

Be Gentle 1641

Chapter 1641

Luca pointed at her face helplessly to show him that it was inconvenient for her to drink it like this.

The man realized it and asked in a low voice, "Do you have a straw? Where is it?"

Luca pointed to the bedside cabinet.

The man opened the drawer and took a straw out. Then, he placed it in the vial, brought it to her mouth, and muttered in a low voice, "How troublesome."

Luca ignored the man who scorned her and slowly took the antidote using the straw.

Previously, she would always finish the antidote in one gulp. No matter how bad it tasted, she was always able to finish it in one gulp. However, she could only suck it with a straw now. The bitterness of the antidote quickly spread out in her mouth.

The man shook the vial to check if it was emptied. After that, he kept the vial away.

"Boss asked me to pass you a message," the man said.

Luca met his eyes in the dark. She remained silent and waited for him to continue his words.

"Your progress is too slow. He's very unhappy about it. You know deep down in your heart what the consequences are if you continue to be like this." The man walked out of the ward after that.

He ran into a nurse who came for a ward round when he pushed the door open.

The nurse was startled when she saw the man. She questioned, "Who are you? It's past visiting hours now. How did you get in here?"

face turned gloomy. He looked at the nurse and thought of killing her. However, when he thought that his actions would cause trouble to the woman inside the ward, he pushed the nurse away and dashed out of

nurse fell to the floor and assumed that the man was a thief. After all, this was a VIP ward. The hospital's reputation would be affected if a thief broke in and stole something. She got up and ran to the nurse's station before she could check what had happened in the ward. She informed security that a thief had broken in.

kept silent while she lay down on the bed and listened to the situation outside.

worried about what was happening out there, but she could not get up now. It would be best for her to pretend that she did not know anything about

heard the noises outside and sat up. She looked at Luca unconsciously. "Is there a

as if she had just opened her eyes and stared at the ceiling

was worried something might have happened to Luca. She walked to her bedside. "Luca, are you

Luca rubbed her eyes, showing her that she had just

don't know. I heard the nurse claiming that a thief broke in. Let me see what's going on." Nina was assured when she saw that Luca was fine. When she heard a thief had broken in, the first thought that came into her mind was that Percy had sent someone to hurt

walked out of the ward. The whole floor was in chaos. The caretakers of the other wards came out one after another to see what was going

hurriedly walked to her because the man had come out of this ward. She asked with concern, "Is everything alright in

"We're fine." Nina was in a daze. Could it be that the thief had broken into their **ward**?

"A man with a cap walked out of this ward. Didn't you hear any noises?" the nurse asked **again**.

Nina shook her head. She had already decided to accompany Luca in the hospital but it was difficult for her to fall asleep here when she already had trouble sleeping, so she got Sue to bring her some sleeping **pills**.

Not long after she took the pills and lay down on the bed, she fell into a deep sleep.

She did not hear any noises.

"Glad to hear that. Please go back in the ward to check if you've lost anything." The nurse let out a sigh of relief. She knew that Luca was an exceptional case. That was why she was worried that the person was not a thief but a man whom someone sent here to kidnap or murder **Luca**.

Nina nodded her head. She pushed the door open and walked in. "Luca, is your phone still with you?"

Luca glanced at the bedside cabinet and signaled to her that her phone was in the cabinet.

Nina opened it and looked at it. Her phone was still in there, safe and sound. Then she asked again, "Do you have any valuable things here?"

Luca shook her head.

Nina touched her pockets. Her phone and her car keys were still there. She turned around and said to the nurse, "We didn't lose anything."

nurse glanced at Luca's condition and realized there was nothing wrong with her. She let out a sigh of relief and said, "Everything's okay, then. Get some rest. We'll look into

nurse walked out of the ward.

was relieved. She said to Luca, "That scared me. I thought Pierre sent someone to deal

shook her head and made a sleeping

thought she would have trouble sleeping after getting a scare like this, but she did not want Luca to worry about her. She nodded and said, "Alright. I'll go back to sleep too. Let's not switch off the lights this time. Why don't we turn on the lights in the bathroom? Then we can get a clearer view if anything

Luca nodded.

The following day.

In Crawford Manor.

Crawford sat down at the dining table and saw no sign of Luke. He asked, "Where's Young

Griffin answered him respectfully, "Old Master Crawford, Young Master Luke went to the hospital early in the morning. He heard that someone broke into Ms. Craw's ward last night. The hospital dared not to hide the truth, so they informed Young Master Luke first thing in the morning. Young Master Luke is probably handling the matter at the hospital

who was sitting beside, heard this and chuckled. Now, the whole family and even other people were getting involved with Luke's new girlfriend.

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Old Master Crawford glared at her while listening to her complaints. He was not in the mood to argue with her. He gave his orders to the butler, "Drive Thea to her competition venue and don't delay her."

"Yes, Old Master Crawford." Mr. Griffin nodded and gave him his promise.

Susan stopped complaining when she heard that.

On the other hand.

Luke hurried to the hospital. Johann had received the footage that night through his connections. He pressed on the play button when he saw Luke come in.

Luke's face turned gloomy when he watched the video of the incident from the beginning till the end. "Was he caught?"

"No. He's good. The security guards upstairs informed the guards downstairs to catch him if they saw him. Still, they didn't manage to grab him and he escaped. This man was wearing a mask and a cap. We can't get a good look at him," said Johann as he shook his head.

"He's not one of Percy's men." Luke looked at how nimble the man was in the video. He avoided the guards' pursuit and escaped from the hospital swiftly. Then, that was the end of it.

"Are you sure?" Johann raised his eyebrows.

"He's too good. Percy doesn't have anyone like that." Luke was sure about it. "I'm afraid this man is one of the members of the organization that's manipulating Luca behind the scenes.

