Chapter 1631

"What do you mean? He just wants to run a business of his own. What can he do with such a small amount of money? Just get over it. There's no need to ask him to come back." Old Master Mallory refused to believe that Pierre had his eyes on T Corporation.

Therefore, he had no intention of asking Pierre to come back.

After all, he was surprised to know that Pierre had started his career now.

"Hah, I've seen a lot in the business world after all these years. I wouldn't be mad at Pierre if he goes after T Corporation and tries to steal my business if he were truly capable. That could only mean that Luke isn't capable enough. And I don't mind him destroying our business partnership that has lasted for years, but Pierre is playing dirty to force Luke to give up the project in Europe. Tell me, does that make any sense? Not only is he ruining the relationship between our families but he's not even taking other people's lives seriously. I'm not going to let him get away with this."

Old Master Mallory's expression grew more serious as he listened to what Old Master Crawford said. "Crawford, are you jealous of my grandson for being capable and being able to set up a successful business?"

Old Master Crawford sneered as he listened to him covering up for Pierre. He handed his phone to him. "Take a look at this. This is the video that Luke received today."

Old Master Mallory pushed his glasses up his nose and watched the video until the end. He saw the woman in the video get beat up so badly. He could not help but ask, "Who's this? Isn't your granddaughter-in-law overseas? Why did this person hold someone else hostage to threaten your grandson to give up the project?"

Old Master Crawford stood up, walked to his side, and swiped the phone screen.

"This is the place. Can you recognize it now?" he said.

Old Master Mallory saw Luke walking out of the villa carrying a woman in his arms. Although the video was not very clear, he was able to notice that the woman Luke was carrying in his arms was wearing the same clothes as the woman who was beaten up in the previous video.

prove anything?" Old Master Mallory still could not get it. The video could only mean that there was something going on between Luke and that

who was standing beside noticed something and said to him in a low voice, "Old Master Mallory, this is Young Master Pierre's villa. He just bought

Mallory was startled for a moment after he was reminded. He looked at the video again. There was the house number in the video. It was indeed Pierre's

this person kidnap the woman and bring her to Pierre's villa?" Old Master Mallory still refused to believe that Pierre would do something

not that he refused to believe that Pierre would kidnap someone but he never thought that he would have the guts to get someone to threaten Luke and ask him to give up

had always taught them that they had to be just and honest when doing business. Even though they sometimes had to play tricks to compete for a project, he reminded them not to use dirty tricks that would cause people to hold grudges against

Master Crawford replied, "Do you need an answer for that? Who would be able to enter the house if it's not Pierre himself behind all this? With the evidence of his company information and the video, are you still going to cover up for your

that bastard, to come home right now!" Old Master Mallory would not lose his conscience no matter how much he loved his

evidence in front of him was enough to prove

Realizing how serious the matter was, the butler picked up his phone and

However, no one was answering the call.

"Old Master Mallory, I can't reach him," replied the *butler.*

"What's wrong? Hand me my phone." Old Master Mallory had to bring Pierre home and question him about everything that happened.

Old Master Crawford looked at all this coldly. It was true that he was friends with Old Master Mallory, but he still had to take care of this matter.

Old Master Mallory called Pierre, but he still did not pick up **the call.**

He had no choice, so he said, "Call Percy. Ask him to bring Pierre, that bastard, back home. This is ridiculous."

"Yes." The butler heard him and excused himself to make the phone call.

"I'm afraid you won't be able to reach any of them," Old Master Crawford *said.*

"What do you mean…" Old Master Mallory blinked his eyes. All his confidence was gone as he had been proven to be wrong.

Old Master Crawford said, "The woman your grandson kidnapped is Luca Craw. The police have already made the announcement. The police were there too when they went to rescue her today. The two kidnappers Pierre hired were subdued by the police, and they're currently in the hospital. Tell me, will Pierre sit still and wait for the police to find him?"

took this case seriously. They would know that the villa belonged to Pierre if they did a simple check on him.

Pierre told them a different story, it would be difficult for him to run away from his responsibility. Moreover, they would eventually figure things out once they dug deeper into

Old Master Mallory fell silent.

while, the butler came over and said, "Old Master Mallory, Young Master Percy told me that he can't reach Young Master Pierre either. He has already sent his men to look for him, but it seems like the police have started to suspect Young Master Pierre. Do you think

butler did not finish his sentence as everyone present would be able to understand what he was talking

Crawford stood up and glanced sideways at the evidence on the table. "Mallory, sometimes, a kid will turn bad if you spoil him too much. Here's the point. This has nothing to do with the Mallory family. I'm only going against Pierre Mallory, and I hope you understand. But if you're covering up for him, don't blame me for making things hard for

was them who started it. Old Master Mallory could not say anything about

Crawford did not come to have some tea. He turned around and left after telling Old Master Mallory the important and terrible things that he had to

Mallory looked at the file in front of him. He let out a sigh and ordered, "Send out men to look for that bastard."

Master Mallory, Young Master Pierre is probably hiding somewhere. If we insist on bringing him back here, he might get arrested by the police before he manages to step into the house…" the butler

Chapter 1632

Luke could hear sounds from the ward bed, which made him stand up unconsciously before heading over.

