

Be Gentle 1661

Chapter 1661

"I was deep asleep last night. I didn't know you were here." It was after that Luca realized how contradicting her words were. Then, she said, "I saw the thermos bottle on the coffee table this morning. That's why I know you were here."

Luke did not expose her and continued to eat his breakfast.

After breakfast, Luca still had no idea where he was bringing her to. Hence, she changed into an elegant dress that was not too casual. She put on light makeup before leaving together with him.

Luke was driving while Luca was listening carefully to the morning news broadcast.

Her expression darkened when she heard the news about Pierre. Obviously, she would not have a pleasant expression on her face when she heard about Pierre. After all, she could not forgive someone who had hurt her before.

Luke was listening too. The news broadcast was introducing Pierre's company, and some of the experts even predicted that Pierre's company would have great prospects. It even had better development trends than T Corporation.

He could not be bothered listening to the news. There was no need to care about the nonsense these experts were talking about.

Luca felt uncomfortable listening to it.

These so-called experts must have taken Pierre's money to have the guts to say something like this. With this broadcast, it meant that Pierre was going to start a war with Luke.

Luca turned to look at Luke. He looked like he was not listening to the news broadcast at all with that indifferent look on his face. Did that mean he did not care about Pierre at all?

She knew Luke was capable, and he could choose not to give a damn about Pierre.

However, no one knew what kind of dirty tricks Pierre would use to force Luke to give up that project.

thought she could only wait for Abel to help her take revenge on Pierre.

remained silent while he drove all the

watched as the familiar road eventually became unfamiliar. She could not help but ask, "Mr. Crawford, where are you

not going to hurt you. Don't worry," replied

looked at the man's side profile helplessly. She was not afraid that he would hurt her, but being on this unknown road made her feel a little lost and confused.

It was a terrible feeling.

hour later, they ended up stopping at a detached villa.

at the villa and turned to look at Luke.

home of my wife's family," Luke answered. He parked the car and unfastened his seatbelt.

Norman family?" Luca asked. She had no idea that the Norman family had a villa. It was because Jack had always cared a lot about his image and behavior. He only had one property under his name, and he would never purchase real estate for investment purposes even though he had money. That was to prevent people from doubting his

the Norman family. It's the Rayne family," answered Luke. When Bianca's impostor was placed beside him, he confirmed her identity through a DNA test that turned out to be fake. However, Wanda had never believed that the crazy woman was Bianca.

Although the impostor regained her consciousness after that, Wanda still could not accept the fact and firmly believed that she was not Bianca.

At that time, Luke believed in the DNA test result without a second thought and had tried **persuading Wanda**.

However, Wanda just refused to believe it. She refused to see Bianca too. In turn, Old Man Rayne also refused to see Bianca. That was how the relationship between the two families became *distant*.

Luke bought a villa in this quiet district to let them stay here comfortably.

Subsequently, Wanda had never contacted him anymore. She even tried to hire a private detective to look for the real Bianca, but the investigation yielded no results.

Therefore, she left the country with the old man a year ago and settled in Japan.

"The Rayne family?" Luca was surprised. A look of great sorrow flashed across her heart at the thought of her grandfather who loved her so **much**.

After she was arranged to return to A City, she had gone to look for Old Man Rayne and Wanda. After knowing that Wanda had brought Old Man Rayne to Japan, she did not continue her *investigation*.

It was because she had to inform Abel of every place she went to. If she did not have a reason to head to Japan, he would definitely find out **about it**.

Nyla was already in his hands and was her Achilles' heel.

Luca refused to let him know about any more of her weaknesses. Since the old man had gone to Japan to spend the rest of his days there, she would not disturb him as she knew Wanda would take good care of *him*.

to look at Luke. Old Man Rayne and Wanda were not in the country. Why did he bring

not ask questions. Once she voiced out, Luke would know she was aware of Old Man Rayne and

my wife's aunt brought the old man back here some time ago. She told me that the old man wasn't used to life in Japan. His biggest wish was to come back and spend the rest of his days here. That's why they came back here. The reason I brought you here today is to ask you to help give the old man a health check and see if there's anything he needs to pay attention to," answered Luke. Since Luca could not

wait to meet the Norman family after she returned, he reckoned that she was missing the old man who raised her too.

he could not expose her identity now, it would be good to bring her to see her loved ones this

excited to know that Old Man Rayne and Wanda had

she dared not to express it because once she did, Luke would find

No problem.” Luca sounded relaxed. When she was about to get out of the car, she touched her

Luke asked, “What’s the matter?”

startle the old man with the way I look now?” The swelling on her face was still a little serious. It was her first time seeing her grandfather after three years. She wanted to meet him in her best state even though he did not know she was

face is much better than it was a couple of days before,” said Luke. Luca healed faster than the average person. Others would think that she was just a little plump or she was suffering from edema instead of having been slapped on the face.

looked at the small villa outside the car window. She pondered for a moment before getting out of

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Luca shot a glance at Luke.

He made an inviting gesture. She turned her head and walked into the villa.

The villa was not big, but it was furnished delicately. It was enough for the two of them to live here.

Luca looked at the front yard that was planted with the flowers that Wanda loved. She could also see some fruits and vegetables planted in the backyard.

She turned her head and glanced at Luke. She was grateful for what he had done for the Rayne family.

Wanda could never afford to buy such a small villa. It must be Luke who bought the small villa for them.

She was no longer around, but he still treated her family kindly.

Both of them walked into the living room together. Luke had informed Wanda yesterday that he would be bringing someone here to check on the old man’s health. Hence, she started preparing delicacies from early in the morning.

Wanda smiled while looking at them, but she was startled for a moment she saw Luca.

She thought Luke would bring an old expert here. She never expected the person he bought to be such a young, fine woman.

Wanda found her familiar when their eyes met.

not the kind of person who would judge a book by its cover. She knew Luke had his reason for bringing her here. This woman must be capable.

and said, “ Luke, why don’t you introduce her?”