Johann suddenly understood and asked, "Hasn't Dr. Craw already been rescued? Why did someone from the organization show up here?"

Luke fell silent. He had no idea about that either.

Luca change her appearance and return here. They hid her true identity and made arrangements for her to get into his company. They were up to

their plan must have something to do

first thing that came into Luke's mind was the Island of Despair. However, there was no tattoo on Luca's body. He was not 100 percent sure about

He stood up and headed outside.

Johann asked, "Where are you going?"

ward." Luke left without looking

came to the ward and stood there for half a minute. Then, he pushed the door open

helping Luca brush her teeth and wash her face. She was being utmost careful because Luca's face was hand if it hurts," Nina said in a soft

closed her eyes and allowed Nina to

she heard someone pushing the ward's door open, she opened her eyes and saw Luke walking into the

turned around and looked at the door too. She paused what she was doing when she saw him. There was a hint of mockery in her words as she said, "Mr. Crawford, you're here way

The expression on Luke's face was gloomy as he looked at the enigmatic Nina. He could not be bothered to deal with her since she did not know the truth. He went straight to Luca's bedside and asked caringly, "Are you **feeling better?**"

Luca nodded her head. She could sense there was a hint of tension between Luke and Nina. She reckoned that it was because of **her**.

She typed a sentence on her phone: [Mr. Crawford, what brought you here?]

Luke's face turned even darker looking at how awkward she was being. He explained, "A man came into your ward last night. I came to find out *what happened.*"

Nina wrung the towel dry and asked, "You came to find out what happened? Are you *a cop?*"

Luke gave Nina a dirty look. It was clear she was in a bad mood now and that was why she was intentionally picking on him.

She was down in the dumps and it was because of Percy. He refused to be the target of Nina's temper, so he said, "Luca is my employee, and she's in this situation because of the company's matter. Is there anything wrong with me being concerned about her condition?"

Nina rolled her eyes. "Let the police officers handle the investigation. Save yourself the trouble. Oh, you said Luca is in this situation because of your company's matters. If that's the case, why didn't you get someone to stay here to protect her? How could you let her experience such a terrifying **thing?**"

Luke was speechless at Nina's retort. He indeed thought that it was not the right choice to let her stay here *alone*.

Luca listened to them arguing with each other, yet she could not stop their conversation *at all*.

She could only take the face towel that Nina had wrung dry and clean her face quietly. Even though she could not look at herself, she managed to avoid the wound on **her face**.

Her gestures caught their attention.

help you," said Luke.

do it," said Nina at the

her head, telling them she would do it herself. She wiped her face gently before putting the face towel back in Nina's hands.

the door open and came in at this time. He had no idea what was going on here, so he looked at Luca happily and asked, "Dr. Craw, are you feeling uncomfortable

shook her head, indicating that she did not feel uncomfortable.

You can try lying down halfway today but just to be safe, don't get out of bed yet." Johann spoke before noticing the expressions of the other

expression on Luke's face was considered fine, but Nina looked like she could tear someone into

made eye contact with Luke to ask what was going on.

only gave him a cold stare.

his throat and said, "Oh, the police sent someone here to look into the incident last night. And Percy will be coming here too. He said he's here to see if the man who came into the ward is his younger brother's subordinate."

expression changed once she heard Percy's name. At first, she wanted to stay here and continue to take care of Luca. However, she immediately found an excuse. "Luca, I have something to do. I'll come back again tonight. Gotta

speechless as she watched Nina grab her bag hurriedly and leave.

Chapter 1643

Johann looked at Luca, who was lying on the bed. Indeed, she could not do it herself.

However, the medicine placed here was not for the patient to dress her wound herself. It was for the nurse to dress her wound when she came in for a ward round later.

To avoid Luke from carelessly dressing Luca's wound and leaving a scar on her, Johann cleared his throat and reminded the man who loved his wife excessively. "The medicine is placed here so that the professional nurses who come in later can dress her wound for her."

Luke stopped opening the medicine bottle at once. He stared at Johann with a trace of blame. "You should've told me earlier."

"Did I really need to say it aloud? The nurse didn't ask you to dress her wound for her when she placed the medicine here yesterday." Johann gave him an innocent look.

Although Luke wanted to help Luca, he was not a professional. It would be bad if he hurt Luca and left a scar on her.

Hence, Luke could not be bothered about his image and chose to put the medicine back.

Johann then asked in a gossipy manner, "What's wrong with Nina today?"

"It's because of Percy," Luke replied, "Last night, Old Master Mallory released the news that Percy and the daughter of the Johnston family are getting married."

"Oh, so that's it. I thought..." Johann shot a glance at his friend and turned to look at Luca. Then, he said in a shifty manner, "Even Percy is getting married soon. Is it appropriate to let your wife wander out there?"

Luke gave him a dirty look. Why did he have to mention this? "Don't you have anything better to do?"

no. I've got things to do. Am I not doing a ward round now? Dr. Craw, since you're not feeling unwell, I'm off to continue my ward round." Johann only wanted to fool around for a while. He did not want to get on

slipped away and left the ward immediately.

fell into deep thought as she watched Johann leaving the

knew that her imposter was already dead. However, she did not expect Luke to conceal it from Johann and the

longer was he going to hide

looked at Luca, who seemed to be deep in thought. He assumed that Johann's words must have made her

you hungry?" He broke the silence.

shook her head and typed on the phone: [I'm not

to eat something even if you're not feeling hungry. I've asked someone to deliver your breakfast here. It's oatmeal again, but it's not as creamy as yesterday. It'll taste better than the ones sold in the hospital's canteen," said

feel his attentiveness for her. It would be nice if she was Bianca now.

you.] She did not know what to say, so all she could do was to type that on her

After all, Luke was kind to her now simply because she was hurt and he had something to do with it.

