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Chapter 1621

"No, we didn't say anything. She was the one who asked us if someone from the Mallory family was involved." Eric did not dare to mention that she guessed it because of what he said for fear of being scolded.

Pierre did not expect Luca to be so smart. He yelled into the phone, "Good-for-nothings! How did she act after she asked that?"

"Nothing. She's very calm," Eric replied as he made a helpless look at his companion.

"Stay away from her. I'm going to find a way to divert her suspicions," Pierre said. He then hung up the phone and drove to the villa.

Percy's men followed behind him, but Pierre did not notice because they were skilled.

When Pierre was halfway there, Luke's men met up with Percy's. They talked and changed positions so Pierre would not notice that something was wrong.

He drove to the villa. Luke's men arrived and knew that this was not Pierre's usual address, so they sent the location to Luke.

At the same time, Percy was also updated on their location.

He sent Luke a voice message. "This villa was a coming-of-age gift from the old man to Pierre. He doesn't stay there because it's in a remote location."

Luke nodded. 'Since he doesn't stay there, why is he there now?'

was only one plausible reason. Percy was hiding Luca

him and Luke immediately answered. Percy asked, "Are you going to get Luca out

"Yeah," Luke replied without any hesitation.

"Aren't you curious why Pierre kidnapped Luca? Although he quarreled with Luca, he could've just found someone to beat her up if he was pissed. Why did he need to kidnap

is a pervert." Luke did not hold back. Percy was Pierre's brother, so he should take a little responsibility for not educating his scoundrel of a

that. You said that he's interested in Nina. If it's to coerce Nina to obey him, he wouldn't have to resort to kidnapping. Although Luca had stood up against him for her, he wouldn't have taken things so far.

There are many ways to get a woman that doesn't involve kidnapping her. I think he has other plans." Percy analyzed

you want to do?" Luke understood what he meant. However, Luca was Bianca. It was inevitable that he would get

he's going to see Luca, we'll find out more soon. You and my men should surround the area and prevent him from changing his position. At the same time, we'll be patient and see what he's going to do." Percy suggested. They had to be more thorough if they wanted to take

don't want to wait, how can you

Bianca..." Luke reminded him. Although what Percy said made sense and his plan could achieve the desired effect, Luca was suffering in Pierre's hands. He could not bear to watch his woman

Not even for a moment!

Percy rolled his eyes. He knew what Luke was thinking.

Luke loved his wife more than life, so he was unwilling to let **Luca suffer**.

"We have to sacrifice a little to trap the wolf. Luke, he kidnapped your woman. My intuition tells me that he's targeting you. Think about it. If we know what his objective is, we have one less obstacle." Percy continued to persuade **him**.

This was all speculation, but if Pierre was targeting Luke, he and Pierre would have one less obstacle to overcome after this.

"Trust me, we've been good friends for so many years. I'll tell you what. Since he's gone over now, he must be impatient. His next step is likely to blackmail you using Luca. Give it two days. If he doesn't make a move after two days, I'll personally go save Luca." Percy gave him a time frame, hoping that Luke could look at the **bigger picture**.

Luke wanted to be impulsive and save Luca at that exact moment but he thought about it and recalled that Percy had indeed helped him a lot over the years.

They were now aware that Pierre was plotting against Luke behind their back. Luke wanted to save Luca but he could not bring himself to ignore his brotherhood **with Percy**.

After he hesitated for a while, he finally agreed. "My men and yours have to keep watch 24/7. Counting from this exact moment, if he still doesn't act after 48 hours, don't blame me for taking action."

blame you. Trust me, he kidnapped Luca partly because of you." Percy was relieved that Luke had agreed to his plan.

hung up the phone and sent a message to his subordinates. He told them to take shifts and keep their eyes on the villa at all times. If there was a vehicle coming in or going out, they had to make sure that Luca was not in

worry was that Pierre would notice something and move her somewhere

Luke gave his men orders, he put away the phone and looked out the window. 'Bea, don't blame me. You must protect

On the other hand.

was lying on the bed when she heard hurried footsteps approaching. She changed her position and put her

her movements, the iron balls

loud sound startled Pierre, who was outside the door. He turned around and asked Eric, "What's going to prevent this woman from escaping, the two of us cuffed iron balls to her feet. The sound is probably from the iron balls hitting the floor,"

Pierre sneered. 'Is she protesting?'

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Pierre clenched his fists when he heard her mock him.

'Is she really not afraid or is she putting on an act? She's still making fun of me in the situation she's in now?'

Pierre felt that he had to teach her a lesson so that she would not think she was on vacation.

When he thought of that, he raised his hand and slapped Luca in the face.

Luca knew that he was going to slap her so she prepared herself. She could not let herself bang her head on the bed like the night before.

Even though she was mentally prepared, Pierre did not hold back and gave her a tight slap across the face.

Her neck was twisted to the side. She was in pain.

'Does Pierre want to kill me?'

Blood spilled from the corners of Luca's mouth. She turned her head and stared at Pierre. "What do you want from me?"

Pierre noticed the wound on her forehead and asked Eric, "You did this?"

"It was an accident. We didn't mean to do it," Eric explained.

Pierre did not condemn them. He looked at the blood spilling from the corner of her mouth, stretched out his hand, and placed it on her forehead with force.