When he saw Luca slowly opening her eyes, there was a piercing pain in his heart as if someone was hitting it with a wooden stick.

The woman he cherished a lot had encountered such misfortune…

Luca opened her eyes and saw the man who was staring at her. She could not stop her eyes from being filled with tears.

Luke saw her reddened eyes and he thought her face was hurting. He asked, "Do you want the nurse to give you another injection to relieve your pain?"

Luca shook her head. She was able to endure the pain.

She looked around her and realized she was in the hospital. Luke had rescued her out of Pierre's villa and sent her to the hospital.

She was safe now…

Luca did not expect him to be able to find her so quickly. He even went there personally to save her. Could this mean that she was important to him?

She felt a hint of sweetness at the thought of this even though she was in pain.

"Don't force yourself." Luke looked at her bright eyes. Her appearance had completely changed after three years, yet the only thing that did not change was that pair of bright eyes.

Luca met his eyes, and she parted her lips. "I didn't…"

She wanted to speak, but she could barely move her mouth. She could not pronounce the words as she wished. She sounded especially weird. She felt that something was not right after uttering two words, so she said nothing more.

waiting for her to continue

her head, telling him that she did not need the

what she meant. However, it broke his heart when he looked at her swollen

hungry? The doctor said you can have some oatmeal, and I also got Mrs. Nancy to prepare some for you," Luke

did not feel hungry after getting the IV drip. Hence, she shook her

even if you're not hungry, alright?" Luke tried to convince

gentle to her. As Luca listened to him, for a moment, she thought that she was still Bianca. She thought she could still enjoy his tenderness and

was not Bianca now. She reckoned that Luke was staying here only because of the

had something to do with all those things that happened

probably because he was guilty, and that was why he was

indicating that she would eat

and raised the head of the bed. Luca started feeling dizzy as the bed slowly rose. She closed her eyes and quietly endured the effects of her low

She did not tell Luke that it was unsuitable for her to be sitting up right now.

Johann walked and saw them. He said immediately, "Don't raise the bed too **high."**

Luke was startled for a moment, then he unconsciously lowered the bed.

When Luca was at a half-lying position, Johann said, "This **is fine."**

Luke stood up straight and looked at Johann. "Why?"

"What?" Johann asked unconsciously, and it took him a second before he realized that Luke was asking him why Luca could not sit up *straight.*

Therefore, he explained it to him, "Dr. Craw lost a lot of blood because of the wound on her forehead. Her body is weak now, and she's probably having low blood pressure. It might cause symptoms of hypotension if she sits up straight now. She'll feel dizzy, and she might vomit. So, let her lay down on the bed for the first two days. She can get off the bed and walk around after *that."*

After Luke knew about this, he looked at Luca. She was closing her eyes, probably suffering from symptoms of hypotension and feeling *unwell.*

Still, she chose to keep silent and endure it quietly.

Luke blamed himself for negligence. He should have been more attentive.

He was always able to handle everything well when it was about work, but he would clumsily mess up everything when it was related to Bianca. He kept on letting her get hurt.

He was a failure of **a husband…**

"I got it," Luke replied.

he was probably feeling guilty and did not say anything more. He walked toward the ward bed and checked on Luca's mental state. Apart from her lips being pale, she looked

Craw, where's your phone?" he

turned her head around and glanced at the bedside table. Her phone was not

walked to the bedside table and pulled out the drawer. "Why do you need her

can't talk now, so it'll be easier for her to type it out and communicate with us," Johann

took Luca's phone out of the drawer. The police found it in the vehicle that was used to abduct Luca while they were searching an hour ago. They gave it back to them as there was no evidence

on the phone and handed it to

asked, "Dr. Craw, does your head still

something in her phone's notepad. [It doesn't hurt that

about your face?" Johann looked at her swollen face. He dared not to touch it. He had only touched her face when she was unconscious before to examine her injuries.

the same.] Luca had trained on the Island of Despair for more than two years. Her endurance for pain was higher

nodded and reported her condition to them, "The blood test result is out. Dr. Craw has a low platelet count, which means she's likely to lose a lot of blood when injured. This explains why she bled so much even though the wound isn't deep. Also, her body is very weak now, and her hemoglobin is low. She needs to eat some supplements to increase her red blood cells and food to restore her nutrients. She needs to improve her RBC index. I suggest a blood transfusion if it's still the same after a week. Are there

Chapter 1633

After Johann left, Luke opened the thermos flask and poured the oatmeal into a bowl.

The oatmeal was still warm as it was cooked not long ago. He placed the bowl on the table to let it cool down for a few minutes. Then, he grabbed a spoon and walked to the bedside. "Have some oatmeal, okay?"

Luca nodded.

She was well aware of her current condition, so she knew that she could not behave unreasonably. She should eat more if she could.

Luke picked up the spoon, sat down on the chair beside the bed, and fed her with the spoon.

Luca tried to open her mouth. She could only manage to open it slightly wider. Her cheek muscles seemed to burn. It was as if they were protesting against her trying to open her mouth.

Luke could not bear to see her in pain when he realized she could not open her mouth. He picked up the spoon and said, "Do you want to try using a straw?"

Luca nodded. It would be easier for her.

Luke picked up a clean straw and put it in the oatmeal, then he moved it closer to Luca's mouth.