Luke's face darkened when he looked at her polite yet distant words of appreciation. He did not say **anything more**.

The wooden door was pushed open again. The nurse carried some tools that were used to dress the wound into the ward. "Ms. Craw, it's time to change your **dressing**."

Luke took the initiative to make way for her at the *bedside*.

The nurse placed the tray on the chair beside. Then, she picked up the scissors and cut the bandage on Luca's forehead. Her wound was cleaned and bandaged in the emergency room before she was sent up here. Luke had yet to see how deep her wound was. He only calmed down after Johann told him that the wound was not *deep*.

However, when he saw the nurse undo the bandage and the wound that had just begun to recover, his heart tangled inevitably.

The nurse was surprised to see the scab on her wound. "Huh, the wound is already scabbing? You must have a strong healing ability. This is my first time seeing a wound healing **so quickly.**"

Luca knew it was because of the antidote from the Island of Despair. As long as the wound did not worsen, she would heal much quicker than ordinary **people**.

After all, that kind of medicine could control people, and it could heal people too.

The nurse picked up the povidone and asked her while she was dressing her wound, "Ms. Craw, is it because of your physique?"

typed: [I'm not sure about that.] The povidone was to clean the wound. It felt cool yet it stung a little, but she could bear with

your wounds heal faster back then too?" the nurse continued to

to type: [I never paid much attention to that.] She could feel that Luke's gaze had never moved away from her. She was a little

Would he discover her abnormality?

have done some research on the imposter's blood when they caught her back then. If they had discovered that the blood composition in the fake Bianca's body had healing abilities, would Luke become suspicious because of what the nurse is

Luca was feeling guilty.

door was pushed open once more, and Johann stuck his head out of the door. He had run into the police officers when he was doing his ward round. He heard that they wanted to inform Luke of something, so he told them he knew where Luke was. He specially came here to tell him. "Luke, the police officers are here. They're looking for you."

turned around and glanced at him. When did Johann become a

blinked her eyes in acknowledgment. The wound on her forehead was still being

left the ward, the nurse quickly applied the medicine on Luca's wound and wrapped the bandage nicely. She glanced at the door. Luke had not

in a low voice, "Were you worried just

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Luca listened to the nurse's warning. Abel was taking a lot of effort to give her reminders.

He even arranged a nurse.

After all, there was no way the nurses responsible for the VIP wards could work here if they did not at least have a few years of working experience.

Luca's heart could not help but tremble at the thought of Abel arranging a nurse here.

His plot was as big as a mesh net, densely wrapping her in it.

He was plotting something so big just to take revenge on Luke Crawford.

This man was insane.

The nurse finished telling her what she needed to. She packed her things and left.

Luca looked at her from behind. The helpless feeling in her heart was getting stronger and stronger. What should she do to make sure that she would not hurt Luke? At the same time, she needed to save her daughter out from that place.

On the other hand.

After Luke left the ward, he met the police officers who came to handle the case.

The police officers were still watching the surveillance video. When they saw Luke come in, they greeted respectfully, "Mr. Crawford."

"Found anything?" Luke glanced at the surveillance video and questioned.

leader of the police officers felt pressured while facing Luke's cold demeanor. He shook his head helplessly and said, "No, we're still looking into it."

on Pierre?" Luke continued to question. Based on what Percy had told him, Pierre would make a move today.

haven't found anything either," the police officer replied awkwardly. It was not that they did not want to arrest him. It was just that Pierre was way too cunning and it was difficult for them to find him.

Luke's eyes darkened.

officer thought he was going to blame them for their inefficiency, so he quickly explained, "Our colleagues are looking into it. We have people stationed at the airport, bus stations, and ports. We'll inform you immediately once there's

remained silent. Johann, who was beside him, smiled and shook his head. "He wouldn't be Pierre Mallory if we could find him that easily."

he said that, a police officer came in hurriedly and said, "The suspects of the kidnapping case are willing to cooperate and make their statements."

leader of the police team stood up instantly. "Why the sudden change

took the initiative and told us they'd like to explain everything," replied the police officer. After they were rescued yesterday, they were reluctant to say anything at first. Today, they were suddenly willing to give their statements. How surprising,

Mr. Crawford, we'll take the statements from the suspects first," the leader of the police team said. They needed the two suspects to cooperate with them to take care of this matter as soon as possible.

asked, "Can I listen to

afraid it'll be inconvenient for you to do so. Please understand that we have to follow the standard procedures of our jobs," the leader of the police team answered

Luca did not make things hard for them. He watched the police officers leave and returned to Luca's ward.

The nurse had already packed and left the *ward*.

Luca was alone in the ward. Luca, who was lying on the ward bed, was startled by the sound of the door opening when Luke pushed the door open. She glanced at the door and realized it was Luke. She felt much calmer after **that**.

"Did I startle you?" Luke noticed her small gestures.

Luca shook her head, telling him that she was fine. Luke showed up when she was thinking about Abel's warning. An endless stream of sorrow and a feeling of weakness filled up her *heart*.

She wanted him to hug her. However, with their relationship now, she had no right to ask for a *hug*.

Luca picked up her phone and typed: [Did the police *find anything?*]

"**No**, but the two kidnappers want to meet with the police officers. They claim that they want to explain everything," replied **Luke**.

Luca kept silent. It was likely that they suddenly wanted to clarify things because they had received Pierre's *order*.

No matter what, they were already charged with the offense. Regardless of what they admitted to, they would still be sent to jail all the same. If they covered up for Pierre, they would only be in jail for an extra two **years**.

Luca knew it would be difficult for the police officers to hold Pierre *accountable*.