Luca yelled out in pain. He pressed on her wound so hard that the wound that had already stopped bleeding started to bleed out again. Pierre looked at his masterpiece with satisfaction. 'This looks more like it.'

was an old wound, there was still a lot

the gurgling blood, Pierre ordered Derek, "Bring the tools

Derek immediately brought the camera equipment that they had

adjusted the camera and pointed it at Luca. He then directed Eric, "You, go. When I say start, start slapping her in the

is that a good idea?" It was not that Eric was sympathetic but he feared what Luca had said to him

was an organization behind her and they rescued her, he would be in

pity her? You don't want your money anymore?" Pierre threatened him. "Go ahead and slap her as hard as you want. If something happens, I won't blame

Eric bit the bullet and agreed. After all, money was more

soon as he got the money, he would just leave A City to avoid

never exposed their faces in front of Luca, so even if she was rescued, she would not be able to find out who they were within a short

Eric walked over to Luca's side.

looked at the burly man, then at Pierre. She said coldly, "If you want to kill or hurt me, go for it. Enough with

Pierre shook his head and said, "You don't understand. Why would I kidnap you for no reason? You're valuable. I won't kill you immediately because I still need you to do something."

After he said that, he stood up straight, put his hand on the record button, and ordered, "*Slap her.*"

Eric saw that the camera's recording function was turned on. He raised his hand and gave Luca a hard slap on the **face**.

Luca's face was instantly swept to the side by the strong force. She felt **dizzy**.

Before she could recover, another slap landed on the other side of **her face**.

The smacking sounds never stopped.

The pain in her cheek slowly numbed but she suddenly felt a sharp pain. She did not cry out because she did not want to make herself seem **weak**.

She knew that Pierre was taking a video of her for a reason. The more pain she expressed, the more vulnerable she would seem to the person who would receive the **video**.

Eric slapped her face hard without stopping. A slap would land on her face every two or three *seconds*.

A minute later, Luca's face was very swollen. Pierre raised his hand and shouted for Eric to stop.

When he first started slapping her, it was quite pleasant, but after a long time, his hand began to *hurt*.

Pierre continued talking using the voice changer, "Did you see that? Your woman is now in my hands. If you don't want her to continue to suffer, stop the project in Russia and issue a press release to announce that you'll never participate in this project. Otherwise, she'll die a *tragic death*."

to what he said and understood his

was going to use her to

to tell them that she had nothing to do with Luke but her face hurt when she tried to open her mouth. She could not say

thought to herself that she must look terrible now with her badly swollen
instructed Derek, who was beside him, "It's your turn. Slap her with everything
even more ruthless than Eric. After he received Pierre's instructions, he stepped forward and continued
to slap

He slapped her for another minute.

her eyes. The blood on her forehead had already flowed into her eyes. At the same time, she felt
might have been because she was being repeatedly slapped, or maybe it was because of the loss

later, Pierre saved the recording with a wide smile on his face. He was delighted after he watched Luca
being slapped so many times, especially when he thought of how he was embarrassed by her in front of
Nina before

thought of editing the clip of Luca getting slapped and sending it to Nina. He wanted to let her know that
if she rejected him, she and the people around her would

the slapping stopped, Luca could not stand it anymore and fainted on

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As soon as Eric heard that, he immediately praised Pierre, "That's smart! When will this matter end?"

Based on the industry standards, they had to complete everything before they could receive any money.

Pierre glared at him. "If Luke cares about this woman, he'll act soon. Why are you in such a hurry?"

Eric was speechless when he heard that Luke Crawford was involved.

He was not afraid because Luke was involved. There were not many people who could get Luke's
attention. If he compromised because of a threat, he would have to compromise a lot.

What worried him was if Luke treasured the woman in the room.

The two seemed to be romantically linked...

If he and Derek were not able to escape in time, both of them would be sent to jail!

"What? Are you feeling dissatisfied? Do you think I'm not paying you enough?" Pierre asked when he
saw Eric keeping quiet.

Eric wailed in his heart. If he had known that this woman was involved with Luke, he would never have
kidnapped her no matter how much money Pierre offered.

Nevertheless, there were rules. They had already started the task, so they had to obey the contract. He
quickly shook his head and said, "No, Boss. Don't worry, we'll keep a good watch over this woman."

Pierre reminded him, saying, "Don't reveal anything else. This woman is very smart. Don't worry, she
didn't see your faces so all of the threats are empty. When this is over, I'll pay you immediately. You can
take the money and make a run to other cities."

Eric nodded and replied, "Yes, Boss."

was pleased and left. He was in a wonderful mood when he looked at the recorded video of Luca being slapped. He planned to edit it and leave a copy

sent Pierre off, Eric went back to the house and saw Derek sitting there while drinking. He asked, "Did you stop the bleeding for

should we do so when the boss didn't blame us?" Derek

when he heard that. "You fool! She's Luke's woman! The two of us will be doomed if something happens to her. On top of that, the boss isn't planning to kill her. If you don't help her stop the bleeding and she dies, how are we going to explain it to him? If Luke comes after us, the nature of our crime will

Kidnapping and murder were different crimes.

thought that what Eric said made sense, so he stood up immediately. "Damn, if I had known that I could slap her as much as I wanted today, I wouldn't have done it yesterday. At least there'd be no trauma and it won't be

that she would not die from getting slapped but she might die if her forehead wound kept bleeding.

took a lot from them the night before to help Luca stop the bleeding. Now that Pierre had tortured her, they were afraid there would be

into the room with Eric. They saw that Luca was still lying on the bed,

was still bleeding from the wound on her

blood from the wound ran down her temples and dripped onto the

quickly picked up some tissues nearby and pressed on

The tissues were quickly soaked with blood, and he got more.

He went back and forth like this. He pressed on her wound for more than ten minutes before the bleeding stopped. Derek looked at the pile of blood-stained tissues on the floor and said, "How annoying! Why is this woman **so weak?**"

He had never met someone who could bleed so much.