She slowly sucked on it. However, Mrs. Nancy was unaware of her condition now. She cooked the oatmeal with some milk to make the oatmeal more creamy and fill up her stomach. The oatmeal was too creamy for her to suck it through a straw.

The nurse came in as she was supposed to give Luca another injection. She frowned when she saw her trying to drink the creamy oatmeal with the straw. "The oatmeal is too creamy."

"She can't take creamy oatmeals?" Luke was startled when the nurse said so.

The nurse shook her head. "It's not that she can't take it but the patient still can't eat with a spoon. She can only use a straw to take food. If the oatmeal is too creamy, she won't be able to suck it through a straw."

Luca stared into space as she let go of the straw. Indeed, she only managed to drink a little after sucking it for so long. Luke was stunned. He thought that it was because she refused to eat the oatmeal and she was trying to brush him off, which was why it took so long for her to eat it.

He did not notice all these minor details.

these years had passed, he was no longer able to take care of someone as well as he was able to in the past. He did not even notice these

not help but blame

nurse looked at the creamy oatmeal and asked, "Did you cook it with milk to make it that

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nurse shook her head. "There's no way she can drink it like that. Why don't you get someone to cook another serving and send it here? It's difficult for her to take such creamy oatmeal in her

and put the bowl aside.

upset for some unknown reason when she shot a glance at the oatmeal that she had not eaten even half of.

nurse hung the nutrition bag, checked Luca's name, and said, "I'm going to give you an anti-inflammatory injection

nodded her head. She picked up her phone and typed. [Will I be taking the injection once every

glanced at the words, nodded, and said, "Yes, you're getting the shot in the afternoon because you were admitted into the hospital late. The IV drip for today will be delayed till later this evening until it finishes."

Luca nodded to show she understood.

nurse adjusted the IV drip to a suitable speed after she gave Luca the injection. Then, she said, "Press the bell if you feel uncomfortable."

Luca nodded her head.

nurse said, "The canteen downstairs is selling some oatmeal if you want some. You can ask the canteen staff to get you some gruel as

She left the ward after that.

Luke heard what she said and asked Luca, "Do you want some gruel?"

[No, thank you. I'm not hungry.] Luca picked up her phone and typed to reply *to him.*

Luke fell silent for a moment. He wondered if he should explain to her that he was bad at taking care of people. After all, it had been three years since he took care of someone.

He did not take care of Bianca's impostor during those three years. Most of the time, it was the maid who took care of **her.**

His ability to take care of someone had naturally become rusty as time went by. He did not even notice the *details.*

Luke thought he would be able to take care of Luca and protect her. He was frustrated when all those things happened to her one after another.

In the end, he could not do the job well, unlike how he thought.

"I'll ask Mrs. Nancy to make some gruel for you tomorrow. Is there anything else you'd like to eat?" Luke **asked.**

As Luca listened to him asking for her opinion, she realized that he did not sound as inexperienced as before. She thought for a moment and replied: [Gruel will be just **fine.]**

"Alright," Luke said and made a mental note of it.

Luca yawned as she watched the IV drip slowly drip into the tube that was injected into her veins.

"Are you sleepy?" He noticed her gestures and *asked.*

Luca typed something on her phone. *[A little.]*

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Chapter 1634

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Chapter 1635

Nina put her phone back in her bag.

She took the initiative to take care of Luca because she saw that Luke was here and she wanted them to keep a distance from each other.

After she decided to stay here and look after Luca, she realized that she had not prepared anything.

Nina thought for a moment and took her phone out again. She thought of asking Sue to bring her necessities over when she got off work. That way, she could visit Luca at the hospital as well.

She saw a friend request when she opened her Instagram.

Nina was startled for a while. It was a friend request from Percy. She deleted him when she ended her toxic relationship with him back then. She did not block him as she thought he would not be shameless enough to pester her.

However, he had sent her a friend request now.

Did he have anything to tell her?

Nina looked at the friend request. She thought it was probably nothing important since there was nothing written in the message box.

She did not approve or reject it as she thought it would become invalid after a couple of days.

She would only be focused on taking care of Luca in the next three days.

herself down and put aside the thoughts in her mind. Then, she sent a message to Sue. She put her phone back into her bag when she saw Sue agreeing to help

not keep on holding her phone. She would not be able to stop herself from looking at Percy's friend request if she continued to hold

On the other hand.

everything had happened, Pierre found a place for himself to hide. He knew a lot of people, so there was someone willing to take him in even though he was in big trouble now.

on a shabby sofa in the residential building with a look of despise on his face.

did he end up

would not be hiding in a place like this if not for those people who were looking for him everywhere. He had many wealthy friends, but it was not safe for him to hide in any of

all, the Mallory family knew his friends too. They would look for them first if they were looking for

contacted a street gangster and hid in his

his phone and glanced at his current situation. He cursed in a low voice, "Damn it. It's all that

one who took him in, glanced at him and shook his head. He said, "Mr. Mallory, I have no idea why you're hiding. You've only kidnapped a woman, and she's not even dead. You can just ask the two brothers to take the blame for you and give them more money when the time comes."

Percy glanced at him. "Indeed, nothing can happen to me even if I kidnapped a woman. The problem now is that Luke Crawford isn't going to let me go so easily. Besides, the police and the Mallory family are looking for me as well. The Crawford family is after me too. What can the police and the Mallory family do to me? I'm only running away from the Crawfords."