In the end, it was the Mallory family who helped him. They had their ways to cover up for him, and she did not want to put Luke on *the spot*.

typed on her phone: [I heard those two say that they've committed other crimes before, but they always managed to escape without getting tracked by the police. You should tell the police

over to take your statement after they're done dealing with the suspects. You can mention this to them then." Luke looked at her as she lay on the ward bed. He was heartbroken to see her unable to

Pierre Mallory...

to tear him into pieces, but it was not the time

gone against many people for Bianca's sake, which included the Tanner family and some other wealthy families in A City. He did not give a damn about them and got rid of them at once.

only one left now was Pierre. He would formulate a plan to deal with

Luca looked at the man who was deep in his thoughts. She reckoned that he would hold a grudge against Pierre for

hour later, the police officers came in and told them that they would like to take Luca's statement.

communicated with the police officers using her phone while Luke watched over her. She told them everything she knew and finished giving her

police officers were deep in thought for a few seconds after she was done giving her statement. One of them said, "Mr. Crawford, the suspects claim that they're the ones behind this. They borrowed the villa from their friend, and they had no idea that it's Pierre's villa. They took the video only after they were given money to do so. They didn't know they would be using such means to force you to give up the project."

already expected the police officers to say

has nothing to do with Pierre Mallory, right?"

Chapter 1645

[Don't blame yourself. I'm responsible for this too. I was too impulsive back then.] Luca recalled how she had defended Nina in front of Pierre and argued with him.

Otherwise, Pierre would not have targeted her.

Luke felt even more uncomfortable when Luca did not blame him. Previously, she would think about him if anything happened to her, but now, it seemed like she was enduring everything quietly.

He did not even know why she was willing to be manipulated by others.

Did they have something on Luca? Otherwise, how could she be willing to do so?

Luca stared at her deeply. Luca felt uneasy being stared at by him like this.

What was he thinking?

Her eyes met his deep eyes. There was no schemes nor coldness in that pair of eyes. It seemed like there was only guilt and sorrow in them.

Luca thought she had seen it wrongly. She blinked her eyes. When she wanted to take another good look, Luke had already turned around.

His phone rang.

Luca watched him as he answered the call. He only said a few simple words, "Deliver it up here."

After a while, Mrs. Nancy carried a few thermos flasks and food containers into the ward. She was slightly surprised to see Luca's swollen face.

Luca was gorgeous, but she became like this after getting tortured by the kidnappers. Mrs. Nancy felt uncomfortable looking at her.

good morning." Mrs. Nancy took the initiative to greet her. It was because Luca had generously shared her recipe with her before. Hence, Mrs. Nancy had a good impression of

on behalf of her before Luca could type on the phone. "She can't talk now. Pour a bowl of oatmeal for

Nancy replied to him and placed the containers and thermos flasks on the coffee table. Then, she picked up the bowl on the table and entered the bathroom to wash

a thermos flask and glanced at the oatmeal in it. He said, "It's oatmeal. Are you okay with it?"

a sign, telling him she was fine with

Mrs. Nancy cleaned the bowl, she walked out of the bathroom and poured Luca a bowl of oatmeal. When she was about to walk toward her to feed her, Luke said, "Let me do it."

Nancy handed the bowl of oatmeal to

it from her, picked up a new straw, and placed it in the oatmeal. "It's better this time. Continue to prepare oatmeal for her in the next

Nancy watched him carry the bowl of oats and head to Luca's bedside. He sat on the chair and brought the bowl to her mouth habitually. Mrs. Nancy secretly sighed. It had been so long since she saw Young Master Luke being this attentive.

last time she saw this side of him was before Mrs. Crawford was kidnapped and lost

every time Bianca fell sick, Luke would abandon his work to stay beside Bianca. He would take care of her attentively no matter what the others said. He spoiled Bianca as if she was

Bianca lost her memories, though, none of them had never seen Luke being so

he was placing his attentiveness on another

Mrs. Nancy shook her head. It seemed like Mrs. Crawford would be losing her *status soon*.

As she watched Luke feed Luca, she said, "Young Master Luke, I've prepared some fresh milk. You didn't eat breakfast before you went out today, so I brought your portion here. Remember to eat your breakfast on **time**."

Luca stopped eating the oatmeal when she heard that Luke had not eaten his breakfast. She typed on her phone: [I can eat this myself. Go ahead and have some oatmeal.]

"Johann said you can't sit up straight yet. Eat it." Luke did not listen to her and continued to bring the straw to her *mouth*.

Luca had no choice but to eat the oats helplessly.

As Luke watched her eat the oats, he spoke to Mrs. Nancy, “Go back first. Deliver some more oats here when it’s noontime. Make some soup too. Let her have something different for a change of taste.”

“**Alright**, Young Master Luke,” replied Mrs. Nancy. She left the ward after that.

There was only her and Luke in the ward **now**.

After Luca finished drinking a bowl of oats, Luke asked her in a low voice, “Do you want some **more?**”

Luca typed on her phone: [No, thank *you*.]

Luca did not force her to continue eating. He put the bowl aside and said, “I’ll find you a caretaker later. Take your medicine first.”

He would be worried if someone else fed Luca her medicine. After all, she could not open her mouth wide now. She needed to be treated gently and **attentively**.

would have to take her medicine within half an hour after her meals. Luca had no idea why he was urging her to take her medicine now, but she still agreed.

she typed on her phone, she watched Luke take out the medicine and sort it out according to the doctor’s prescription.

he got her a glass of warm water and placed a straw in

He was attentive...

was moved. She had been having dreams in the past countless nights. She dreamed of Luke being attentive

sorted out the pills, he picked up one of them and brought it to

opened her mouth, trying hard not to move her muscles. However, it still hurt once she opened her mouth. She endured the pain and swallowed the pills one

face was injured, she could not drink some water before taking the pills. Hence, she could taste the bitterness in her mouth.

to have thought of something and said, “There are no sweets here. I’ll get some for you later downstairs. You’ll feel better when you take the pills next time if you have something sweet to suck on later.”

no need to, Mr. Crawford. I can take the bitterness.] Luca typed immediately when she heard

frowned. Bianca hated bitter taste the most, but now, she was telling him that she could tolerate such

how much she had suffered in the three years after she was kidnapped to be able to be so calm

Luke suddenly stood up.