Dr. Craw. She’s a research professor working in the company, and she has certain attainments in herbal medicine,” Luke

out and took the initiative to greet her. “Ms. Craw, nice to meet you. I’m Wanda

reached out and held her hand. Her eyes were slightly red, but she suppressed the tremor in her heart and tried to sound as calm as possible. “Hello, Ms. Rayne.”

glanced at her hand. It felt so familiar to her that it gave her the feeling as though this woman was her let go of her hand and glanced around the living room. There was no sign of her grandfather.

She asked, “Where’s the patient?”

startled for a while when she heard how eager she was to meet Old Man Rayne. She then said, "He's still in his room. It's still early. Have you eaten breakfast? I've prepared some food. Would you like to have some?"

Luca was anxious when he heard her

It was because Old Man Rayne's health had always been in a poor state. That was why she was so anxious. However, it was strange to see someone so eager to see the patient when it was her first time *here*.

He quickly answered, "We've eaten breakfast. Aunt, why don't you bring us to check on Grandpa's health condition?"

The way he addressed them was the same as how Bianca used to call them.

Since Luke had mentioned it, Wanda slightly nodded and said, “Sure. He was thrilled after knowing that you’ll be coming today. He said he’ll have a good chat with you. He’d love to play a chess game with you too. It’s been too long since you last came here. He misses **you.**”

Wanda and Old Man Rayne refused to believe that the Bianca who lost her memories was the Bianca they were looking for, but they could not find the true Bianca no matter what. Hence, the only person they were willing to see was Luke.

All these years, Old Man Rayne had always treated Luke as if he was his biological grandson.

“I’ve been busy with work. I’ll come and visit him often when I’m free.” Luke *promised*.

"Really? After all, Dad is always delighted to see you. He'll be very happy if you can come over to keep him company, play chess, and have some tea with him,” Wanda said as she entered Old Man Rayne's room together with them.

“Dad, Luke’s here. He brought an expert along with him to help you to recover your health,” Wanda said.

When Old Man Rayne heard Luke had arrived, he slowly sat up straight and leaned on the headboard. He put on his custom-made reading glasses and saw that Luke had indeed arrived. He was grinning from ear to ear. "Oh, it's really Luke. Luke, come over and sit here."

Luke walked to the bedside and sat down. He held Old Man Rayne's hands. "Grandpa, how have you been **feeling recently?**"

old, same old. Don't worry. It's normal when you get old. Wanda, get the chess set for me. I'd love to play a game with Luke. It's been a while since someone played chess with me," said Old Man Rayne. He wanted to seize the moment to spend some time with

reminded him, saying, "Dad, have you forgotten? Luke brought an expert professor today here to check on your health. You can't just think about playing chess with him and ignore her."

Old Man Rayne was reminded about it, he lifted his head and looked in the direction of the door. Someone was

see clearly with his reading glasses on. When he saw her, he found her familiar yet unfamiliar at the same time. He asked, "Luke, is she the expert you told me

her name is Luca Craw," Luke

looked at Old Man Rayne, and the emotions in her heart started surging. After all these years, Old Man Rayne had gotten so much

more wrinkles on his face, and his eyes had become dull because of the sickness that tortured him. His body looked a

clenched her fists, swallowing the lump in her throat. She suppressed the urge to cry and came over to greet him, "Hello, Old Man Rayne."

to meet you. Your family name is Craw, right? You seem familiar to me. Wanda, do we have any relatives with the family name Craw?" Old Man Rayne stared at Luca, his eyes fixed on her. He felt like he had seen

found Luca familiar, but sure enough, they did not have any distant relatives with the family name Craw. They had not seen Luca

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Wanda blinked her eyes. She refused to believe what Luca said. Could taking some herbal medicine help recover Old Man Rayne's health.

This was way too iffy for her...

She asked, "Will my dad be physically stronger after taking the herbal medicine? But we've visited several doctors throughout the years, and we even went to see the specialists in Japan. All of them told us that he's suffering from a chronic illness, and there's no cure for this. He can only take some medicine to alleviate the symptoms. It can't be healed."

"Indeed, his illness can't be healed, but my prescription will make Old Man Rayne feel much better," replied Luca. She did not blame Wanda for doubting her.

The medical knowledge that Shanks taught her was abundant, and most of it could not be found or learned in the medical schools out there.

Some of the prescriptions could not be obtained from the market today, so many had no idea how good the effects were.

Moreover, many people swindled money from patients in the name of naturopathy these days.

"Does such an effective prescription really exist? Previously, I brought him to a naturopathic doctor but the prescription he gave didn't work either." Wanda was still questioning Luca. Every medicine had its side effects. She hoped that Old Man Rayne could take fewer medicines if possible.

"Aunt, just believe in Luca," Luke said. She was someone they could trust, and she had no reason to harm her grandfather.

Wanda did not say anything, and Luca said determinedly, "Please believe in me. You'll start to see the effects after taking two packets of the concoction according to the prescription. The effects will be better if he continues taking it. The illness can't be cured but Old Man Rayne will feel much better. At least, he'll be able to sleep well at night. Besides, the medicine doesn't have many side effects."

Old Man Rayne listened to Luca's confident tone and said, "Wanda, let's give it a try. Luke wouldn't have brought her here if she wasn't capable enough."

"I'll leave it to you, Dr. Craw." Wanda chose to

nodded and shot Luke a glance to express her gratitude.

not have said anything if it were someone else who refused to believe her or who did not want to take the medicine she prescribed. She would not even feel anxious for them. It was their health, after all. She did her part, and if they refused to believe her, it would be none of her business

Some things could not be forced...

was different with Old Man Rayne. He was her grandfather, and Luca only wanted him to get better. That way, he could live his life happily in the

her gaze, and he could sense the camaraderie in her gaze. He nodded.

stood up and asked, "Do you have a pen and a piece of
me get them for you," said Wanda as she walked out of the

Man Rayne spoke again, "Dr. Craw, can you

not really good at it..." Luca smiled and said. Her chess strategies and tactics were simple, and she had not played for years. She was afraid that Old Man Rayne would see through her at a glance if she played chess

Hence, she dared not to.