Eric looked at Luca's swollen and pale lips. He kept silent and picked up the iodophor on the side to disinfect her **wound**.

"I hope the boss won't torture this woman tomorrow. Otherwise, she won't have enough blood left," he **said**.

Derek looked at Eric, who was carefully disinfecting Luca's wound with iodophor. He sneered, "If you weren't so timid and told the boss about it, he wouldn't have gotten anxious and come over."

"You know what the boss is thinking?" Eric **was surprised**.

"Of course. Don't tell me that you have no idea?" Derek **scoffed**.

Eric was silent. After he disinfected Luca's wound, he applied some merbromin.

They knew that it was helpful for healing wounds but *nothing else*.

After they were done, Eric asked, "Do you think she can eat dinner later in the condition that *she's in?*"

Derek looked at Luca's face which was badly swollen and snorted coldly. "I doubt she can eat in this condition. She won't die if she misses a meal. Let her **go hungry**."

After he said that, he left.

Eric followed suit.

Luca woke up, she looked at the lit room and knew that it should be

did not struggle to get up because she knew that she must have lost too much blood. If she struggled to sit up, she might fall

was already injured. She could not let herself get hurt even more. Otherwise, she might not be able to see the sun

that she saw Luke when she was out cold. She thought that he had come to rescue

woke up, she realized that she was still in bed in the

Sure enough, she had imagined things.

laughed at herself. She was in a lot of pain when she tried to move the corner of her mouth. She felt like each nerve in her face was being tormented. She had no other feeling except

It felt extremely uncomfortable.

at the ceiling and thought that Luke would probably not give up on the project for

part of that project and knew how important the project was to him and T

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Luca stared at the ceiling and could not think of any ideas.

Her only option was to obediently go with their arrangement lest she suffered again. A woman against two men was not a fair fight to begin with. On top of that, her hands and feet were bound.

Eric opened the door and walked in. When he saw how desperate Luca looked, he thought about the connections she had.

He felt uneasy, so he opened the door and walked in with some medicine.

"Does it hurt?" He looked at Luca's swollen face. He did not hold back when he slapped her earlier. After all, he did not dare to disobey Pierre's orders in front of him.

Luca glanced at him and said nothing.

It hurt for her to open her mouth, let alone speak.

Eric was not bothered that she did not respond. He took out the medicine in his pocket. When he went to purchase merbromin and iodophor, the pharmacist recommended it after she learned about the patient's wound.

She told him that if he was unsure of the depth of the wound, it was best if he bought some painkillers. Eric was impatient with her questions so he just bought a box of it.

Unexpectedly, it came in handy.

"I have some painkillers here. Have some." Eric handed her the painkillers. He was worried that she would not take the pills, so he brought her the packaging to show her.

Luca looked away.

so stubborn. You can't escape from this. If you want to suffer less, stay in your lane and take the pills." Eric opened the package, took out a pill, and forcefully turned Luca's

forced to look at him as he was gripping her

watched as Eric put the pill into her mouth. He then forcefully poured water into her mouth from the mineral water bottle on

the water flowed down the corners of her mouth because she refused to

choked and coughed a few

was swollen and in pain as if it was being torn apart. She could not control the tears from falling from the corners of her

looked at her with a numb expression. "Did you

sniffed and felt uncomfortable but she was unwilling to show cowardice in front of the man nor beg for

Eric confirmed that she had swallowed the pill, he murmured, "How

left the room after

stood outside with his hands crossed in front of his chest. He looked at Eric with a half-smile. "You're so kind to this woman. Have you been seduced

the nonsense." Eric had a stern expression. He had no patience for women. If it were not because he was worried that Luke would go all out against him, he would not be bothered to feed Luca

"That's not it? That can only mean you're afraid of Luke, then." Derek said it casually. Although he was afraid of Luke to a certain extent, he was not as afraid as Eric.

Eric rolled his eyes and asked coldly, "Aren't you *afraid*?"

"I'm scared, but if you think about it, there must be something special with Luke's woman. Don't you want to try her?" Derek smiled slyly. He had met many women who would take initiative as soon as they found out that he was rich. However, he had not touched a woman that belonged to a big shot *like Luke*.

He wanted to give it a try.

"Don't even think about it. If you put your hands on this woman, never mind what the boss will do if he finds out about it. What if this woman gets out alive and Luke learns what happened? That'll be the end of us both." Eric tugged on Derek's collar as *a warning*.

He did not want to be stalked by Luke's men for touching his woman and be sent to **prison**.

Derek raised his hand and moved Eric's hand away, "What are you nervous about? I'm just talking about it. It's not a big deal even if I can't touch her. I don't lack women around me."

Eric reminded him, saying, "Those women of yours are willing to do anything for money. This woman is **different**."

From the moment they kidnapped her, he knew she was different.

Others would always yell when they were kidnapped and would even think they were mistakenly kidnapped, but Luca did not make any noise after getting in the van. She was calm whenever she talked to them, never displaying a trace of fear.

"Okay, you're protecting her like she's one of your own. I'm getting bored talking to you. You can feed that woman lunch when it's time." Derek sat on the chair and lit up a cigarette casually.

Luca heard some noises from outside. She guessed that the two of them had a disagreement and were quarreling. When she wanted to continue to listen to what they were saying, the painkillers kicked in. She did not rest well all night. After the pain from her face subsided, she fell into a **deep sleep**.