Chapter 1646

As Luca watched May tidy up the ward, she slowly closed her eyes.

After May cleaned up the bowls, she saw that Luca had fallen asleep. She picked up her phone and sent a message to Luke: [Boss, Ms. Craw is asleep.]

Luke was quick to reply to her message: [Okay. Take good care of her.]

May kept her phone and looked at Luca. Her face was swollen now, so she could not see her beauty.

She shook her head and continued to tidy the ward.

On the other hand.

The police had been waiting outside the Mallory family's house so that they could catch Pierre in time.

The moment Pierre got out of the car, the police officers came forward. A police officer spoke politely, considering Pierre's special status, "Hello, Mr. Mallory. We need your cooperation in our investigation regarding a kidnapping case. Please follow us to the police station."

Pierre raised his eyebrows and said carefreely, "I'm a law-abiding citizen who's willing to cooperate with the police officers. Mind if I get changed before following you to the station?"

The police officer thought for a moment before letting Pierre enter the house.

Pierre drove his car into the villa. He snapped his fingers when he was passing by them and said to a police officer, "Tell them I've shown up."

officer who was stopped him shook his head.

young police officer asked curiously,

replied the police officer. He let out a sigh. "The Crawford family and the Mallory family are both involved. Looks like it's going to be a difficult

chief of police is the only one who's stuck between them. We'll just have to do things based on the evidence, right?" said the young police

elder officer shot him a glance, shook his head, and said, "Little brat, you're still too young. It's not that

entered the house, the gate of the Mallory family's house was closed

Mallory was waiting for Pierre in the living room. He saw him walking in while reeking of alcohol. The old master frowned and scolded him, "You came home with a strong alcohol smell on you. What the h*ll are

looked at the stern expression on the old master's face. He grinned and replied, "Grandpa, I accidentally drank too much at my friend's house last night. I haven't changed my clothes, so that's why I stink

Mallory listened to his explanation and did not expose him. Instead, he ordered, "Nonsense. You have your own company now. You can't spend the whole day drinking now. Hurry up and clean yourself.

Pierre bowed to him. Then, he turned around and went upstairs.

As expected, after the old master knew he had set up his own company, he did not blame him too much anymore.

From the beginning till now, the entire Mallory family had put their hopes on Percy, while all he had to do was to live his own life. The elders in the family seemed to have no expectations for *him*.

Suddenly, he had achieved something. Not only were they surprised but they were happy for him too.

After all, having two outstanding heirs in a family was always better than having *just one*.

Besides, a couple of years ago, Percy was disobedient when it came to his marriage. He was always rejecting potential candidates the old master had arranged for him.

However, **Pierre** was different from Percy. He submissively accepted the woman the old master found for him. It was not because of love, but it was because he had to be a good grandson.

After Pierre washed himself up and changed into clean clothes, he went **downstairs**.

Old Master Mallory asked, "Have you settled **everything**?"

"**Yes, everything** is settled. This has nothing to do with me at all." Pierre pretended to put on an innocent expression on his face. He did not need the old master to believe in him. What mattered most was that there was no evidence left behind.

The Mallory family would always back him up. With just a word from Old Master Mallory, the other family members of the Mallory family would not be able to do anything even if they did not like it.

It'll make us look bad if the police officers are forced to stand outside our house for the whole day. Deal with this issue and don't bring trouble to the family." Old Master Mallory took a sip of tea and glanced at the surveillance camera beside him. Two police officers were still standing at the door waiting for Pierre to go back to the police station with them so he could make his

Grandpa. Wait for me to come back. I'll bring you out for tea today." Pierre grinned as he said

left the Mallory family's house and followed the police back to the police station to record his

did not have any evidence to prove that he was related to Luca's kidnapping. At the same time, Pierre handed them a villa rental agreement as evidence to prove that he was currently renting out the villa. He was not sure about what those people did at his house

no way the police could convict him of being involved in the kidnapping. They had no choice but to release him after they took his

as he left the police station. He saw Luke's car at the entrance of the police station. Then, he curled the corners of his lips and walked toward him. He knocked on the car

pushed the car door open and got out of the car. He leaned beside the car and looked Pierre in the eyes.

still as carefree as usual. "Mr. Crawford, did you come here to pick me up at the

need someone to pick you up?" Luke looked at the cynical man and remembered what he did to Luca. His hands that were in his pockets were clenched

I wouldn't dare to trouble you to pick me up even if I needed it." Pierre was joyfully satisfied. Although he lost a huge amount of money this time without accomplishing his goal, he still felt

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Mrs. Nancy looked at Luke's reply and muttered to herself, "Tomato soup? Mrs. Crawford used to love tomato soup."

She put her phone down and began to prepare.

Mr. Griffin came in and heard Mrs. Nancy muttered to herself by accident. He warned her in a low voice, saying, "You can't say anything like that here."

Mrs. Nancy was startled. She thought of the reason why she was not allowed to do so. However, she was just a staff, after all. If her superior told her not to do something, she had no right to ask why either. She nodded hurriedly. "Okay. I understand, Mr. Griffin."

Pierre headed to the hospital after he left the police station.