Old Man Rayne did not force her. He looked at Luke and said, "Luke, let's play chess later. Stay here for lunch with Dr. Craw today. We can enjoy *our game*."

"Sure," Luke promised at once.

Luca was grateful that Luke was willing to bring her here even though he was busy. He even sacrificed his working hours to play chess with Old Man Rayne just to make him happy.

She got married to the right **person**.

Even though she suffered a lot after marrying him, there was a lot of sweetness too.

Luca found life a lot sweeter when she saw everything he had done for her family.

In this selfish society, only a few were willing to do as much as Luke had done. Besides, the Rayne family did not have any assets that Luke could take from *them*.

Luca thought to herself that if she were given the chance, she wanted to properly thank him using Bianca's identity.

After a while, Wanda brought the pen and paper to her. Luca picked up the pen and paper and wrote a prescription. She wrote down the quantity of each ingredient needed, ways to prepare the concoction, and how to drink it. Then, she turned to the back of the paper and wrote **another prescription**.

When she handed the prescription to Wanda, Wanda asked with some surprise, "Why are there two prescriptions?"

"The one on the first page is to be taken, whereas the prescription on the other page is for the foot bath after Old Man Rayne gets his massage. If you can dip the towel into the concoction, then give his legs a warm compress, that'll work better," Luca *explained*.

nodded. She was still a little concerned about the oral medication. Also, she was worried that the prescription would not be good enough and might harm Old Man

was not worried about the medicine for external application. Hence, she turned the page and read the prescription carefully.

been studying naturopathic medicine all these years because of Old Man Rayne's illness. When she was reading the ingredients Luca wrote on the paper, she realized that the ingredients used were not extraordinary

had seen some of the ingredients on other prescriptions before, but the quantity used was

Would this work?

Wanda was still doubting it.

Rayne interrupted her, saying, "Wanda, please bring the chess set here. I'm going to play chess with Luke. Also, ask the maid to prepare more food for lunch today. They'll be staying for

Dad." Wanda went to get his chess set after

beside them and watched them play a game of chess. She realized Luke was deliberately goofing around to make her grandfather happy, but it was not obvious as Old Man Rayne did not notice it.

suppose you've been busy with work and you don't have the time to play chess. Your skills aren't as good as before," Old Man Rayne smiled and

humbly, "Grandpa, it's because you've improved

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The maid walked to the backyard and saw Luca pressing on her chest as though she was feeling uncomfortable. She asked, "Ms. Craw, are you alright? Are you feeling unwell?"

"I'm fine," Luca replied. She looked at the maid and smiled, then noticed that she was carrying a basket. There were some fresh tomatoes as well as other fruits and vegetables that were currently in season. She asked, "Are these planted in the backyard?"

"Yes. Ms. Rayne is usually free, so she'd plant some flowers in the front yard and fruits and vegetables in the backyard. Look at how fresh the vegetables are. These were all planted by her. No pesticides were added. They're safe and healthy to eat," replied the maid while showing the fruits and vegetables in the basket to Luca.

Luca asked, "Can I take a look at the backyard?"

"You're the guest. Make yourself at home. But there's a pond in the backyard, so do be careful. Don't fall in," the maid reminded her.

Luca nodded and headed to the backyard.

There were all sorts of fruits and vegetables planted in the backyard. The villa looked small on the outside, but she realized it was not that small after she walked around the place.

Besides, Wanda had made good use of the corners of the yard. Luca looked at the sweet corn and tomatoes that were growing. She took a deep breath.

It was the smell of nature.

She recalled that when she was staying in the village years ago, Wanda was not married yet and would return home to help out at the farm after she got off work. She would plant all sorts of plants in the yard. Everything was nicely done, and the place looked like a little farm.

However, this did not last long. After that, Wanda got married and her father married another woman. No one was there to take care of the small yard, so the fruits and vegetables planted were shoveled out and the place was abandoned.

Luca continued to tour around. Just then, she heard the doorbell ring in the villa.

who would be here at this hour.

headed to the front yard and ran into the maid who was in a hurry to open the

accidentally stepped on Luca's foot, and she stopped immediately to apologize. "I'm sorry. I'm so sorry, Ms. Craw. I didn't mean

It doesn't hurt,"

in the villa rang again this time.

let out a sigh and said, "It's

"Who?" Luca asked unconsciously.

answered, "An unwelcome guest. She comes every day. Well, let me get the door. Otherwise, I'm going to get scolded again

as the maid hurriedly went to open the door. She wondered who the unwelcome guest could be.

the maid and

are you leaving?" The maid asked when she saw her

Luca shook her head. "I just want to see who's outside."

The maid found it strange. After all, it was Luca's first time here. Why did she want to know who was here? She sounded like she was curious about everything here. However, as a guest, she should not be asking so many questions.

She spared the matter no further thought, though. It was because if she did not open the door soon, the person at the door would continue to press on the doorbell.

Wanda hated it when the doorbell kept ringing. Hence, even if the person was unwelcome, she had to open the door and send her away.

The maid headed to the door and opened **it**.

Luca glanced at the person outside the door. Even though her looks had changed a lot, she could still recognize her. The woman standing out there was Marie **Rayne**.

Before Luca was kidnapped, Marie was still in prison serving her sentence. Why was she released?

Luca looked at Marie without saying **a word**.

"Ms. Marie, why are you here again?" The maid held the door with her hand to prevent her from going in.

Marie answered with that arrogant look on her face, "This is my grandpa's house, which means it's also my house. Why am I not allowed to go in? Step aside. I'm going in this time no matter **what!**"

Luca could not help but frown when she heard Marie sounding like she intended to take over this place. Had she been harassing them like this?

However, Luca could understand why.