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The other side.

received a call from his subordinates and found out that Pierre had left

had confirmed it with Percy and was 90 percent sure that Luca was held captive in the

was locked up, Percy must have taken action. If he was the target, he was expecting to receive some news sooner or

was waiting to see if Pierre would send him

afternoon had passed but he still did not receive any anonymous emails. Percy did not hear from Luke, so he called to ask, "What's going on? Did you receive any anonymous calls

at his mailbox. There were no unread emails. It was empty

"No," he replied.

became suspicious and could not help but ask, "Could it be that we guessed wrongly? Maybe it wasn't Pierre who

suspicious. Give it a minute. If I still don't receive anything, I want to send my men to go into the villa to investigate," Luke said. When he thought of how Luca might be locked up in the villa by Pierre, even if it was speculation, he could not stop himself from wanting to take

it was not Pierre who kidnapped Luca, he would concentrate all his manpower into redirecting

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Luke turned on the camera, and at the same time, the video was done loading. He moved the mouse to the button for it to start playing, and his hands were shaking a little.

"Luke, calm down." Percy saw the cursor trembling slightly on the computer screen and knew that he was nervous.

Luke acted calm but he could never calm himself down whenever the matter involved Bianca.

Bianca was his other half. She was his sun and moon.

After all these years, she finally came back to him but was forced to go through these hardships all over again. When he thought of that, Luke could not calm down.

"Click on it," Percy said.

Luke clicked on the video.

The video had been edited. What they saw was Luca being slapped in the face by a man wearing a mask. After a few slaps, her face swelled at a speed visible to the naked eye.

The loud sounds of slapping came from the stereo, which showed that this video was not faked.

Luke could not help but clench his fists when he saw Luca being tortured. He asked, "Is this how Pierre's villa looks like?"

Percy looked at the background, shook his head, and said, "It's hard to say. The interior looks ordinary. I've only been there once, which was when the house was handed to him and it had yet to undergo renovation. I can't be sure."

Luke listened as he forced himself to keep watching. He was unwilling to miss out on any information.

Luca was being hit. He kept hearing the slapping sounds but he did not hear her cry or beg for mercy.

was stubborn. Even though she was getting slapped, she did not beg the kidnappers for

heartbroken. If he could, he would rather suffer on her

who used to be weak and soft, had to go through such pain. Even Percy could not bear to see her suffer like

he could not persuade Luke to calm down any longer. After all, if it were Nina who was suffering, he would bring a knife over and avenge

his fists when he watched as the first man got tired and another man stepped in to continue

the slaps and thought about how he would make the kidnappers pay for what Luca had suffered

the slapping, he heard a voice treated with a voice changer listing the conditions for

that the other party kidnapped Luca to prevent him from bidding on the

had publicly stated that it would participate in the bidding of this project, and some experts in the industry predicted that this project would likely fall in the hands of T Corporation because their company's strength was beyond the reach of many other

companies regarded T Corporation as a strong

does this have to do with

finished watching the video, Percy stayed silent for a few seconds before he said, "Luke, send me the video. I'll find someone to analyze it and see if we can extract that person's

off the video, turned on the speaker on his phone, put it aside, and said, "I'll send it to

"Okay." Percy opened the chat application and started reaching out to his contacts. He planned to ask them to restore **the audio**.

"**Even if** it can't be recovered, Pierre definitely has something to do with this," Luke said. After he saw that the email was successfully sent, he informed Percy, "I'm going to **save her**."

Percy did not stop him because Luke's tone was more so of an announcement. He was not asking for his **opinion**.

Since he knew the location and the initiator, Luke was going to save **her**.

He loved Bianca with everything he had. He could not bear to see her suffer another **second**.

Percy reminded him, saying, "Go ahead. I'll find out why Pierre is doing this, but Luke, if you do it now, it's impossible to find out who's behind Luca."

The reason why they were waiting was not only to find out what Pierre wanted but also to see who was controlling Luca from behind the scenes.

After all, her kidnapping and disappearance were widely publicized. The forces behind her would soon know about her being kidnapped.

Luke was stunned, but he then said, "I don't care. If Nina was the one who was kidnapped, you would do the **same**."

Percy agreed with what he said. He nodded and said, "Okay. I don't know how many people are in the villa. You can bring my men with *you*."

"Mm." Luke hung up the phone, put on his coat, and **headed out**.

Jason walked toward Luke with a document in his hand. When he saw Luke, he asked, "Boss, are you going out now?"

said as he walked toward

"The meeting..." Jason followed up.

said. He turned around and glanced at Jason. "Come

put the file away." Jason heard him and immediately returned to his office. After he put the file away, he trotted back to

two took the exclusive elevator

at the numbers that kept going down, then at Luke who was typing on his phone. He was typing non-stop and looked

braved himself and asked, "Boss, where are we going

to save someone," Luke said. When the elevator reached the underground parking lot, he handed the car keys to Jason and said, "You

did not waste any time. He quickly ran to Luke's exclusive parking lot. As soon as Luke said that they were going to save someone, he knew that it was going to

continued to manage his contacts on the phone. He set up the scene and then contacted

video, Luca was slapped so many times that her cheeks were swollen. It was likely that she had to go to the hospital for treatment, so he needed Johann to make

the same time, he also notified

could save her, but the police were still needed to punish those who

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Luke glanced out the window and said in a confident tone, "It's here."

Jason was about to pull over to the side of the road when he heard Luke say, "Go a little farther."

"Yes." Jason followed his instructions and drove past two villas before he stopped the car.

Luke sat in the car and had no intentions of getting out. He directed the men who were already lurking in the area.

He was feeling extra confident since Percy had lent him his men as well.

Jason sat in the driver's seat without moving, silently waiting for the next command.