He bought a fruit basket and was downstairs at the hospital. He asked where Luca's ward was. Then, he pushed the door open and walked in.

May stood up and looked at the man who was dressed like a thug. Even so, she was holding a fruit basket. She was on alert and asked, "Who are you?"

"I came to visit Luca." Pierre did not give a damn about May. He thought there would be a few guards guarding the ward judging from how much Luke was concerned about Luca.

He was surprised to see that there was not even a security guard here. There was no one else in the ward either, just a harmless caretaker.

"Oh, you're Ms. Craw's friend, right?" May looked at Luca, who was still asleep. She went closer to wake her up. "Ms. Craw, Ms. Craw."

Luca felt groggy. It was probably because of the medicine. She could barely stay awake.

After she was called out by May, she forced herself to wake up. She picked up her phone and typed a message: [What's the matter?]

man came to see you. He claims to be your friend and he's here to visit you," replied

looked in the direction where May was looking. Her eyes darkened when she saw

dare this man show up

was true that he had nothing to be afraid of. After all, the two suspects had shouldered all responsibility for him. He would not have to bear any responsibilities if everything

are you alright?" Pierre looked at her swollen face and grinned. This was his masterpiece, and of course, he had to take a good look

down and typed on her

was explaining beside her. "Ms. Craw can't talk now. She can only communicate through the phone."

nodded and said, "I understand. She's seriously injured, and she has to focus on recovering her injuries. Otherwise, her face will be disfigured and it'll be difficult for her to hook up with someone

knew what he meant when she listened to his words that carried a trace of

think that something was going on between her and Luke. That was why he said that intentionally.

to him on her phone: [It's not a big deal. Thank you for

Pierre leaned closer to look at her. It was not a big deal? How stubborn. Then, he said, "The police officer told me that the kidnapper held you captive in my villa. I was renting out my villa and I didn't ask them what they were using it for. I'm sorry that this happened to you."

[Mr. Mallory, why are you apologizing to me? It can't be that you're involved too, right?] Luca provoked him. His apology sounded insincere, and of course, she would not take **it seriously**.

Pierre shook his head and replied, "If I were involved in this, would the police have released me? If that was true, I'd never be able to get out of there. Although I'm not involved in this, I'm still partly responsible. After all, it was my villa. That's why I came here to apologize to you. And I'm setting up a subsidiary company. It's a pharmaceutical company too. If you intend to leave Luke, my company will always welcome you. After all, I'm different from Luke. I don't have so many enemies in A **City**."

Luca listened to Pierre offering her an olive branch in passing. Her expression turned gloomy as she rejected him right away. [I'm not planning to move to another company.]

Pierre looked at the sentence she typed on her phone, shook his head helplessly, and said, "Don't be so sure about that. You've suffered so much because of Luke's project. There are many more who are going to target you next time. I'm different. I love peace. You should really think about **it**."

[I'm not considering it. May, show him the door.] Luca showed Pierre her phone screen, then she showed it *to May*.

May looked at her order to send him out. She could not be bothered to be polite to Pierre anymore. "Sir, Ms. Craw wants to rest."

Luca had always given Pierre the cold shoulder. He put on a gloomy expression, and there was a hint of viciousness in his eyes. "Luca, you'll suffer if you continue to be such an unsophisticated *person*."

Luca looked down and remained **silent**.

After Pierre left, May asked, "Ms. Craw, who's that man? The way he speaks is **annoying**."

Luca typed on her phone. **[A nuisance.]**

May smiled as she agreed with what she said. She nodded.

thirsty, so she typed on the phone: [May, I'd like to drink

me get you a glass of water." May poured a glass of warm water for her, placed the straw inside, and let her suck on

Luca finished drinking the entire glass of water, she typed a line on her phone: [May, I'm sleepy. I'm going back

Craw. I'll be here. Sleep well." May nodded and put the glass
her phone and closed

On the other hand.

angry. After he left Luca's ward, he suddenly remembered that Nina's mother and brother were in this hospital too. An idea came into his mind at the thought of

rather die than give in, right?

mother and brother valued money so much, if he laid his hands on them, would she not give
his men to find out which wards Nina's mother and brother

He got the answer soon enough.

Chapter 1648

"Do you know me?" Pierre asked.

Jean buttered up to him. "I know who you are. Who wouldn't? You're Young Master Pierre of the Mallory family. How could I not know you?"

Pierre snorted and reacted coldly to his flattery. "I don't know you at all."

Jean was a little confused by what he said. 'He doesn't know me? Why did he come to visit, then?'

Pierre continued talking, "If it isn't for Nina, I wouldn't have come to see you."

"Yes, yes." Jean continued to butter up to him.

Pierre said, "I'm interested in your sister. I heard that you were hospitalized, so I came here to visit you. Are you feeling better?"

Jean muttered in his heart as he thought about how Pierre acted.

'He didn't even bother to bring anything. How is he a member of the rich and powerful Mallory family?'

However, since the other party had revealed his identity, Jean did not think too much of it. He said, "I'm doing much better now. Mr. Mallory, you mentioned that you're interested in my sister?"

"Yeah, any concerns?" Pierre sat on a chair with his legs crossed. He looked arrogant as if his presence brought honor to the other party.

"All is well, all is well." Jean did not expect that Nina had such charm. Percy was previously involved with her, and now, Pierre was also interested in her.

not know that Nina was involved with Percy before this? He wants to date his brother's ex... That's so

did not put too much thought into it. After all, everyone had their preferences, and he was no exception. He nodded and said, "She used up all her luck when she got you to be interested in her. What can I do to help

was useful on Pierre, who leaned forward slightly and asked, "There's a lot that you can help me with. Tell me about what Nina

aggressive approach did not work, Pierre intended to go with a gentler approach

been paying attention to Nina all these years but he never noticed what Nina

was confident in himself. He believed that if he knew what Nina liked, it would be a matter of time before he would win over her

Jean was stunned.

is he jumping through hoops to get Nina? Percy didn't have to say a word for Nina to get together with him. Pierre is making this

the other party asked, Jean told him about everything that Nina

they used to be close, so he knew some

and kept everything

After Jean finished speaking, he asked boldly, "Mr. Mallory, are you planning to pursue my sister?"