Marie got out of prison, she must have been penniless. Even though her grandfather used to look down on her, her grandpa and aunt were staying in a villa now. Marie would never let go of her second chance in

Marie, Ms. Rayne has told you before that although your family name is Rayne, you have nothing to do with them. You're not even related to them. Don't come in. Otherwise, I'll call the police." The maid threatened

years of working as a maid in rich families, she had never met someone so difficult to deal

police? What makes you think that you can call the police?!" Marie widened her eyes. "Even though I'm not related to them, we're still a family. Bianca isn't related to them either but didn't they accept Luke Crawford's kindness? Why are they saying that there are no blood ties between us

had no idea what Marie was talking about. She was merely a worker. She replied, "Ms. Marie, it was Ms. Rayne who said that. No one wants you here. Please stop

she said? Why? Why is she so supercilious when she's just riding on Luke's coattail? My mother is still her younger brother's lawfully wedded wife. She just doesn't want to admit that she has a niece like me, right? No way! Let me in. Get out of my way. Otherwise, don't blame me for this!" Marie was behaving arrogantly. She had come prepared this time.

maid insisted on not letting her in. Usually, they would not even install the doorbell as it was because Marie would always press

Luke was bringing someone over today, so they had no choice but to install the doorbell for today. They did not expect Marie to come today

maid was a little stressed out when she saw Marie trying to barge into the house.

a frail woman. There was no way she was strong enough to handle Marie.

Not to mention Old Man Rayne.

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Luca looked at Marie and suddenly thought of Jean.

A leopard never changed its spots. They really suited each other. They behaved this way before they landed themselves in prison and were still the same after they got out. They took everything for granted. They refused to put in the effort to make a living and blamed others for their misfortune.

She remembered that she still addressed a person like Marie as her sister back then. Now, she felt disgusted at the thought of it...

"I'm their guest, that's why I can come in. But you're not, so what makes you think that you can come in here? The owner of the villa doesn't want you here. You shouldn't be messing around here. You're going to end up getting kicked out even if you do manage to come in. Do you find this fun?" Marie was startled by the bunch of words that Luca said.

She did not expect a guest to be so good at lecturing someone else.

"You!" Marie clenched her fists.

Luca said, "Ms. Marie, it's just a coincidence that you have the same family name as the two owners in this house. There's really nothing between you and the family."

"I'm going to tear your mouth apart! Wait for it!" Marie flew into a rage. The maid was blocking the way and she could not get in. She was so angry that she picked up her phone and was about to call someone.

Luca reckoned that she must be calling her lowlife friends.

After taking a close look at Marie, Luca did not have to ask any questions to know the kind of life Marie had been living after getting out of prison.

She was skinny and had a sallow complexion without makeup on. At a glance, Luca knew she did not eat her meals on time and was not resting well or taking care of her health. There was even a patch of yellow between her index finger and her middle finger.

the signs of someone who smoked.

was not just ordinary smoking either. Only a heavy smoker would have these

remembered that Marie had a miscarriage before she went into prison. She reckoned that there was no way she could take care of herself in the prison, and that was why she chose to let herself

advise you not to get your friends to come here and make a scene," said

her a vicious look. The two of them had never met before, and there was nothing between them. She had no idea why she disliked the woman so much when this was her first time meeting

She even hated her...

ordering me around? If you tell me not to scream, I'll insist on screaming. You came here as a guest, but you're not respecting me as the host. Just wait for it!" Marie said

looked at how stubborn she was. She shook her head helplessly and said, "Mr. Crawford is also here today. Are you sure you want to cause trouble?"

thought Marie would be afraid of Luke and the reason why she dared to come here to cause trouble was that Wanda had never told Luke about it for fear of disturbing him.

why Marie had the guts to constantly come here and cause

thought of using Luke's name to psych

When Marie heard Luke's name, she put her phone back in her pocket and looked at Luca with confusion. "Luke is here?"

"The car parked at the entrance is Mr. Crawford's car," **replied Luca.**

A look of excitement flashed across Marie's eyes. "That's great. Luke would never let his sister-in-law be down and out in this state. Let go of me. I'm going in to meet *Luke.*"

Luca was speechless when she saw Marie targeting Luke for the sake of gaining a better life.

Was she mad? She probably went crazy when she was in **prison**.

Had she forgotten who sent her there? Would Luke help her? How was that **possible**...

The maid tried hard to block her and said, "Ms. Marie, I'm really going to call the police if you keep doing **this!**"

Luca looked at how insane Marie was acting just because she heard Luke's name. She had no choice. She picked up her phone and asked Luke to come over.

That was the only way to let Marie know who she should *fear*...

"Let me go. I'm Luke Crawford's sister-in-law! The old man in there is my grandpa. I've been calling him 'Grandpa' for years. Let me in. They'll never abandon me." The madness in Marie's eyes was frightening.

The maid struggled to block her. Luca sent a message to Luke **immediately**.

not miss any

kept it short and told him that there was an unexpected situation at the door, so she needed him to come down to settle

to her message right after the message was sent. [I'm going

saw that the maid could no longer hold Marie back. She stepped forward and pushed Marie

not expect Luca to be so strong. She was unprepared and so startled that she took a few steps

a fire burning in her eyes when she looked at Luca. She said, "How dare you push me? Don't you know who I am? Are you tired of

don't know who you are, but I'm pretty sure that you have nothing to do with Mr. Crawford and the Rayne family. Since you're causing trouble here, then I can push you away," Luca said

"I'm the granddaughter of the Rayne family and Luke's sister-in-law. You'll regret pushing me

to be related to them, then why didn't you ask Mr. Crawford to come down?" Luca asked. She usually would not even bother saying something like that, but what Marie did really made her feel like laughing.

had not gotten even with Marie for all those things that she did to her and all the damage that was caused just for the sake of her interests.

dare Marie bring up the names of the Rayne family and Luke

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Luca looked at Marie, who seemed to have lost her mind and was desperate to get in. It was as if she could stay here forever once she got here.