Once everything was planned out, Luke opened the car door.

When Jason saw that he was about to get out of the car, he quickly asked, "Boss, do you want me to follow you?"

"Wait here," Luke instructed him with a blank expression. He got out of the car, walked to Pierre's villa, and glanced at the surveillance camera at the door.

He did not bother to sneak around because he was not afraid that the people inside would find out that he was here and run away.

The area around the villa had already been surrounded by his men.

He got someone to use a machine to double-check. There were only three people in the villa. One was Luca while the other two were her kidnappers.

motioned to his subordinate, and in an instant, the subordinate took out a small bomb from his backpack and fixed it on the

of the villa was made of extremely hard metal material. It would be troublesome to break in using manpower. Luke did not get out of the car earlier as he was waiting for his subordinates to get this bomb that was just powerful enough that it could blast the

who was in the villa, was about to go into the room with some chicken soup to feed Luca. After all, her cheeks were swollen and she could not eat

Suddenly, he heard Derek exclaiming, "Sh*t!"

looked back at his companion and asked, "What's

someone at the door, and they're... planting a bomb!" Derek had accidentally glanced at the surveillance camera and when he saw that someone was at the door, he became

no longer had the headspace to feed Luca. He rushed to the front of the surveillance camera and watched as the person at the door planted a bomb on the door handle. He shouted, "Damn it, they found us! They're planning to blast the door open. Hurry up, let's

on, bring that woman,"

at the sight of Luke, who was within the surveillance camera's range. He said, "Let's not bring this woman. It's more important that we escape. If we take this woman, we won't be able

don't bring her, we won't be able to escape. I don't believe that Luke will dare do anything to us if we have this woman in our hands." Derek did not have the time to think about it. Even though no suspicious activity was detected from the other surveillance cameras, years of experience told him that the villa must already be surrounded by

only hope to get out clean was to bring along the woman in

into the room and grabbed

He grabbed her hair so hard that she was forced to stand up. She stumbled a bit. If he was not holding onto her hair, she might have **fallen**.

Derek looked at her messy appearance and said to Eric, who was freaking out by the door. "The key! Unlock the iron balls by her feet. Otherwise, it'll be difficult for us to *escape*."

Eric did not want to hold Luca hostage but he went with Derek's commands seeing how serious he seemed. He found the key on the messy *table*.

He held the key, crouched down, and unlocked the iron balls that were chained to *Luca's feet*.

Just as he unchained her, they heard an explosion from outside. They did not need to look to know that the door had been *blasted open*.

Eric stood up and told his accomplice, "Be careful. Her shackles are **off now.**"

"**Enough with** the nonsense. I don't believe that we can't escape with this woman in our hands," Derek said grimly. It was not the first time they had **been found.**

Previously when they were caught, they always managed to escape. Even if they did not get the ransom, they could get away and end *up safe.*

He thought that this time with Luca was **no exception.**

Eric took a deep breath, picked up the knife on the table, and put it on Luca's neck.

Luca lowered her eyes, glanced at the sharp blade, and followed behind Derek, who was rushing.

Her hands were still tied. There was a knife on her neck and another pressed against her stomach. Her feet were free, so she had a chance to make a run for it.

fought back the pain and was pushed to the door by Derek. She saw Luke quickly walking in with

At that moment, she almost cried.

he was here to

had thought about a lot in the past two days. She hoped that the person who would rescue her was Luke but it was just

was just a subordinate to him. Although she proved to be valuable to the company, she was still just not Bianca. Even if Luke received a threat as such, she thought that he would not come to save her. 'How could he give up the project for

she longed for it in her heart but reality told her that it was very likely that someone from the Island of Despair would rescue her in

did not expect that her dreams would become a

at Luke who came over. She wanted to shake her head but she did not dare to move because the knife was held against

heart nearly stopped beating when he looked at Luca who was being threatened with two

took a step forward, one of the knives would cut her

looked terrible. Her swollen face, blood-stained forehead, and bare feet made it clear that she had suffered terrible

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He switched positions with Eric, and his knife was on Luca's neck. "Come on, shoot me. I promise that this woman will die if we die. It's not too bad having a woman with us on the road to hell. Mr. Crawford, what do you say?"

Luke's heart tightened when he saw Luca's pale face and how she was being held against her will by the knife on her neck.

She seemed uncomfortable and had some difficulty breathing.

When Eric saw the muzzles of the guns aimed at him, he threw caution to the wind. The most important thing now was to escape. The woman in front of them was their only bargaining chip.

"Yeah, if you dare to shoot us, I'll stab this knife into her body."

Luca heard their threats, and she winked at Luke. She could not speak, so she could only hint at him.

It was time to turn passive into active...

Derek said, "Now, get out of the way and get a car ready for us at the door..."

Luca twisted her bound hands while Derek was talking and hit the acupuncture points of the person behind her. Derek was interrupted due to the pain. The knife moved from her neck down to her waist.

"Ah!" Derek cried out in pain, causing Eric to shudder. He subconsciously thrust the knife into Luca's waist.

She expected Eric's action, so when she turned her hand to avoid the knife, a bullet passed by her with a bang and hit Eric's neck.

Before Eric could stab the knife into Luca's body, he fell to the ground.

Luca heard another shot and Derek fell to the ground as well.

