Tommy's clothes into the

had no idea if Luke would be picking him up tonight. If he was not and she did not wash his clothes now, the child would have no uniform to wear to school tomorrow.

looked at Luca who was busy taking care of him and blurted out, "Ms. Luca, you're like my

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If he was attending to those Russians, then would Tia be there too?

Even though Luca noticed that what had happened between them was a thing of the past, she felt uncomfortable when she thought of another woman entering his life.

It felt like the man that she loved had been stolen by someone else.

Luke was not a toy. He was a man. However, it felt terrible knowing that someone could steal him from her.

Luca let out a sigh. She took Tommy's uniform out of the washing machine and hung them on the balcony.

She walked into the bathroom and took a shower. She felt her heart warm up when she looked at Tommy who was sleeping soundly on the bed. She reckoned Luke would not be picking up the child tonight. She hugged the child and slept with him.

The apartment's doorbell rang when it was in the middle of the night.

Luca did not take sleeping pills. Hence, she did not fall into a deep sleep. She opened her eyes once she heard the bell.

Luca trotted out of the bedroom when the doorbell was still ringing. She glanced outside through the peephole. It was Luke.

Did he come to pick up the child?

Luca opened the door and gave way to the man who was standing outside. She sniffed the air without knowing it herself. He did not stink of alcohol, which indicated that he did not attend the business dinner. She was secretly rejoicing when she realized that. "Mr. Crawford, you're here."

Luke looked at her sleepy eyes. She had probably just woken up. He nodded and walked into the house. He could not find the child in the living room. He reckoned she had already brought the child inside the room to sleep. "I'm here to pick Tommy up."

Luca glanced at the clock on the wall. It was already one o'clock in the morning. She did not expect him to pick the child up at this hour.

calculated the distance of the journey. If he sent the child home now, it would take almost an hour to arrive home. Even though there were no cars on the road in the middle of the night, it was still going to take half an

"Tommy is asleep. Why don't you let him sleep here

the bedroom door open. The child was sleeping soundly in

the kind of child who was very sensitive to unfamiliar environments and outsiders, but he was fine with sleep at ten o'clock?"

"Yes. He got sleepy around ten. Then, he

at her. "Then let him sleep

nodded, but she was struggling in her heart. Her intention of letting Tommy sleep here was to make him stay here tonight as well. That way, he would be able to have another hour of sleep.

was she going to tell him

here tonight. Do you mind if I sleep on the couch?" Luke asked. He came here to pick his child up, but Luca said the child could stay. Since that was the case, he would just go along with her and stay here too.

was startled for a moment. She did not expect him to voice out his intention to spend the night here first. She replied, "Why don't you sleep with Tommy? I'll sleep in the maid's room

his brows. She tried to explain when she saw him frowning, "I have a blanket for the bed in the maid's room. Don't worry about it. You should go rest. Oh, do you want to shower

"**I took** a bath at the office," replied Luke. He had been busy with the tender until now.

He must win the tender **this time**.

Luca nodded. She could feel he was staring at her. She rubbed her hands and said, "I'm going back to sleep first. Goodnight, Mr. Crawford."

She entered the maid's room and closed the door after that.

Luke looked at the door that was closed with his deep eyes. Could it be that she was *Bianca*?

The DNA test would prove everything. He would know the truth eventually...

Luke walked into the master bedroom. He looked at the child who was fast asleep. He took off his coat and lay down on the bed.

There was Luca's scent on the pillow and the blanket. He closed his eyes and caught a whiff of her scent. He was at peace.

On the other hand, Luca was lying down on the maid's bed. She could not **fall asleep**.

It was not because the maid's bed was uncomfortable. She just felt uneasy whenever she thought of Luke being in the bedroom next to her.

She did not know if it was her who was imagining things. She could feel that Luke's gaze would always fall on her now and then after what had happened **last night**.

Was he truly drunk and asleep that time?

If he was, why was he acting like this now?

having a hard time figuring it out. She just needed to know if he was aware of everything that had happened that night. She could explain it to him if he knew about it, but what if he did it without knowing

not be awkward for her if she told him about

probably misunderstand her for being up to

a defensive person. She had tried so hard to make him lower his guard against her. She must not do such things to arouse his suspicion

let out a sigh. She tossed and turned on the bed, trying to fall

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up and realized the person beside him was Luke and not Luca. He shook

not respond to him as he was

his face and spoke louder,

opened his eyes and looked at his son, who was already awake. He grabbed his hand away from his face.

are you a sleepyhead? You'd always wake up the moment I call you. But I couldn't wake you up this time..." Tommy asked him with a smile on his

was a light sleeper back then. He would always wake up immediately whenever he heard noises, but he was able to fall deeply asleep on Luca's bed this

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Luca was still holding Tommy's school uniform, which she had just retrieved from the balcony, when she saw Tommy running over with Luke standing behind him.