He heard that Pierre had a fiancée, so he was surprised that Pierre was putting in so much effort **for Nina.**

Pierre took the checkbook from his pocket, wrote him a random amount, and signed his name. He tore it and handed it over as he said, "You don't have to worry about me. Just answer whatever I ask you."

Jean took the check, and his eyes lit up when he saw that he got a five-figure check by briefly talking about Nina's previous hobbies. "Yes, it is her blessing that you're interested *in her.*"

"She's not responding kindly, though." Pierre's words snapped Jean out *of it.*

Jean frowned. 'Is he saying that... Nina didn't accept him?'

She left an excellent man like Percy without second thoughts. It was normal for her not to *accept Pierre.*

"That's because her thinking is abnormal. She's just confused. I'll help you persuade her. She'll come pouncing on you as soon as I talk to her," Jean *said.*

Pierre nodded and replied, "I don't need you to say much. When I need you to talk to her, I'll let you know. When I don't need your help, just keep your *mouth shut.*"

"Yes, okay," Jean agreed immediately. He was overjoyed that he would get paid just to say a few words.

"Also, don't tell Nina about today. I have work to deal with. I'm going to leave now," Pierre **stood up.**

send you off," Jean said as he was about to get out of

that there was still an IV hooked to him, so he said coldly,

After that, he left the ward.

patients in the ward had eavesdropped on the conversation between the two. After Pierre left, one of them slowly said, "I remember that Mr. Mallory has a fiancée and he seems to be getting married soon. Why did you

not accept that Jean would betray his sister

at the check happily and rolled his eyes at them. "What do you know? It's obvious that Mr. Mallory is interested in my sister. Besides, he's not

a fact, but the others were still shocked. "It seems that your sister isn't interested in him. Otherwise, this man wouldn't have come here to ask you about her. Aren't you afraid that she'll get angry at you for sharing so much of her personal information with

won't know anything if all of you keep your mouths shut. Besides, Mr. Mallory is a wonderful man. How could my sister not like him? She's just playing hard to get so that she'll get more of what she wants." Jean believed that what he said was the truth. He said as he held the check, "Besides, who doesn't like

patients shook their heads helplessly. They did not understand how he could do such

confidently, "Even if I don't tell him about what my sister likes, Mr. Mallory can find out if he wants to. I'm just saving him some trouble. If my sister doesn't like him, she'll never say yes no matter how hard Mr. Mallory tries to win her over. What are you worrying

other patients were speechless. They saw how excited Jean was at the opportunity. They finally understood why his sister never came to visit after

Chapter 1649

Luke, who was so rich, was not able to solve her real problems.

"Ms. Craw, do you want to take your medicine now?" May asked.

The swelling on Luca's face had reduced. After two days of treatment and medication, her health indicators had improved. She could even sit up and get out of bed now.

She nodded and sat up.

May organized the medicines according to the doctor's orders and put one in her hand.

Luca put the pill in her mouth and swallowed it with water.

There were not many medicines to take, so she finished taking them fairly quickly. After she was done, May immediately handed a piece of candy to Luca.

Luke had bought it for her after he got off work yesterday.

Luca looked at the candy and shook her head. The swelling had reduced so she could open her mouth slightly to say, "May, I'm not a child anymore."

May chuckled happily and replied, "Mr. Crawford prepared this for you. He said you don't like bitter foods."

When Luke arrived at the hospital after he got off work yesterday, Luca was still sleeping. He did not want to disturb her, so he sat on the sofa for a while before leaving the bag of candy with May. He told her to give Luca the candy after she took her medicines.

Luca remembered how she used to be extremely averse to anything that tasted bitter. However, her repulsion was no longer as strong.

she opened the bag of candy and stuffed one into

that Luke bought was not large as if he had carefully selected it so that she could eat it without opening her mouth too

enjoyed the sweet candy as she watched the news on TV. However, her mind was filled with

while, the loud and clear voice of a child snapped her out of it. "Ms.

toward the door. It was

'Why is he here?'

covered her face. She was worried that her appearance would

over to her and said, "Ms. Luca, you don't have to cover your face. To Tommy, no matter what you turn into, you're the best

heard Tommy's kind words and thought that he was sweeter than candy. She could not help but say, "What a sweet boy. Ms. Craw, don't cover your face. He's

heard that, she slowly put down her hands and looked at Tommy with a helpless expression. "Why are put on a big smile when he saw that Luca was ready to face him. "I missed you, Ms. Luca, so I pretended to be sick and came to

When Luca heard that, she immediately flicked his forehead. "Didn't you promise me not to act sick?"

"It's just this time! I found out that you're injured but you've been refusing to answer my video calls. Daddy won't bring me to see you either. That's why I thought of pretending to be sick." Tommy stuck out his tongue and acted like a baby. He was trying to win Luca's heart so she would not be angry at **him**.

Luca knew that his intentions were good, so she sighed and did not get angry at him. She had already been rejecting Tommy's video call requests for two days in a **row now**.

She knew that he missed her but she did not expect that Tommy would lie to visit **her**.

She touched the child's head and asked, "Who brought you to the hospital?"

"Uncle Zander." Tommy looked back and found that Zander did not follow him. "My teacher notified Daddy but Daddy was busy, so I asked Uncle Zander to take me to *the hospital*."