She was safe...

turned around and looked at Derek and Eric, who were on the ground. Fortunately, Luke had called the her world was spinning, her body fell weakly to the

when he saw that she was safe, Luke could not breathe a sigh of relief yet. He quickly ran forward and held her in his arms. "It's alright,

wanted to laugh when she heard what he said. However, her face was in a lot of pain. She just leaned weakly

always been a man of few words. He would mention the same thing twice only when he was extremely cares about me? I'm so tired...I'll pass

Luca slowly closed her eyes.

felt distressed when he saw her swollen face. He whispered, "Go to sleep. I'll take you to

came over and confirmed that the two kidnappers were still breathing. "Hurry up and send the two of them to the hospital. We still need to ask them

hugged Luca and glanced coldly at the police officer who took the shot. "The next time you're about to shoot,

bullet had strayed just a little, it would have hit Luca's

The police officer had taken a great risk. He wiped the cold sweat from his hands and *said, "Mm."*

Luke walked out of the villa with Luca in **his arms**.

Jason heard the gunshots from a distance and knew that something had happened. When he saw Luke coming out while carrying someone, he took a closer look. It seemed that he was *carrying Luca*.

He asked nervously, "Boss, is Dr. Craw okay?"

"She's okay. She wasn't the one who was shot. Open the door," Luke ordered Jason as he walked to the door. He was holding Luca in both hands, so he could not open the door.

*Jason quickly opened the door to **the backseat**.*

Luke bent over. Even when he got into the car, he continued to hold onto Luca and did not want to let **go**.

Jason saw Luca's swollen face, and his heart was aching. Luca must have suffered a lot in the last few days.

She was unlucky.

It had not been long since Luca came to A City but she had been visiting the hospital frequently. It might be bad luck.

*Jason did not dare to waste any time. He quickly got into the driver's seat and thought that Luke must have made prior arrangements with the hospital. It was a smart choice to send Luca to the hospital **now**.*

When they were about to drive off, a policeman came over and said, "Mr. Crawford, are you taking Ms. Craw to the hospital?"

Luke did not look at the policeman outside the car window. He kept his eyes on

will clear the way for you," the officer said. Although Luca was not seriously injured, they might encounter traffic jams on the way. It was great that the police were

"Okay." Luke did not refuse.

was in charge of driving, while the policemen were in charge of clearing the way. They stomped on the accelerator all the way to

at Luca, and her swollen face hid her

watched the video earlier, his heart had clenched so tightly. Now that he was face to face with her, he felt even

let out a painful grunt despite being knocked out as the painkiller's effects had worn off. The pain was slowly coming back. She could feel the pain despite being knocked out.

at the hospital soon. You can do this." Luke coaxed her. His tone was soft like he was coaxing a

was in the driver's seat, was slightly surprised when he saw this scene. This was the first time he had seen the boss act like

showing such a tender side to Luca. It seemed that he was interested

in Luca, but what if the real Bianca comes
car sped all the way and soon reached the

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Jason shot her a glance. His boss must never find out what they were talking about. He would probably fly into a rage judging by how much he cared for Luca.

He reminded Tina in a soft voice, "Don't ever let Boss hear this. Otherwise, you and I will get into trouble."

Tina was enlightened after he reminded her. She covered her mouth and looked around her. Fortunately, Luke was not around.

Jason headed to the payment counter and said, "Go back to the office first. Handle any tasks in the office, and if you can't deal with any, leave it for the boss when he comes back."

Luke would not be able to work under such conditions now. It would be better to wait until Luca's condition had stabilized.

"Alright. I know what to do." Tina nodded.

After Tina left, Jason brought Luca's information with him and registered her admission to the hospital on her behalf. Then, he returned to look for Luke.

Luca was still undergoing various medical check-ups.

"Boss, I've registered Dr. Craw," Jason reported.

"Alright." Luke was watching the examination room closely with a cold expression on his face. Luca's name was shown above the room as she was undergoing a medical examination there.

After a while, Johann and the nurse pushed Luca, who was on the hospital bed, out of the room.

"How's the result?" Luke came over and asked. He was so anxious as it would take some time for the medical report to be out.

some time for the medical report to be processed. Let's bring Dr. Craw to the inpatient department first." Johann looked at Luca, who was looking miserable and in pain. He felt sorry for her.

seemed like the hardships and trials borne by her were much more than others after she got closer to it were in the past or the present.

the woman who was able to stand beside Luke could not be an ordinary woman. She had to go through more than the others to

not every woman would be able to stand beside

at Luca who was asleep. He nodded his head and asked worriedly, "When is she going to wake

up once just now, but she was crying out in pain. I couldn't bear to see her like that, so I gave her some painkillers. She fell asleep after she took the medicine. It'll allow her to rest a little more. It's better for

her," replied Johann. After he knew Luca got kidnapped, he pulled some strings and arranged a VIP ward for her in the hospital.

pushed the hospital bed and sent Luca to the

to dress the wound on Luca's forehead. He grabbed the gauze and poured some povidone on it. Then, he dressed her wound gently. At the same time, he said, "The nurse checked her when she was helping her put on the hospital gown. There are no other wounds on her except for the ones on her head and face. She wasn't sexually assaulted."

his head. He did not feel particularly

never abandon Luca no matter what happened to

was because she was Bianca, the most important person in his

Johann continued to dress the wound on Luca's face. He clicked his tongue twice and said, "The wound doesn't look deep, but she's bleeding so much. That's weird. Check the patient's blood count later and find out **what's wrong.**"

He was speaking to the nurse in the latter *half*.

"*Noted.* I'll draw the patient's blood later," the nurse nodded and **answered.**

Luke saw Johann bandaging Luca's wound with the gauze without suturing the wound. He asked, "She doesn't need to get stitches?"

"There's no need. The wound isn't deep. But looking at how much blood she's losing, I'm guessing it's probably because her body's weak right now," Johann answered. He noticed that Luca's blood kept oozing out of the wound on her forehead when Luke sent him the video. He thought it was a deep wound at first, but when he checked, that was not the case.