People like her were the most pathetic.

Luca felt sorry for everything that Marie had gone through alone, but that was no excuse to be merciful.

She had no intention of letting Marie stay here either. Marie had not changed even a little after being in prison for years. If she stayed here, she would definitely disturb Old Man Rayne's peace.

She heard footsteps behind her. Luca turned around and looked at Luke.

When he walked out of the door, he had already heard Marie's voice from afar.

Jason had mentioned to him before that Marie was often seen wandering around the ground floor of T Corporation. She was looking for a chance to get into the building.

The reason why she wanted to get in was simple. It was the same reason she showed up at the villa's entrance.

Marie's eyes brightened when she saw Luke as if she had seen her savior. She reached out to him. "Luke, help me. They won't let me in."

Luca glanced at Luke. He hated Marie. He would never let her in.

However, the way he rejected her surprised her.

Luke shot her a glance and asked coldly, "Who are you?"

Marie was startled for a moment, then she responded, "I'm Marie Rayne, Bianca's elder sister."

Luke turned to look at Luca when she mentioned Bianca. "Do you know her?"

was stunned. What was he doing? Why was he asking her

course, she knew who Marie was. However, she was not Bianca at the moment, so she said, "This woman claims that she's your sister-in-law. I don't know her."

corner of Luke's lips curled as he crossed his arms in front of his chest. "Since you have no idea who she is, then I wouldn't know

to what he said and questioned

did not know her, so he did not know her

looked at the bewildered expression on Luca's face and remained silent. He was only testing the waters just

could not be bothered about Marie Rayne. All those things that she did to Bianca back then had broken her heart.

very least, though, they had addressed each other as sisters before. That was why Luke wanted to see how Luca

showed mercy on Marie, then he would consider helping Marie this one time. However, it seemed like she had no intention of being merciful

a drastic change in her character after she was gone for three

at the two of them, who were looking at each other. She got furious. She felt like she was being ignored. Hence, she said with a hideous look on her face, "Luke Crawford, if Bianca knows that you're ignoring her sister, she'll definitely

smile disappeared when she

Luca knew Luke was getting serious...

"As far as I know, Bea only has one adopted younger sister with whom she has no blood ties. Who are **you, then?**"

Luca shook her head helplessly as she listened to him.

If he knew that the true Bianca could never return, would he feel sad and heartbroken?

While Marie stared at the two of them looking at each other lovingly while completely excluding her, she stomped her feet and said, "You're both doing this on purpose, right? Luke, I thought you were a good man. Bullsh*t! I'll tell Bianca about this and let her see your true **colors.**"

Luca frowned and looked at her. "Stop talking nonsense. Mr. Crawford and I—"

Luke pulled a long face and ordered, "Throw her out."

The maid turned around and shot him a glance. If she had the strength to do so, would she have waited until *now*?

"Mr. Crawford, I can't do this alone..."

"I've called the guards." After Luke said that, two security guards trotted their way here. One of them did not even get to catch his breath before he said, "Mr. Crawford, **we're here.**"

Luke lifted his head. "Get this woman out of here. And never let her into the neighborhood. Do you understand that?"

"**Yes.**" **The** two security guards nodded. One of them stood on the left side, while the other on the right. They both lifted *Marie*.

Marie's legs were off the ground. She kicked wildly but did not manage to escape.

Luke looked at Marie, who was panicking. Perhaps she thought that he would never do this to her.

"*And ask your manager to give me a call,*" he spoke again.

Crawford." The two men carried Marie out. It was not difficult for them at all. After the security guards replied to him, they left while carrying Marie with

lifted her, they had never thought of doing it nicely. They did it in the most convenient way for

at the mess Marie had gotten herself in as she watched her get forcefully carried away. She was trying hard to break free, but she failed. Luca did not feel sorry for her and even felt like laughing.

let out a sigh of relief when they finally left. Luke had caused a big scene by asking two guards to get the troublesome woman out

"Close the door," Luke ordered.

Crawford." The maid closed the

had been carried away by the two guards. She was nowhere to be seen now, and the noises she made when she was struggling could no longer be

pulled her gaze away. She felt like someone had been staring at her all this while. She met that person's gaze and it was indeed

eyes met, and he did not intend to shift his gaze away.

thought of making conversation. "Mr. Crawford, aren't you worried that she'll complain to your wife for treating her

eyes gleamed. Did she not know what had happened to Bianca's impostor? Did she think that the impostor was still alive?

she wants to do that, she has to get into contact with my wife first. Besides, my wife trusts

to him talking confidently. She indeed had faith in

Chapter 1667

"She's the kind of person who doesn't give up easily. Don't worry. Leave the rest to me. I'll arrange it," Luke said. He would deal with this matter.

Wanda looked at him as her eyes gleamed. She nodded and thought of Bianca.

Poor Bianca. No one knew her whereabouts now. Moreover, her identity had been stolen by some impostor.

Wanda felt a little wistful. The maid came in and she snapped back into reality. She said, "Let's start preparing lunch."

"Alright." The maid nodded and headed into the kitchen.

Wanda no longer thought about Bianca. Two more people were joining them for lunch today. She planned to help in the kitchen, so she said, "Luke, I'll be helping out in the kitchen. Tea is ready. You and Ms. Craw can just make yourselves at home."

"Sure. I'll go upstairs and continue the chess game with Grandpa," said Luke as he headed to the stairs.

Luca was hanging around in the garden. She still could not calm herself down after seeing her grandfather and aunt again.

They were her family.

Queenie gave her life, and they managed to acknowledge each other in the end. However, her bond with Queenie was not even close to the one she had with the Rayne family. After all, it was the Rayne family who raised her.

She wandered around for a while until the doorbell rang again.