She wanted to squat down and hug Tommy but it did not feel right.

It did not seem appropriate for her to hold Tommy in front of Luke.

Tommy ran to her side, and Luca handed him the school uniform in her hand. "Your school uniform is dry. Take it and go change into it. After that, wash up so we can have breakfast together."

Tommy took the school uniform, which was completely dry after it was left to dry all night. It had a faint lemon scent on it.

He took a deep whiff and said with a smile, "Ms. Luca, the clothes that you washed smell so good."

Luca touched his head and noticed that Luke's shirt had gotten all wrinkled in his sleep. She hesitated for a few seconds and then said, "Mr. Crawford, your shirt is wrinkled. Do you want a change of clothes?"

"Mm." Luke paid great attention to his appearance and cleanliness. She knew that he was unwilling to go out in public in a wrinkled shirt.

Luca walked into the maid's room and thought of the coat Luke wore last night. She then took out one of the button-ups that she felt would go with the coat he wore.

Luke's gaze flickered when he saw her come out with a shirt.

"Mr. Crawford, is this alright with you?" Luca chose it based on her intuition. After so many years, she wondered if what she chose was still in line with his aesthetic.

"That's perfect." Luke picked up the shirt in her hand. The color of the shirt matched his coat. It was perfect.

Luca's memory seemed to be very good. She could remember the style and color of his coat after just a few glances last night...

and Tommy walked into the bedroom with their clothes. The father and son then closed the door to change into their

he put on his school uniform, Tommy said, "Daddy, did you leave me with Ms. Luca on

said that cheekily and realized that he did not want Luca to overhear him, so he lowered

off his shirt and put on the shirt that Luca chose for him. As he put it on, he said calmly, "Stop it with your

not talking nonsense. You just want to spend more time with Ms. Luca. Great-grandpa said that Ms. Luca will be a good wife and a good mother, so he asked us to support you," Tommy said. The kids liked Luca, so Luke would have their full support if the new mommy he found for them

was unfair to their biological mommy, they wanted their daddy to be

all, their biological mommy had been missing for so many

memory of Bianca was getting a little fuzzy. Although he loved to spend time with her when he was a child, as he grew up, his childhood memories had become

Sometimes, losing certain memories was unavoidable.

thought about how Luca might be Bianca and touched Tommy's head. He wanted to tell him that he would do everything in his power to bring their biological mother

Luca was Bianca, there was no need to look for her anymore. She was already by

a serious problem with the DNA test they did three years ago because the DNA sample was stolen, so Luke was taking the DNA test this time very

With Johann's urging, the results would be available the *day after*.

Luke and Tommy got dressed, washed up, and walked out of the bedroom. Luca brought the breakfast she prepared to **the table**.

She could not fall asleep until the early hours of the morning, so she just had a short nap and got up early to make **breakfast**.

She had plenty of time, so she was able to prepare more *for breakfast*.

"*Wow, breakfast!*" Tommy's eyes lit up when he saw the breakfast on the table. He hopped to the dining **table**.

Luca prepared some dishes that were different from those that Mrs. Nancy would usually prepare for *breakfast*.

"*Yeah, come and eat.*" She called out to Tommy and, indirectly, to Luke.

The father and son walked to the dining table and sat down. Their appetites grew when they saw the sumptuous breakfast.

"Ms. Luca, did you make these croissants?" Tommy asked as he pointed at the croissants.

"Yeah." Luca said, "I made two fillings. One is chocolate and the other is fresh fruit and cream. Which one would you like **to eat?**"

As she spoke, she handed them a bowl of oatmeal each.

Tommy took a spoonful of oatmeal, then tore a small piece off a chocolate croissant. He stared at the rich chocolate filling in the croissant and shoved it into his **mouth**.

tiny mouth was soon stuffed with the

how eager Tommy was. He slowly picked up a fresh fruit and cream croissant and tore it open. He looked at the appealing fresh fruit and cream filling before taking

delicious, much better than Mrs. Nancy's cooking. It's been three years and her cooking skills have stunned. He believed that the person in front of him was Bianca even before he received any

had no choice but to think that. After all, Luca's habits were highly similar

the father and son eat. Tommy gobbled the food and said that he liked these croissants very much, while Luke ate slowly. Although he did not comment on anything, she knew that he liked the food

would not express his likes and dislikes in words. Instead, there would be subtle changes in his

that Luke liked the fresh fruit and

picked up a chocolate croissant, tore it open, and

saw that, Tommy said, "Ms. Luca, the fresh fruit and cream croissants are delicious. Do you

like them, have some more," Luca smiled when she saw the cream on the corners of Tommy's mouth. She handed him some tissues and said, "I don't like to eat that much chocolate in the

fruits in the refrigerator were limited, so she could not make many fresh fruit and cream croissants. Seeing that Luke and Tommy both loved that filling, she wanted to leave more

Chapter 1589

'Go to the office together?'