"Alright. Let me see if the report is out," said Johann. He needed to refer to the medical report to decide what to treat next.

He would need to implement some other treatment methods if Luca had any internal *injury*.

Luke nodded. He took care of Luca in the ward and waited for her medical test *results*.

The nurse brought the phlebotomy equipment into the ward to get Luca's blood sample.

As Luke watched her insert the needle into Luca's arm, he opened his mouth as he wanted to ask the nurse to be more gentle. The words were on the tip of his tongue, but he did not say anything in *the end*.

After the nurse drew two tubes of blood, she carried the tubes along with her and left the ward, leaving some nursing **aids there.**

Jason stood in the ward, staring at Luca's swollen face. He could barely recognize her, and he thought it would take some time for her face to recover even though she had no *internal injuries*.

his face, and he could not help but shiver. The wounds seemed painful just looking at

his small gestures and frowned. "Go back to the
drew his hand away and nodded. "Yes,
said again, "You'll chair the meeting later. Summarize a detailed report for
Jason. He shot another glance at Luca and left
was back in his office. Luca's medical report had already been sent to
read through the report and found out that Luca had no internal injuries. He walked to the ward happily
to tell Luke about the good
Craw has no internal injuries. Don't worry, the open wounds will heal
the wounds in her heart?" Luke
was startled for a moment as he could not understand why he suddenly said
how Luca was held hostage. She had walked out with a reddened face and pale white lips. He could see
the despair in her eyes, and a hint of surprise as well.
expected that he would be the one to save her in the

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He looked at the badly injured Luca. She would not be able to eat anything, not even porridge.
With her condition now, she needed someone to feed her little by little.
Johann suggested, "I'll give Dr. Craw an IV drip so she won't feel hungry. But she's lost a lot of blood. She
needs to restore her nutrition. You can get someone to prepare some oatmeal for her. You'll have to
find a way to make her get used to eating it, or maybe feed her when she's awake. She must eat
something."
"Alright." Luke picked up his phone and ordered Mrs. Nancy to prepare some oatmeal to send to the
hospital.
Crawford Manor.
Mrs. Nancy told Mr. Griffin that Luca was injured right after she received Luke's order.
Previously, Old Master Crawford and Mr. Griffin had already known that Luca was kidnapped. The old
master was worried sick, and he even sent his men to look for her.
Mr. Griffin told Old Master Crawford about the news immediately after he was informed.
Old Master Crawford could barely sit still when he heard Luca had been rescued and she was in the
hospital now. He stood up instantly. "Hurry up. Ask Ol' Zander to get the car ready and bring me to the
hospital."
The butler reminded him when he saw how anxious the old master was. "Old Master Crawford, Young
Master Luke is taking care of her in the hospital. Would you like to wait for a while?"

"Why should I wait? I'm worried about her too." Old Master Crawford was treating Luca like his second granddaughter-in-law. After all, he thought Bianca would probably never come back again.

Nancy is preparing some oatmeal for Ms. Craw now. Why don't you wait until she's done preparing the oatmeal and you can bring it to the hospital with you?" Mr. Griffin suggested. If the old master brought the oatmeal with him, it would seem less odd.

Crawford thought that there was no need to rush too. He nodded and suddenly remembered that Luca was kidnapped, so he added again, "Did Luke mention who

Master Luke didn't say anything about that on the phone. And I guess he wouldn't have told us that either. Why don't you ask him later if you'd like to know?" Mr. Griffin answered.

Crawford nodded. He looked like he was going to stand up for Luca. "Of course, I'm going to figure it out. I'd like to see who laid their hands on her. I'm not letting them get away

nodded, agreeing with what

old master had not made his approval for Luca known to the public, he could feel his admiration for Luca in his

desired to have such an outstanding

it was unfair to the first wife, a woman who lost her memories and became incapable did not deserve to stand beside Luke.

felt troubled when he recalled everything that Bianca had done in

out a sigh. It was true that someone would undergo great changes after losing their

Previously, even though Bianca was not capable enough, she was humble, willing to learn, kind, and gentle to everyone. It was enough for her to stand beside **Luke**.

However, after Bianca lost her memories, her temper and attitude were indeed terrible. Hence, he could understand why the old master liked Luca so **much**.

After Mrs. Nancy finished preparing the oatmeal, Old Master Crawford carried the thermos flask, got into Zander's car, and went to the hospital.

Luke was slightly startled when he realized his grandfather was the one delivering the oatmeal.

"Grandpa, why are you *here*?"

"**Didn't** you say Luca is in the hospital? I came to visit and bring the oatmeal here." Old Master Crawford put down the thermos flask filled with oatmeal and walked to the bedside. He was furious when he saw Luca's swollen face and her *bandaged forehead*.

He hit the floor with his walking cane and said angrily, "Who kidnapped her and made her like this?! I'm going to skin them alive!"

When Luke saw how furious the old master was, he thought it might be best if he let Old Master Crawford stand up *for her*.

Although he was pretty sure that Pierre was behind this, he needed evidence for that. The police were searching for evidence now. Pierre would be caught eventually.

However, he could only leave this task to the police. The elders of the Mallory family would probably be mad at him if he personally took action.

Living in an era based on evidence, the seniority in families still played an important role.

Therefore, it could be a good idea if Old Master Crawford, someone with higher seniority, sought justice on behalf of Luca.