"I don't get it. She's just a random woman. How did you offend the Crawford family?" Liam was confused. He poured a pint of beer for **him.**

Pierre picked it up and drank a mouthful of beer. Then, he spat it on the ground. "What kind of beer is this? It **tastes awful."**

Liam smiled and explained, "Of course, my beer is incomparable for the ones you usually drank. It's the end of the month and I'm short on cash. I can only afford this **beer."**

"It tastes like sh*t. Don't drink it anymore. Throw this away. I'll bring you out and show you what good beer tastes like after everything is over." Pierre was still thinking positively even though he was being hunted down now. He was waiting for his men to get in touch with the two brothers, Eric and Derek. He would ask them to take the blame for *him.*

Who was taking the blame for him did not matter to him either. Luca was fine except for the wounds on her *face.*

"Sure thing." Liam also believed that nothing would happen to Pierre, so he treated him well as though he was **God.**

Then, he added, "It's a surprise how capable that woman is to be able to make Luke Crawford save her in person."

Pierre narrowed his eyes and took his box of cigarettes out of his pocket. He handed Liam a cigarette and lit up another for himself too. "I did think of it, but it surprised me that Luke seems to care a lot for *her."*

Men could understand each other. Thus, Pierre knew how much Luke cared for *Luca.*

However, the incident this time made him realize that Luke was far more concerned about Luca than he had expected.

added, "Previously, the only person who could affect Luke that much was his

crossed Liam's mind. He touched his chin and replied, "How can a normal man be together with only one woman? I'm guessing something is going on between them, and that's why Luke got so nervous. But you

better be careful after they drop the case. Even though someone will take the blame for you, there'll be a feud between you and Luke Crawford."

sneered. "He's just Luke Crawford. The people in A City are afraid of him, but I'm

gave him a thumbs up and continued to butter him up. "Bravo, Mr.

rang when he received notifications. He had a wicked grin on his face when he glanced at his phone.

and Eric were subdued by the police, they were immediately sent to the hospital. Derek was not seriously injured, and Pierre's men had already talked to him after impersonating as

Money could settle this.

that he would take responsibility after everything

the smile on his face and asked, "Mr. Mallory, has it been settled?"

a good thing, indeed. I promised to give more money to the two brothers and they agreed to take the blame for the case." Pierre was not surprised that they were willing to make the

not matter if they were the culprits or an accomplice. They could not escape from going to prison after getting caught by the police.

Chapter 1636

Besides, although Percy was his biological elder brother, he was obviously closer to Luke.

Hence, Pierre was not counting on Percy to help him.

"I have to stay here for another night. Clean your room. I'm not used to staying in a messy room," Pierre ordered Liam like a boss.

Liam responded and stood up to clean up the master bedroom for Pierre. It was all for the sake of his business.

Pierre snubbed out the cigarette and took his time to make a call to Old Master Mallory.

The call was answered, and the old master immediately snapped at him from the other end of the call. "Pierre Mallory, where the hell have you been?"

"Grandpa, I'm drinking at a friend's house. Why? Did someone piss you off?" Pierre pretended to sound like he was tipsy and asked lazily.

The old master listened to him and spoke in a serious tone, "Who's that friend? You're hiding from the police now, aren't you? Come home now!"

"What did I do that I should hide from the police? I can't go back after drinking. I'm in the suburbs. I'm going to continue drinking, and I'll go home tomorrow. See you." Pierre hung up the phone after that. Go back home now? Impossible! He wanted to stay here for another night and go back home tomorrow.

Old Master Mallory listened to the busy tone on the other end of the call and sneered. "All you know is to run away. You're in big trouble this time. Let's see how much longer you can hide!"

Percy, who was sitting opposite him, frowned. "When is Pierre coming back home?"

me he's drinking at a friend's house and he'll only come back home tomorrow. What nonsense is that? He's probably thinking of how to escape!" Even though Old Master Mallory wanted to cover up for Pierre, there was sufficient evidence to prove that he was involved. There was no way Old Master Mallory could help

only wanted to get Pierre back home now. After that, he would find a way.

refused to come back no matter

said he's coming home tomorrow?" Percy understood at once. "Grandpa, you don't have to do anything."

you mean?" Old Master Mallory looked at him,

Pierre said he's coming home tomorrow, he'll definitely come back. There are people at every exit in A City keeping an eye out for him. He can't leave A City, so he can only come back here. If he's so sure that he's coming back home tomorrow, I'm afraid he has already figured out a way out for himself. He doesn't need your help at all," replied

old master had asked Percy to come back home after Old Master Crawford came

been sitting on the couch the whole day, watching Old Master Mallory call the chief of police and arrange lawyers for Pierre. He was trying to make arrangements

the lawyer and chief of police knew about everything that happened, they told him it was hard for them to help him. The old master was worried sick because of this. He had been trying to find a way to help Pierre with all his

Mallory listened to Percy's words and sneered, "He only knows how to cause trouble. And you're telling me he found himself a way out? You've got to be kidding

dare to call you if he hadn't figured out a way." Percy reminded him, saying, "Grandpa, don't forget that he set up a company of his own behind our backs."