Luca thought of the gossip that she caused when she first joined the company and immediately shook her head to turn him down. "Mr. Crawford, I'll go to work by myself."

Luke did not say anything and left with Tommy when he saw that she insisted on going to work by herself.

Luca breathed a sigh of relief. For some reason, she had the illusion that Luke's gaze when he looked at her had become warm.

She thought of how he had always been stern and domineering but he did not insist that she tag along this time. She was a little unaccustomed to it.

Luca looked at the time and slowly walked out the door after she thought that Luke had already left. She woke up early and had breakfast earlier than she usually would, so she was not worried about being late. She took her time and walked slowly.

Luca walked out of the front gate and saw a Hummer parked on the side of the road. It was very ostentatious.

There were many rich and famous people in A City, so it did not surprise her. When everyone was paying attention to the modified Hummer, she continued to walk. After a hundred meters, she arrived at a taxi stand where many taxis were waiting for passengers.

When he saw Luca come out from the entrance, the door of the Hummer opened and a man walked down from it.

"Luca!" An arrogant male voice called out.

Luca frowned, turned around, and saw Pierre Mallory standing next to the Hummer. He was waving to her and saying, "Where are you going? I'll drive you."

sighed when they saw this scene. 'Sigh, he's taken

handsome and rich men were

frowned, looked at the ostentatious man, and continued walking with disgust in

she did not respond, Pierre told the driver to drive the car forward while he closed the door and strode to her side. "Are you

Luca remained silent.

have quite a temper, don't you? Why aren't you saying anything? Is there something wrong with your throat?" Pierre continued to

chose to keep quiet. The more attention she gave to a person like him, the more arrogant he would be. Ignoring him was the best

his chin when he saw that. 'She has quite a personality. It's a pity. If I want to have fun, this kind of woman would have my attention for a while but my goal is still Nina. Luca is just meant to entertain me for the

Don't think you can get away by not talking. I haven't returned the slap you gave me last time." Pierre wanted to grab her but just as he touched her hand, she slapped his

hand was slapped away under the gazes of so

that he had been humiliated, so he walked to her side and threatened her in a low voice, "If you continue to show your temper, I'll go and pick

Luca rolled her eyes at him. Although she did not want to pay him any attention, when the man mentioned that he wanted to harass Nina, she could not help but say, "Although Nina has broken up with your brother, your brother doesn't seem to have any intention of letting go."

"**What** did you say?" Pierre was very upset when he heard her bring up Percy. 'Does everyone think that they can use Percy to blackmail me?'

"*Did I stutter?* Did you find out more about what Luke told you last time? What is Percy planning? Has he really let go of Nina?" Luca continued to ask.

She did not dig deeper into what was happening between Nina and Percy because she did not even have enough time to manage her tasks at hand. She had no time to mind other **people's affairs**.

It would be great if Pierre could find out more about it and tell **her**.

Pierre had a stern expression. His temper was not good. He wanted to pick on Luca but she turned the situation around and pissed him *off*.

"Luca, stay in your lane."

Luca listened to his warning and did not panic. "Stay in my lane? You were the one who mentioned Nina and I'm just curious. What's wrong with that? Could it be that you haven't found out anything even after so long? He's your brother but you don't know anything? Are you really **brothers?**"

She knew how to target one's sore points, and after the last time, she knew exactly what Pierre's sore point was.

It was Percy...

Percy was responsible for taking the lead and making decisions while Pierre was the *executioner*.

were both from the Mallory family. Although there was nothing wrong with their way of working, the person who had to obey and execute would feel somewhat wronged after a period of

Pierre was in that position.

only needed to provoke him slightly to stir up this sense of imbalance

not afraid of what Pierre would do to Percy when he was triggered. Rather, she hoped that he would

had bullied Nina for so long. He deserved to suffer

walked over to the taxi stand and stood

was still early today and there were not many people waiting in line. It would not take too long for her to get a taxi and get rid of Pierre, the annoying

mood sank, and he clenched his fists when he heard her provocation. "Of course, I know what my brother

Do you really? Then tell me, is he going to marry the daughter of the Johnston family? Oh no, if he's going to marry her, why do you think Mr. Crawford said what he

to her question and

people lining up in front of Luca got into the taxis one after another. Soon, Luca was first in

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"Got it," the person on the other end of the phone replied. He noticed that Nina was making a turn at the next exit and quickly changed lanes to keep up.