Luke said, "It was Pierre

Mallory, that bastard, did this?" Old Master Crawford did not expect Pierre to have the guts to lay his hands

nodded. "We found Luca in Pierre's villa. And I received a short video of him holding Luca hostage. He threatened me to give up the project in

Master Crawford was outraged once he heard that. "We've been maintaining a mutually beneficial partnership with the Mallory family. They would gain something too if you got the project. Does he even know what he's doing? Does he have a

between the Crawford and Mallory families had lasted for three

thought that Pierre would cause such big trouble. Were they thinking of ending the

end the partnership even if Pierre dared to bear the consequences.

nothing to do with the Mallory family. Pierre must have established a company of his own out there, and the Mallory family probably knows nothing of it," Luke continued

did not make the matter known to the public because Pierre was his brother, and he would not do anything that would put the Mallory family at a disadvantage. The other family members of the Mallory family were kept in the

Master Crawford frowned and asked, "Is there

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Old Master Crawford frowned, and he said worriedly, "The IV drip won't supply as many nutrients as food does. She should take the oatmeal while it's still warm."

Luca was still asleep, and Luke could not bear to wake her up. He glanced at the thermos flask on the coffee table and reminded the old master that the oatmeal would not get cold that easily. "The oatmeal is in the thermos flask."

Old Master Crawford cleared his throat. He was so worried about Luca that he forgot Mrs. Nancy had kept it in a thermos flask that could keep the food inside warm for six to seven hours.

After a while, Jason entered Luca's ward along with the printed document. Then, he handed it to the old master respectfully.

Old Master Crawford took it from him and read the information that they had found out. Indeed, Pierre had established a company of his own. He had raised quite a huge amount of funds, and his company was even listed on the market in New York.

"Good gracious. I thought he was a good-for-nothing who only knew how to have fun. I didn't expect him to have such wild ambitions. Too bad he's resorting to dirty tricks. It's no use even if he has ambition. Is there any more evidence? Give them all to me. I'm going to ask for an explanation from the Mallory family. Don't even try to escape this time, you sneaky boy." Old Master Crawford snarled.

Forget about Pierre trying to steal the Mallory family's business. After all, that was their family's matter. However, he even planned to use such a dirty trick to steal T Corporation's project. Old Master Crawford could not take this lying down no matter what.

Luke shot a glance at Jason to hint at him.

Jason picked up his phone immediately and opened his gallery. Then, he sent the video to the old master's phone. "Old Master Crawford, this is the footage that was taken in the car. It's of Boss saving Luca."

Soon, Old Master Crawford's phone rang with a notification. He watched the video that Jason sent to him. Although he said that this was the footage of Luke saving Luca, it was more like a video of him carrying Luca in his arms getting out of the villa.

Crawford nodded his head with satisfaction after he saw Luke carrying Luca in his arms. There was no reason for the Mallory family to cover up for Pierre with all

never easy to go against the rules established by the older

dared not to violate the rules as he pleased. How dare Pierre break

Crawford looked at Luca who was still deeply asleep and reminded Luke. "Tell Luca I came to visit her when she's awake. Also, tell her to take good care of herself and not to think too much. I'll seek justice for her."

lifted his head and glanced

did not expect Old Master Crawford to be willing to stand up for

to look at Luca and recalled how quickly the Crawford family had accepted Bianca. She always had some kind of magic that allowed people to accept her and be fond

was such a lovely person, but she had suffered

looked at her with his deep eyes, and he stepped forward to tuck Luca into the

As Jason watched Old Master Crawford leave the ward angrily with the evidence, he glanced at his boss who had that gentle and tender look on his face. He was taking care of Luca. He opened his mouth but he did not know if he should break the silence.

"Go back to work." Luke's words filled the awkward silence in the **air**.

"Yes," Jason replied, turned around, and left the ward. He headed to T Corporation to continue **his work**.

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Old Master Crawford asked Zander to bring him to the Mallory family's house after he left *the hospital*.

He did not call in advance to inform them that he would be paying a visit. Hence, Old Master Mallory was startled when the butler informed him about that.

"Why did he come? And why didn't he give us a notice?" Old Master Mallory stood up. The two families had been maintaining a great business partnership with each other, and they were friends for many years. Hence, they would frequently invite each other to drink some tea and play **chess together**.

However, they were businessmen, after all. They would notify each other in advance whenever they came to visit. It was rare for Old Master Crawford to come to their house unannounced.

"I'm not sure about that. But Old Master Crawford doesn't look very happy. It seems like something has happened. He probably wanted to discuss it with you." The butler informed him in advance.

Old Master Mallory was not concerned. He just thought Old Master Crawford was in a bad mood because of the nonsense that was happening in the Crawford family. He had nothing to do with **those affairs**.

some tea. Remember to use the black tea leaves that I just bought yesterday. He told me that my tea leaves tasted awful last time, and it's time to shut him up." Old Master Mallory rubbed his palms as he could not wait to show off the new tea leaves that he had

"Yes," the butler replied.

Mallory added, "Oh, bring the antique chess set that I bought last week as well. I'm sure I can defeat him

butler heard him and walked into the kitchen, planning to make some tea for them

Crawford came in with his walking cane and looked at Old Master Mallory. He sat down on the couch angrily.

Master Mallory saw how angry he was. He clicked his tongue and teased him, asking, "What's wrong? Who offended

good grandson!" Old Master Crawford tossed the document onto the coffee table.

had just finished making the black tea and was about to place it on the table. He almost spilled the tea because of Old Master

my good grandsons do? They couldn't have possibly offended you, right?" Old Master Mallory muttered. "Percy is always busy with his work. He couldn't possibly have had the time to mess with you. As for Pierre, that's even