Percy sent someone to investigate Pierre's company when he knew about it earlier. The establishment and the rules and regulations of the company had gone through all the legal procedures.

Pierre set up his own company without any help from the Mallory **family.**

He was no longer the sloppy man who only knew how to carry out the tasks assigned to him.

Percy had yet to find out the power behind Pierre, how much capital he had, and how many connections he had.

Old Master Mallory fell silent. Indeed, his grandson who had always been slacking off had suddenly set up his own company. He even did it without anyone in the Mallory family knowing about it. No one had ever mentioned this *either.*

It seemed like Pierre was not as useless as they thought he *was…*

Percy stood up and glanced at his phone. There were *no notifications…*

Nina had not approved his friend request.

He recalled the message that Luke sent him. Since Pierre had found a way to save himself, there was nothing else he could do here either. Thus, he *rose.*

Old Master Mallory looked at him and asked, "Where are you *going?"*

has already solved the problem himself. I still have things to do at the office. I'll have to go back,"

Mallory nodded and remembered what the daughter of the Johnston family had complained to him about. He reminded Percy. "It's nice to see you focusing on your career, but you have to spend some time with your fiancée too. Although she understands that you're busy with your work, you're a man. Remember that you have a family too."

care for my family a lot," Percy said seriously.

true. That was why he was planning something behind their

a partner whom he chose for himself and who was recognized by him instead of someone arranged by the Mallory

Mallory could sense this and said, "Just wait until Pierre's problem is solved. As an elder brother, you should take the lead. Get married first, then Pierre will marry his fiancée

Percy replied and walked out

was already nighttime when

drove his car and headed to the

him that Nina would be taking care of Luca tonight. Hence, he would definitely see her when he went to

could still force himself to focus on his plans when he could not meet her back then. After all, once the plan succeeded, he would be able to see Nina

Chapter 1637

Luca listened to her and thought of the time when Sue and she were starting their business together back then.

Although it was hard for them, they enjoyed being productive.

When their company's development was getting better and better, as the company's founders, they were allowed to take some time off to handle their matters.

Luca wanted to turn back time so badly. She wanted to go back to the time when they worked hard together for their company.

[Alright, then you can accompany me tonight. I'll hire a caretaker to look after me tomorrow morning.] Luca was tapping on the keyboard of her phone screen.

Nina shook her head when she saw that.

Luca was the same as her. They were the kind of people who did not like to trouble others. Still, Luca was much stronger and more independent than she was.

"Alright. I'll look for a caretaker for you tomorrow. After all, I know who are the best caretakers in this hospital. I'll stay here tonight, so stop thinking of sending me away," Nina blinked her eyes and said playfully.

Luca nodded.

"Do you still want juice?" Nina asked again.

Luca shook her head and typed. [The juice that Sue made is good. You can have some too. I see that you've lost some weight.]

"I lost weight again? Hehe, really? Don't make fun of me. I think I'm gaining weight these days." Nina pinched her face intentionally and pretended as if it was nothing serious.

She knew she had lost weight.

skin and bones now. It was pointless to lose more weight.

Luca listened to her and knew that she was merely mocking

just did not want others to know that she had gotten skinnier.

"Fine. After all, you won't be able to finish all the juice that Sue made for you. The juice will taste bad once it has oxidized. I'll have some of it. But to be honest, that's how attentive a mother is. She knew it'd be inconvenient for you to eat now, so she made juice for you. She's

Luca nodded.

meeting Luke was the best thing that ever happened to her in her whole life, then having Nina as her best friend was the second best thing that happened to her. Although she was staying beside Nina with a different identity now, she had never forgotten how it felt like to be her friend.

opened the bottle of juice and poured it out into

knocked on the ward's door when she was about to take a sip of

and Nina looked in the direction of the door at the same time. The door was pushed open and Percy came

a long face when she saw that it was Percy. "Why are you

Percy replied helplessly when he noticed that Nina seemed to be unhappy to see him as if he was not welcome here. "I came to visit Dr. Craw."

"Oh? Visit Dr. Craw? Are you that shameless?" Nina was like a porcupine on alert as she glared at Percy. She looked like she would roll over to him and prick him to death at any *moment.*

Percy asked helplessly, "Why would I feel *ashamed?*"

"You should be ashamed because your brother did this. Not only is he pestering me but Luca also ended up like this all because of him. He's a bastard. And what makes you think that you can show up here shamelessly?" Nina questioned him back.

"It was Pierre who did that, not me. Besides, he's my younger brother. If what he did is considered my fault too, then I'll apologize to Dr. Craw now. Do you have a problem with that too?" There was nothing Percy could do about this. He was even willing to take the blame for what Pierre did just to get a glimpse of *Nina.*

He went as far as taking the blame on behalf of Pierre just to see her.

"*Why* don't you look for your good brother rather than trying to apologize here? It would be better if you could hand him to the police. We don't need your insincere apology!" Nina was speaking in an aggressive tone as if the person who kidnapped Luca was in front of her right **now.**

Percy looked helpless. It was Pierre's fault, but he was the one getting blamed.

He was willing to take the blame as well, but this woman still treated him so aggressively.