Nina noticed that the car behind her had been following her. When she turned the corner, he followed her and changed lanes.

There was no doubt that the car was following her.

Nina panicked when she thought that it might be people sent by Pierre or the Johnston family. Either party did not have good intentions.

She had no choice but to call Luca to ask her for help.

"Nina, what's the matter?" At this moment, Luca was in a taxi on the way to the office.

"Luca, I'm being followed. I don't know who it is. What should I do?" Nina felt that Luca had experience in dealing with this situation, so she subconsciously asked her for advice.

"You're being followed?" Luca frowned when she heard Nina's anxious tone. In her heart, she thought that the people following Nina were probably people hired by Percy. They would not put her in harm's way.

"Yeah, I don't know if they were sent by the madman Pierre or the daughter of the Johnston family." Nina was helpless. She glanced at the rearview mirror and saw that the car was still following her.

'Why doesn't she suspect that it's Percy?'

Luca wondered in her heart. She was not as worried as she was certain that it was not Pierre's doing. "Is the car close to you?"

too far away. It's keeping a distance from me," Nina said. She felt that the other party was following her after she observed their car for a

going to the hospital now?" Luca asked. Anna and Jean both had surgery the day before, so she guessed that Nina was heading to the hospital to

"Yes."

keep going along the main road and don't try to get rid of them by taking the side roads. Your driving skills are not better than theirs, so keep taking the main road. As long as there are people, they won't dare to do anything." Luca urged her. Those people were just following behind her car and not taking over, which meant that there was only one car

if they were not Percy's men but other people with bad intentions, there was only one car. Luca was certain that they would not dare act rashly in a crowded

Nina listened to her words, gave up the idea of taking the side road to get rid of these people, and continued to drive on the main

car followed her all the way to the

was relieved that the car did not try to speed past her and stop her. She remembered Luca's words and did not park the car in the underground parking lot but chose the open-air parking

she got out of the car, she did not dare to look back for fear that those people would know that she had noticed them. She quickly walked into the

Luca called her after a while.

"Nina, have you arrived at the hospital?" she asked *with concern*.

"Yes, I'm already here," Nina replied as she walked into the *elevator*.

At the same time, Luca had also arrived at T Corporation. She breathed a sigh of relief when she heard that Nina had arrived at the hospital safely. "I don't think that those people will hurt you. How about you go check on your mom first?"

"Okay," Nina felt a lot more at ease when she heard Luca's voice. She looked at the number in the elevator as it slowly increased and knew that she could not disturb Luca any longer, so she hung up the *call*.

After Nina arrived on the floor, she first went to Anna's attending doctor and wanted to ask him if Anna could be transferred to the general **ward**.

The doctor glanced at Anna's various examination reports and came to a conclusion. "This operation is considered successful but the patient's condition is not the best. Her recovery time will be longer than normal and she can no longer afford to be stubborn. She needs to take medicine every day and come back regularly for *tests*."

"Mm, I see." Nina took a deep breath. The doctor had informed her about these possible post-operative issues before *the operation*.

That was because Anna's body was in *horrible condition*.

However, Nina could not bear to see Anna waiting to die, so she agreed to the operation. After all, there was still a chance for her after the **operation**.

"If there's no problem, the patient can leave the ICU before noon. Why don't you go to the previous ward and wait there? The nurse will notify you when she's ready to be transferred," the doctor suggested.

Nina shook her head and planned to wait in the restaurant downstairs. The atmosphere in the ward was too oppressive, and she was uncomfortable sitting there for too long. "Please have the nurse call me directly when that happens. I'll wait in the restaurant **downstairs**."

"That works too." The doctor nodded.

went to the restaurant downstairs and bumped into

she saw that Queenie was carrying a bag, she walked over and asked, "Aunt Queenie, why are you here? Are

not expect to bump into Nina when she went downstairs to buy some water. She was stunned. A moment later, she shook her head and said, "Nothing, I'm fine. I came here to visit

noticed that the bags that Queenie was carrying contained a brand of mineral water. They cost dozens of dollars a bottle. They

was not surprising that she bought this brand of mineral water, considering the ability of the

thought it was strange that Queenie came to visit a patient with so much mineral water. Queenie was not such an ignorant person, so it was

that so? I won't bother you, then. Oh right, this is very heavy, isn't it? Do you want me to carry this for you?" Nina thought of helping

person in front of her was Bianca's mother. Queenie was soft and weak, so Nina thought that it might be too heavy

no, it's not heavy." Queenie immediately turned her down. Leia was clamoring to drink this brand of water because she thought that the water provided by the hospital was not clean and she refused to drink it. That was why she asked Queenie to go downstairs to buy these bottles of