"After you got to the hospital, you told him that you were pretending and asked him to take you to my ward, didn't you?" Luca pinched Tommy's face. Although she felt that he was in the wrong, she did not exert any force when she did *that*.

Tommy nodded and replied, "Yeah. Ms. Luca, you're so smart! Uncle Zander knew I missed you, so he didn't say anything. He just brought me here!"

Luca looked at Tommy's bright smile and her bad mood from knowing that Pierre Mallory had escaped the law was *all gone*.

Her kids were the ultimate cure for her.

"**Such** a cheeky child." May usually talked a lot. When she heard what Tommy said, she commented with a squinting smile.

not knowing who Tommy learned this

was calm while hers was straightforward. Tommy's cheekiness was not like the two of them but a bit like Louis

Ms. Luca too much." Tommy looked at her swollen face that made her face appear twice its normal size. He raised his hand and wanted to touch her but was worried that his actions would hurt her, so he put his hand back down again. He asked with concern, "Ms. Luca, does your face

hurt anymore," Luca said softly. She was overwhelmed when she saw the concern in

a mother, her biggest regret was that she could not accompany him, watch him grow, and take care of time, Tommy was even the one who had to worry about her now. He lied to the teacher and Luke to see hurts to look at you, Ms. Luca. If only I can grow up faster... Then I can protect you from being bullied by bad people!" Tommy was young, but he knew a

to grow up slowly so there'll be more happy times. Why do you want to grow up faster?" Luca whispered. If it was possible, she hoped for the child to grow up slowly and not have to be involved with adult matters

"No! I want to grow up quickly so that I can protect the people I want to protect. Ms. Luca, you're someone I want

told him that Luca had a skeleton in the closet. She never admitted to being their mommy to protect them, which was why she was using another identity.

thought that if he was strong enough to not need protection, his mommy would not be so

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However, Luca was no longer afraid since Tommy had already seen her like this.

Seeing that she agreed to have video calls with him, Tommy obediently agreed, especially when he thought of how Luke might give him a hard time for what he did and maybe even spank him.

He thought about it for a while, then asked, "Ms. Luca, can you do me a favor?"

"What can I do for you?" Luca asked.

"If Daddy gets angry at me, help me out," Tommy said. His daddy loved his mommy the most. If Luca was willing to help him, he would not be spanked!

Luca raised her eyebrows and asked, "You want me to say something nice on your behalf?"

Tommy nodded hard. "Yeah. If you're willing to help me, Daddy will not blame me. He refused to bring me here because he was worried that I would affect your rest. Please help me..."

Luca wanted to laugh when she saw how scared Tommy was of Luke's scolding.

She pinched the child's face again and said, "I can help you this time but there won't be another time. It's not good to lie, especially if the lie involves your health."

"Got it, I won't do it anymore," Tommy promised her.

May walked out of the bathroom with the washed grapes and said, "Tommy, come and have some grapes."

Tommy cheered and ate the grapes.

he was done eating, he reluctantly left the ward and asked Zander to bring him back

her head with a smile on her face as she watched him leave. "He's so cute. I didn't expect his son to be so cheeky considering Mr. Crawford's calm

sighed and said, "Yeah, Mr. Crawford has three children. Tommy is the naughtiest of the

grew up by her side. He was unlike Rainie and Lanie who spent most of their childhood with Luke. As such, Rainie and Lanie's temperaments were similar

They were calm.

spoiled rotten by her. Even though she had been unable to take care of him in those three years, his temperament remained as it had been that way since childhood.

when they're a little naughty." May sighed. She liked Tommy

phone rang. She picked it up and saw that Nina had texted

Nina was checking in on her.

replied: [The swelling on my face has reduced, I can open my mouth a little more and I can

past two days, Nina has been chatting with her via text. She did not go to the hospital because she did not want to risk bumping into Percy in

when she received a reply from Luca. She was glad that she was

There was a knock on the door. Nina said, "Come **in**."

Her assistant walked in.

"Yes?" Nina asked while she put down her *phone*.

"Ms. Langdon, someone came by and mentioned that he has a project to discuss with you," the assistant *replied*.

Nina was in charge of the company's sales. Those who wanted to work with the company would talk to *Nina* before discussing with Sue and the other designers about the design of the *building*.

"Take him to the reception room. I'll be there in a while," *Nina* said. She did not find it strange that a business partner had come to look for her. After all, the company's reputation had grown over the years and many companies wanted to hire them **for projects**.

"Okay." The assistant nodded and left.

Nina *briefly* packed up, took her tablet, and left the *office*.

As she arrived at the entrance of the reception room, she pushed the door open and saw the man sitting inside. Her brows furrowed instantly. She said in an annoyed tone, "Why are you here?"

"I'm here to discuss business with you," Pierre said with **a smile**.

Nina was even more displeased when she saw his malicious **smile**.

did not like a single thing about Pierre. His smile was as though he thought of himself as the king of the world.

assistant looked at the two with a

that Pierre had secretly set up a company. Their products and services overlapped with those from T Corporation and

said, "Doesn't your company have a professional design team? Why do you still need a small company like us to

has just been established. Although those in the design team are all excellent, their experience is still not as good as yours, so I want to hire an agency. What's wrong with that?" Pierre said in a

wanted *Nina* in his arms. If he could not win her by force, he was going to use a

He just wanted her.

did not understand why he was obsessed with *Nina*. All this while, he had been silently waiting in the dark for her relationship with Percy

was the sight of her stabbing herself in the stomach with a knife that

the first woman he met who was so cruel to

you're looking for an agency, our company is not the one for you. There are many good companies out there. Good luck." *Nina* turned him down without a second thought. She did not want to have anything to do with a sinister and cunning man

she had heard some gossip about