He should be apologizing to Luca, but why was he apologizing to Nina? Besides, why did he want her to accept her **apology?**

Well, it was because he *loved her!*

like she was a side character when she listened to their conversation. She tugged on Nina's sleeve helplessly and shook her

Luca was asking her to forget about it, Nina was unable to

these rich guys are always like this. They'll repeat the same mistakes if you forgive them so easily. And they'll continue to mess with you. That's why you can't let them get away with these things." Nina put her hands on her hips and released her anger on Percy. "Percy Mallory, if you really want to apologize to Luca, go look for your brother. Send him to the police and put him in

"I can't find him

he was covering up for Pierre, so she raised her voice angrily. "Don't come here if you can't find him. What kind of sh*tty apology is that? Is this how you apologize?"

were getting on Percy's nerves. Percy replied, "I came to look for Luca yet you're the one who's been talking here. Are

was startled. How dare he question her instead? She stuttered a little when she recalled how she had been speaking on behalf of Luca. "That's none of your business. You can't represent the criminal. So, what did you come here

came to see you." Percy looked at her straight in the eyes and poured his heart out. "You unfollowed me on

a point in remaining friends with someone who has nothing to do with me?" Nina rolled her eyes when he mentioned something that she did on purpose. There was a pang of guilt in her heart, though the cause of it

you afraid of me? You unfollowed me and didn't even approve my friend request. How dare you?" Percy noticed that she was avoiding eye contact with him, so he purposely asked

Nina had always worked, but whether it would be a positive outcome or not was a different matter.

Chapter 1638

"Stop crying crocodile tears if you're here to visit the patient. Your younger brother is the one who made Luca's face like this. Nurse, this man is up to no good. Get him out of here," Nina said with a sharp voice.

The nurse helplessly looked at the two people who seemed to hate each other. She then turned to look at Luca. "What's wrong with them?"

Luca shook her head, telling her that she had no way to deal with them either. She would be able to convince them if she could talk. However, she could not talk now, and they were not reading the messages she typed on her phone.

The nurse stepped forward and stood in between them right away. "You're in the ward now. Go outside and you can argue as much as you like. The patient needs some quiet to rest."

Nina rolled her eyes with her arms crossed. She looked like she was disregarding what the nurse said. "Who wants to argue with him? I'm here to look after the patient. He's not welcome here. Who's to blame for that?"

"I came to visit Ms. Craw." Percy felt what he did earlier was childish. He now tried to reason with Nina in front of Luca.

He had never done that before. He felt embarrassed when the nurse stared at him. He put the fruit basket and supplements on the floor, turned to look at Luca, and said, "Ms. Craw, rest well."

Luca nodded her head.

Nina gave him a look that seemed to mean that she refused to talk to him anymore. Percy knew she would not approve his friend request no matter how much he said.

He could only wait for the next opportunity…

After Percy talked to Luca, he said to Nina, "You'll approve my friend request next time."

He left the ward after that.

The nurse left the ward too after Percy left.

glanced at the door when she heard it close, then she said, "Pfft, I'll be an idiot if I approve your friend

knocked on the bedside table.

stood up and came beside her. "What's the matter? Are you thirsty? Do you want to eat something?"

shook her head and typed a sentence on her phone. [Don't be so sure about that. You might just eat your own

was startled for a moment, then she retorted immediately, "Luca, why are you telling me this too? I'm not talking big. I'm just confident. And I have nothing to do with him

can see that you're concerned about Mr. Mallory. Why are you fighting with him if you care about him?] Luca questioned her

him. When you run into someone you hate, you won't only argue with them but you'll fight with them too. If it isn't because I can't win him in a fight, I would've punched him in the face just now." Nina tapped and held the delete button on the phone screen, deleting what Luca typed just now. "You're the patient here. You don't have to be concerned about so many things. Take a good rest. Forget about

I can't stand seeing you lying to yourself while deceiving others.] Luca typed another line of text. She was destined to live an unhappy life, but she hoped that Nina could live

had a strong family background. Eventually, he would find a way to protect her if he truly

at what Luca had typed and muttered, "You weren't bribed by his fruit basket, were you? You're even backing him up now. Well, let me get you a glass of water. I'll give you a sponge bath after that,

Luca nodded.

turned around and walked into the bathroom. She picked up a washtub and filled it with water. She was thinking about what had happened just

Did Percy really come to visit **Luca?**

Why did he ask her about his friend request if he really came to visit **Luca?**

Could it be that he knew she was here, so he used Luca as an excuse to see her?

As Nina listened to the sound of water running, she suddenly had the urge to know the answer.

She picked up her phone, planning to look at the friend request she received on Instagram again. Suddenly, a news notification popped **out.**

'Master Percy of the Mallory family is getting married to the daughter of the Johnston family soon. According to insider news, the two families will unite *through marriage.'*

Nina felt the blood in her body begin to flow backward when she saw it.

She tapped on the news notification numbly and confirmed that the headline was not clickbait created by the website to simply garner traffic. The content was relevant to the headline, and the news article also stated that the insider was someone related to the Mallory family.

Nina's hand was slightly shivering, and she smiled mockingly.

How ridiculous. Just a few moments ago, she thought Percy came here to ask for peace, and she even thought that he still had feelings for her.