Luca looked in the direction of the front door and wondered whether it was Marie again.

she had just been taken away by the guards not long ago. How was it possible that she came back again so

out to answer the door and saw Luca standing there. She asked, "Ms. Craw, why don't you go inside and take a

the garden is nice. That's why I'd like to take a walk here," Luca smiled and

and did not say anything more. She went to open the door.

a middle-aged man in a suit standing at the door. When he saw Wanda, he put a smile on his face and said, "Hello, Madam. I'm the estate manager here. May I know if Mr. Crawford is

reckoned that this was how Luke had decided to deal with the matter. She let him in and said, "Yes, he's inside. Please come

estate manager smiled and walked into the villa. After knowing that the owner of the villa had some sort of relationship with Luke, he tried to flatter her. "Oh, I can see that you've been staying here for quite some time. May I know if you have any opinions regarding the environment and villa constructions here?"

not very particular about the living requirements here, and she had no demands for the house either. She shook her head and replied, "No. They're just

estate manager let out a sigh of relief when he heard that she was satisfied. "I'm glad you're happy with things here. If there's anything we're not doing well, or if there are any facilities around here that need to be improved, please don't hesitate to tell us. We value the opinions of the owners of the estate

listened to the estate manager who kept talking to her. She thought that it must have something to do with Luke, so she simply brushed him off and said, "Alright. I got it. Come

manager followed her into the

Luca saw them, and out of curiosity, she went into the house *too*.

After Wanda told the estate manager to sit down and make himself comfortable, she went upstairs to inform Luke. Luke came down after he knew the estate manager had arrived.

When the estate manager saw that it was really Luke, he stood up immediately to show his respect. "Hello, Mr. Crawford. It's nice to meet you."

"Hello. Please, take a seat." Luke sat on the armchair opposite the estate manager.

Luca was sitting on another couch not far away. She looked at the two of them and planned to listen to what they were **talking about**.

The estate manager sat down. He looked nervous, and it was mainly because Luke was expressionless, which gave him a bad feeling. "Mr. Crawford, did you invite me here to discuss your dissatisfaction with our *estate*?"

Luke listened to the manager's tentative question. He nodded right away and said, "Yes, I did."

"Ah, have we done something wrong?" The estate manager became nervous all of a sudden.

Luke took out his phone and opened his gallery. Then, he handed Marie's photo to him to see. "This woman often comes here to harass the owners of this villa. Previously, the maid has informed your security guards about this and they sent her away together one time. However, this person was still able to get into the community. Letting strangers enter and leave the villa district as they wish... How could you let **this happen?**"

The estate manager broke into a cold sweat while listening to every word he **said**.

The guard who informed him just now had explained to him that security measures were usually stricter at night. During the daytime, the guards would usually allow people to enter if they were properly dressed and behaved normally. Also, they would have to name the residents' house numbers and family names.

was, although they had chased this person away before, the resident didn't blacklist her. Hence, the security guards did not handle it according to the standard procedures.

sorry, Mr. Crawford. It's our fault..." The manager apologized. Even though it was partly the fault of the resident, the manager had no choice but to bear all

did not blame him too much. He knew that Wanda was responsible for this situation

said, "I'll let this pass, but this woman has to be blacklisted. If there's anyone who would like to visit this house, you must get Ms. Rayne's permission before you let

did not have any friends. She would spend her time at home taking care of Old Man Rayne. Hence, she did not have much social interaction with others. There was barely anyone who would frequently come to

did not have many visitors.

same time, they could prevent Marie from taking revenge by sending others into the villa district to harass

estate manager nodded and promised immediately. "Alright. That won't be a problem. I'll give the orders later, and I can guarantee that no one will ever disturb Ms. Rayne's life

Ms. Craw will probably be coming here more often in the future. Just let her in. There's no need to report about this," Luke added.

manager nodded and agreed. He took a photo of Luca after getting her permission so that every guard could remember her

dealing with the matter, Luke nodded and sent the estate manager away.

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After Old Man Rayne went downstairs, the four of them sat together at the dining table.

Old Man Rayne was smiling the entire time because of Luke's arrival and Luca giving him hope. While they were eating, he talked about his experience living in Japan.

Luca did not say much and just listened carefully.

She had missed out on time with them, so when Old Man Rayne talked about the past, she listened carefully and remembered everything.

After dinner, Luke sat with Luca for a while before deciding to leave.

Luca did not say anything and left with him.

After Wanda sent them off, she got back into the house. Old Man Rayne was drinking tea comfortably.

"Have you seen them off?" Old Man Rayne asked.

"Yeah." Wanda looked solemn. She sat on the sofa and refilled Old Man Rayne's cup of tea. "Dad, I have something to say."

Old Man Rayne noticed her serious expression and asked, "Do you want to talk about Ms. Craw?"

Although Old Man Rayne was in poor health, he was still smart and could immediately tell what she was thinking.

Wanda nodded and said, "Although Luke said that Ms. Craw's medical skills are wonderful, I still think that this large amount of medication will affect your body. Maybe we should get the opinion of other doctors?"

Rayne shook his head and said, "The other doctors were also recommended by Luke, and this doctor who's helping me now is also recommended by Luke. Do you not trust Luke? Or rather, is it Ms. Craw you don't

talking. She did not trust Luca. Although she felt like Luca was familiar at first glance, she still did not trust

Man Rayne added, "Is it because she's young? Wanda, you left for Japan with that man a long time ago and have gained a lot of experience. You must know that a person's skill is not necessarily proportional to

know, Dad. I'm just worried about your health," Wanda

believe in Luke, and I also believe in Ms. Craw. The first time I saw her, I got a familiar feeling as though I'd bumped into a relative I hadn't seen for a long time. Otherwise, why do you think I'm in such a good mood today? "Old Man Rayne winked at Wanda playfully. Despite his poor health, he was indeed in a good mood

Wanda was stunned. Luca did not talk to Old Man Rayne much but had already won

knew it was not simply because of

just an old man with half my foot in the coffin. There's no way Ms. Craw would trick me," Old Man Rayne

no other choice and said, "I don't think Ms. Craw's relationship with Luke is normal. If she continues to treat you, they might get closer. Bea hasn't come back yet. I don't want her to lose her husband when she

Rayne kept silent for a moment when Bianca was

he was not biologically related to Bianca, their relationship of more than 20 years would not change because of

"We should trust Luke," Old Man Rayne said.