She did not expect…

"Percy Mallory, you're a bastard!" Nina swore as she opened her Instagram and tapped on the reject *request button.*

She lifted her head and looked in the mirror. Her eyes were red, and she looked like she was about to burst into tears. The news crushed her, and she was completely breaking down at this moment.

she was not in love with Percy and that he did not love

seeing him twice, she got the wrong impression that Percy was actually in love with her. She thought he probably had his own reason for agreeing to marry the daughter of the Johnston family.

Right now…

How funny was it…

a man be in love with her if he was going to marry someone else?

at herself in the mirror, and she could see why she was breaking down. It was all because

because she was in love

could she still be in love with Percy? He was mean, and he was a player. He had so many

previous relationship, she was coerced, imprisoned, and trapped.

she fall in love with a man

covered her face with her hands when she realized she was still in love

thought she had left the relationship dashingly, but after her true feelings were suddenly exposed, she started to feel lost. She was unable to

Chapter 1639

Nina noticed the changes in Luca's gaze. She looked like she wanted to comfort her. Nina placed the washtub on a chair and wet the towel.

"Luca, Percy is getting married to the daughter of the Johnston family," Nina said sentimentally.

Luca nodded her head, telling her that she knew about it.

Nina spoke again, "I wonder why he came to the hospital to mess with me if he's going to marry the daughter of the Johnston family?"

She probably would not have seen the truth if she had not met him this time and Luca was not here to enlighten her.

Luca lifted her hand and stroked her head.

Nina was startled. This gesture…

When she was still close with Bianca back then, they would stroke each other's heads to comfort each other if one of them was feeling sad. It was to show that they still had each other.

[Maybe there are some things that Mr. Mallory hasn't told you.] Luca hinted at her.

Nina looked at the words on the phone screen and smiled. "Yes, he didn't tell me he was going to marry the daughter of the Johnston family."

Luca was stunned. That was not what she meant.

She looked at Nina, but it seemed like she did not notice it.

struggling in her heart whether she should tell Nina that Percy might have his reasons and

she could not tell her

because Nina was impulsive. She had finally realized that her feelings for Percy were not as simple as she thought they were. Once she told her that Percy probably had his own plans, Nina would dash out of the hospital to ask him about it.

had not told anyone about his plan. That only indicated that the plan was meant to be kept a

was why he did not tell Nina about

thought of this, Luca allowed Nina to misunderstand what she

Percy would certainly pursue Nina once he was done with his plan. However, it would be harder for him to get Nina back in the future after everything that he did to upset Nina.

a good man with an indomitable will. He would still pursue Nina even if it was

and saw that Luca was not typing anymore. She picked up the towel, wrung it, and said, "Alright. Let's not talk about him. He's just an *sshole. He's just getting married, isn't he?" Come on, let me wipe your body."

her head and pointed at the

on Nina that she had not closed the door. "Oh, I haven't closed the door. Look at me. How silly of

went to close the door and pulled the curtains. Then, she began to wipe Luca's body.

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On the other hand.

Percy had just reached the parking lot when he felt his phone vibrate for a while. He glanced at it, and it was a notification from **Instagram.**

He could not help but smile. Could it be that Nina had approved his request?

He opened his Instagram application and looked at it. The smile on his face disappeared. It was indeed a notification from Nina, but she did not approve his friend request. She rejected it instead.

At most, Percy thought Nina would not approve it. He did not expect her to **reject him.**

He was angry. Then, he sent another request to her. This time, Instagram notified him that he had been blocked, so he was unable to send any more requests to her. "What a heartless woman!" Percy was pissed off. Not only did she reject him but she had even blocked *him now?*

He desperately wanted to head back there and reason with her, but when he thought about how he had just made her angry, he shook his head helplessly. Never mind, he would ask her to unblock him next time.

After all, he had been together with Nina for so many years. He already knew what kind of person she was.

She would understand it if he explained to her after everything was settled.

Percy got back into his car and switched on the news broadcast. He frowned when he heard the contents.

They were reporting about his marriage to the daughter of the Johnston *family…*

up his phone immediately and opened a website. He saw the news headline on top of the

enough, his engagement to the daughter of the Johnston family was no longer a secret from the media. However, they had never told the public that their marriage would be regarded as a union between the families of the bride and groom.

Where did the news come from?

only person who came into Percy's mind was Old Master

a call to Old

you the one who spread the news?" Percy sounded a little

I was the one who asked them to spread the news. The Johnston family agreed to it as well," Old Master Mallory replied to him slowly. "Your younger brother's case is too big now. Although the police haven't concluded their investigation, they already see Pierre as the mastermind. I'm spreading the news about you and the daughter of the Johnston family to divert the public's attention. It'll be easier for Pierre

listened to how the old master had made him the hot topic for Pierre's sake. He frowned and said in a serious tone, "Even if Pierre can handle this well and escape from his legal responsibilities, do you think the Crawford family is going to let him get away with

has escaped from his legal responsibilities, that'll prove Pierre had nothing to do with the case. The reports will only show that he established a company all by himself and he didn't do anything to steal others' businesses. Old Master Crawford said that it's all about one's capabilities when it comes to business. Even if Pierre wanted to steal T Corporation's business, what's wrong with it? He has his own way of doing things." Although Old Master Mallory said he would never let Pierre get away with it, Pierre was still his grandson, after all. He truly loved

you're spoiling Pierre. I hope you won't regret it if he takes things too far the next time." Percy was disappointed in the old master.

old master had been training him to become his heir all along, and he was strict

He was more lenient with Pierre.

Chapter 1640

Luke looked at the message Percy sent him. He had a profound look in his eyes.

He had expected it. Pierre was unlike other people. He was difficult to deal with.

After all, he was Old Master Mallory's grandson, and he was similar to the old master.

Luke sunk into his executive chair and pondered what his next move would be. This time, he had finally fallen out with Pierre. He would turn against him openly if he got away with it this time.

He was not afraid that Pierre would retaliate. It was just that he was afraid Pierre would go after Luca.

During the incident this time, Luke lost his self-control and showed too much concern for Luca.

Once a person showed their weakness, the enemy would seize it and never give them a chance to breathe again.

The study's door was pushed open. Thud, thud, thud. Tommy ran in with his short legs and walked to Luke's side. He lifted his head and looked at him. "Daddy."

"Yes?" Luke's thoughts were interrupted. He put down his phone, looked at his son, and gave him a faint smile.

No matter how difficult things were for him, he would always show his children the tender side of him.

He had to protect his children well regardless of how chaotic the outside world was. This was what Bianca had told him back then.

Tommy wanted to crawl up onto Luke's lap, but it dawned on him that he had already grown up and was not a kid anymore. He had become heavier. Hence, he changed his mind and asked right away, "Daddy, Great-grandpa asked how Mom… Ms. Luca is now?"

Luke's expression turned serious when he noticed that his son made a mistake. He reminded his son, saying, "She's still in the hospital now. The doctor says there's no big problem with her other than the injuries on her face. Don't worry. And be careful when you're talking next time. You mustn't let anyone know about this."

Tommy nodded. He was missing Luca so much, which was why he accidentally said it out loud. Then, he spoke again, "I know, Daddy. Can you bring me to see her tomorrow?"

rejected him immediately without

unhappy to hear that. "Why can't

she needs a good rest. She can't be disturbed." Luke used this trick to deal with the child.

won't disturb Ms. Luca. Please bring me along with you. I'll be good, and I'll stand still. I won't move or say anything." Tommy put on a bitter expression on his face. He was trying to convince his dad to bring him

still shook his head firmly, disagreeing with what Tommy

knew there was nothing else he could do here. Hence, he muttered, "She's injured, and we're worried about her too. Daddy, you don't understand how anxious we are. Never mind, I'll ask Great-grandpa to

bring me there if you won't bring me. Great-grandpa likes me, and he likes Ms. Luca too. He'll definitely say

out of the room after he said that. He would really plead with anyone just to see Luca.

his head helplessly while he watched his child

rang when it was ten o'clock at night. She glanced at it. It was a video call request from Tommy. She hesitated for a few seconds and tapped on the reject

Did someone call you?" Nina noticed and asked.

was typing on the keyboard on her phone. [Tommy requested a video

didn't you pick up the call?" Nina asked again. She knew Luca was close to Tommy, and it was because of that that she was even more worried that Bianca would lose her status when she came

all, Luke and the children were getting closer to Luca. Bianca, who was suffering from memory loss, would then be kicked out of the

[I look awful now. I'm afraid I'll scare the kid.] Luca explained. Her face was shockingly swollen, and she was reluctant to meet the children like *this.*

"*What's* wrong with that? They're sensible, and they'd love to get close to you. You're not going to scare them away just because of your current appearance," Nina replied.

Luca shook her head and insisted.

Nina thought it would be better if she chose to keep quiet. She thought about how different Luca's feelings for the children were.

Moreover, the children seemed like be fond of Luca more than Bianca, who *was overseas…*

She could keep an eye on Luke to make sure that he did not do anything to upset Bianca. However, she could not control **the kids.**

It was because their love was much more simple than *adults.*

Luca looked at Nina, who was lost in her thoughts. Then, she glanced at the time and typed a message: [It's late. How about getting *some rest?]*

Nina shot a glance at the time. It was earlier than a person's usual sleeping time. However, Luca was a patient now. She stood up and said, "Alright, then let me switch off the lights and TV for *you."*

Luca nodded.

When Nina picked up the remote and was about to switch off the TV, she saw the news broadcast talking about Percy's marriage to the daughter of the **Johnston family.**

Her face darkened, then she switched off the TV while secretly calling him a *loser.*

Luca was sensitive enough to notice the changes in Nina's emotions, but she did not say *anything.*

started it, so he would handle the matter himself.

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was dead silence in the ward in the middle of the night. Luca opened her eyes when she heard

could hear that there was another noise apart from Nina's

was lying flat down. She did not sit up straight when she heard the

last, she was able to confirm that the noise did not come from inside the ward. It came from the corridor outside the ward. Someone was

listened to the person's breathing rate. It did not sound like the nurses were walking around for a ward round. Someone was standing still at the ward's door as if he was inspecting

was able to see where the door was from

at the door and held her

person was breathing heavily. It did not seem to be a woman. It should be a man.

it someone whom Percy

it turned out to be one of Percy's men, she would not be afraid of them. However, she was physically weak now. Moreover, Nina was here too…

her hand and placed her finger on the patient safety alarm. She could inform the nurse on duty immediately if something was