Wanda sighed. She had experience in such situations, so she could sense something even if it was minor. Just now when Luca and Luke were still here, Luke often looked at Luca. She had a bad *premonition*.

"Don't sigh. Even if there's something between them, are we in a place to stop them? Although we all hope that Bea is still alive, there has been no news for so many years. We should just let it be." Old Man Rayne comforted her instead.

"**I know**, Dad." Wanda could not take it easy, but she knew that there was nothing she could **do**.

After all, Bianca had been missing for so long and Luke had a fake Bianca by his side. Although she heard that their relationship was not the best, she and Old Man Rayne were not in the position to say **anything**.

Wanda thought that Old Man Rayne seemed to really like Luca. She sighed, stood up, and said, "Dad, do you want to go upstairs?"

Old Man Rayne put down the teacup, nodded, and said, "By the way, if you're free later, go to the pharmacy and buy those herbs back. I want to drink it as soon as possible and see how **it goes**."

"Okay." Wanda had no choice but to agree.

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On the other hand.

Luca sat in the passenger seat and looked at the receding scenery outside the car window. She thought about it for a while and then thanked him. "Thank **you**."

"*What* are you thanking me for?" Luke asked *knowingly*.

was at a loss for words. She was not sure how to reply. Should she say she was thanking him for bringing her to visit her grandfather? However, she was not Bianca. She was Luca, and the Rayne family were strangers to

made a random excuse to prevaricate. "Old Man Rayne's health is not good and this disease is difficult to treat. I'm only 80 percent sure that I can treat this disease but with him becoming my patient, I feel confident about treating this disease in the future. So, thank

listened to her prevarication. Instead of uncovering her lie, he said, "I've given you another case

weird, nodded, and said, "Yes... I

She felt that something was wrong.

"You should be thanking me,

Luca did not expect that he would respond to a lame reason as such and even be sarcastic about

that she stopped talking, Luke said, "Actually, I should thank you. Old Man Rayne has been troubled by this disease for a long time. Sometimes, Johann would do home visits to check on him but his condition has not improved even with medication. At most, they just delay the effects of his disease. I believe his health will get better with you

with a hum. Just then, her

glanced and saw that Queenie was calling. She hesitated for a few seconds and eventually answered, "Hello, Mrs.

it was Queenie on the other end of the phone when he heard

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Luca heard Queenie's cries, causing her heart to ache. She said softly, "Don't cry. What's the matter?"

"It's Leia. Leia's illness has gotten worse." Queenie sniffled and said, "She didn't follow your orders to take your medicine. She's been secretly flushing your medicine down the toilet, choosing to take the medicine prescribed by another doctor instead. The other doctor's medicine didn't have the same effect and she ended up in bed, feeling uncomfortable. The family doctor came just now. He said that if things get worse, she'll have to go to the hospital for extensive treatment so I'm hoping that you could do something to help."

The medicine that Luca previously prescribed to Leia was effective. Previously, the doctor sighed in front of them and said that the medicine was amazing. He then immediately discharged Leia from the hospital.

After being discharged from the hospital, Jack Norman heard that it was Luca's medicine that helped Leia, so he praised Luca and Leia got angry. She then secretly threw out the medicine but still pretended to have taken it.

In the end, she became severely ill.

When Luca heard that, she knew that the matter could be serious. If Leia's condition got worse and she was not rescued in time, it might be life-threatening.

She said, "I'm not free now. Can you take her to the hospital first?"

When Queenie heard that Luca was not free, she wanted to plead with her. However, after she thought about it, Luca was her savior—not a relative. On top of that, Leia had such a bad attitude toward Luca previously so it was natural that Luca would not help.

"Luca, I know I'm pushing it," Queenie said.

Luca wanted to explain that she was not turning Queenie down because she was being pushy.

It was just that Luke was by her side right now and she was unsure of how to get rid of him.

Moreover, for her to treat Leia, it would not just involve medicine. Needles were potentially needed as well.

"No, Mrs. Norman. Send her to the hospital first and I'll be there later," Luca said.

as Queenie heard that Luca was willing to come, she quickly agreed and hung up the phone. She immediately made the necessary

Luca put the phone down.

Luca asked, "The Norman family called?"

did not choose to hide from him and just

"The hospital? Who's sick?" Luke asked.

was not sure what to say at that moment. She did not pay much attention earlier and casually named the other party so Luke knew who called the moment she answered

she also mentioned the hospital, who should she say was

Jack?

Luca knew Jack was sick, he would most definitely follow her to the hospital to

be honest and mention Leia? The Norman family was still hiding the fact that she was back

a headache coming on and knew that there was no right answer. "Just

of the Norman family?"

"Mm," Luca continued to lie. She had already told him a lot of **lies anyway**.

"*You don't* have to lie to me." Luca exposed her. It was uncomfortable to watch her deceive him *for Leia*.

Bianca was horrible at lying.

Luca blinked and was about to say something when she heard him say, "I know that Leia has returned to A City and you've been treating **her**."

Luca was speechless. She did not expect him to be so direct. She said embarrassedly, "I'm sorry."

"I sent Leia out of the country and I said that I would never let her return to A City. I know that she secretly came back. Do you know why I didn't stop her and didn't insist that she leave?" Luca asked while he was **driving**.

Luca shook his head and said, "I **don't**."

"I didn't send Leia back because my wife hasn't been with Jack and Queenie for a long time. Although they haven't said anything, I knew they were lonely, so I didn't send Leia off," Luca said. "She's going to be brought to the hospital **now**?"

"Yes," Luca nodded.

"You're going to help her?" Luke continued to ask.

"Yes. Mrs. Norman seems to be worried, so I'll go take a look," Luca said. If it were not for Queenie, she would not be bothered with Leia at all.

Leia had hurt her no less than Marie but Marie did not have anyone she cared about to speak up for her. Hence, she could choose to be heartless but Leia was different.

did not want to see Queenie worried about

you there." Luke knew she was doing it for Queenie's sake and did not say

have to go back to the apartment first. My tools are still there," Luca said. She did not turn him down. After all, he knew the truth and made it clear to her that he did. There was no point in lying to

his help, she could reach the hospital

nodded and drove her to her

grabbed her tools and went downstairs. Luke then drove her to the

arrived at the hospital parking lot. He did not seem to have any intention of getting out of

looked at him and asked, "Mr. Crawford, aren't you going to get out of

don't want to see me," Luke said. If he showed up in front of Queenie, it would only cause her to panic and worry about how to cover up, so he did not plan to get out of the car. "Don't let them know that I know Leia is back. She's vicious. If Queenie and Jack still think that I don't know about it, they'll trap her at home and keep her from going out. But if they learn that I already know about Leia, Leia would have no reason to stay at home. She'll cause a lot of drama.

Luca thought that what he said made sense. Based on what she knew about Leia's temperament, it was best for her to be locked up at

Jack's status was higher than before. The higher the tree, the stronger the wind. If Leia went out in public, something might happen and Jack would

case, you can go back now. I'll take a taxi home later," Luca

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Luca glanced at the sign that was still lit up in the emergency room. She asked, "Is Ms. Norman in there?"

"Yes. After she was sent to the hospital, the doctor sent her here and asked us to wait. They haven't come out since and no doctor has told me what's happening inside. Luca, please save her..."

Not many were allowed to enter the hospital's emergency room, including Luca.

Queenie said what she said out of panic.

Luca reassured her, saying, "Mrs. Norman, you have to trust the doctors. They're saving Ms. Norman's life now. If I go in, it may disrupt their work. Let's wait until the doctor comes out to find out what's happening."

Her voice had the ability to calm Queenie, who wiped her tears and nodded. "Okay, okay. I'll wait here."

Luca sat with her on the bench in the hallway and waited.

Queenie was still worried. She clasped her hands together and recited the Bible in a soft voice to pray for Leia.

Luca noticed it but she was helpless in this situation.

15 minutes later, the doctor came out and the nurse asked, "Who's Leia Norman's family?"

Queenie stood up immediately and said, "I'm Leia's mother. Doctor, how is my daughter doing?"

took off their mask and said with a serious expression, "The patient is not doing well. She needs to be admitted to the hospital

when she heard that. Luca was attentive and immediately gave her a hand. "Mrs. Norman,

shook her head and continued to ask the doctor, "Doctor, what do you mean by that Is my daughter's life

on the records you've provided, she has been on medication but those medicines had no effect on her. This resulted in the aggravation of her organ failure, so now, she needs to be hospitalized and be on 24-hour monitoring. If the situation takes a turn for the worse, we'll make a judgment call. If necessary, we'll highlight her situation to the management and put her in the queue for an organ transplant," the

understood that an organ transplant could help Leia but the legal route might take a

until the end of their lives but still could not obtain the organs they

status, even if they had the money, they could not get these organs through other

doctor's words were undoubtedly a death sentence for

held Luca's hand tightly and said, "Doctor, let Luca take a look. Maybe she can help

to say that she could not help with much. At most, she could use dry needling to relieve Leia's

Queenie saw Luca as Leia's

The doctor looked at Luca and asked, "Are you also a doctor? Which hospital or clinic are *you from?*"

Luca shook her head. She did not have a medical license, so she did not consider herself a doctor. She explained helplessly, "I'm not a doctor."

"If you're not a doctor, aren't you making a fool of yourself by saying that you want to save her?" The doctor scolded Luca, thinking that Luca was a conwoman. He had seen too many of such cases in the hospital. When the surgery, or other medical methods, were no effective, patients would panic and go

to anyone who claimed that they could help. Scammers as such would only delay the patient's **treatment**.

Luca explained, "I'm not a conwoman. Can I go in and visit the **patient**?"

"**You** can't enter the emergency room as you please. The family members have to go through the admission procedures, then we'll send the patient to the ward. You're not allowed to fool around even after she's in the ward. If something happens, the hospital will not be responsible," the doctor *warned her*.

Luca shot Queenie a helpless look, but she only looked back at Luca with pleading eyes.

"**If something** happens, we'll take responsibility." Luca could not resist the pleading in her eyes, so she gritted her teeth and said directly. Although she was not 100% sure that she could help much, at least she would not worsen *Leia's condition*.

The doctor said disdainfully when he heard Luca's response, "Can you guarantee it? You're not a doctor. If you insist on doing things your way, I'll prepare a document for you to sign off on and the family will bring the patient home. As long as you're not in the hospital, you can do what you want. However, if you're in the hospital, it's still my responsibility if something goes wrong even if you've given your guarantee prior. I'm unwilling to bear that **responsibility**."

What he said was true. There were many medical disputes, so doctors had to do what they needed to.

Luca said, "Please give me a **moment**."

looked at her and frowned. 'This woman doesn't look like a conwoman. How can she still do such a not have the time to take into account the doctor's sharp gaze. She said, "We can't continue to hide the was stunned, not knowing what she meant. "Luca, what do you mean by

need a doctor here for me to help Leia but I only know Dr. Park," Luca

Queenie knew Johann but she was

was because Johann was Luke's best friend. If he knew Leia was back, he would

that she hesitated, Luca persuaded her. "I can only enter if Dr. Park comes. Don't think about anything else right now. We have to save

was persuaded by her. Indeed, saving Leia was the most important thing at that moment. She was not willing to continue lying and hide Leia's whereabouts, which would only make her

get in touch with him and have him deal with it." She agreed to Luca's

contacted Johann. She explained the matter clearly in a

doctor was dumbfounded. 'This conwoman knows the renowned Dr. Park in our hospital? It