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"Young Masters, Young Miss, Ms. Craw, please get into the car." Zander got down from the car and opened the door of the backseat.

Lanie knew that the backseat had limited space, so he took the initiative and sat in the front passenger seat. He opened the front car door and got inside.

Both his younger brother and sister loved staying close to their mother. Hence, as the elder brother, he was very mature and offered his seat to them so that they could be more comfortable.

After they had all entered the car, Zander returned to the driver's seat.

Luca said, "Uncle Zander, please drive us to a nearby mall first. I want to buy something."

Since they were about to attend Jack and Queenie's wedding anniversary, she naturally should not attend empty-handed. She planned to get them some accessories as a gift.

She would be doing the things Bianca used to do with her current identity as Luca.

While Zander was putting on his seatbelt, he explained with a smile, "Ms. Craw, you don't have to prepare anything because Young Master has already prepared it."

"He has prepared it?" Luca was astonished because earlier, Luke only called her to inform her of the arrangement. She thought that he only thought of it at the eleventh hour or it was Jack who informed them at the last minute. She did not expect him to have already made preparations.

"Yes. The presents for both elders have been prepared," said Zander.

Luca nodded and explained, "Those are his gifts for them, but he didn't prepare my gifts for them."

"He has prepared them as well. Young Master has prepared two sets of presents," Zander explained. It was not a difficult thing for Luke to prepare presents. Besides, Luke was rich. Even if the shops were closed, all he need to do was say a word and the staff would open the shops for him.

Luca did not expect Luke to have everything arranged despite it being at the last minute. He had even prepared two sets of presents.

not ask what presents they were as she knew he would have gotten others to choose appropriate

did not say another word and nodded her head. Zander started driving the

On the other hand.

In the Norman family's household.

wanted to surprise Queenie. He had long ago hired a chef and the employees from a hotel to decorate the

that the decorations were up and the food was almost prepared, he walked out and waited for Queenie's

had just received the driver's message stating that they were at the last traffic light from the house and would soon

approximately five minutes, the car came to a halt at the

knew Queenie loved banquets. Hence, he opened the car door, looked at the person in the car with a smile, and said, "Come out of the

to her senses and looked at Jack, who was outside of the car. She felt tears welling up in

she saw Luca walking into the villa, she was instantly sure that she was together with Luke. She could no longer

her head and felt lost as she glanced

"*What's wrong?*" Jack knew the reason for the expression on her face, but he still acted as if he was not aware of the reason. He showed concern for her.

"**Jack**, I found out something..." Queenie muttered softly. She still could not accept **the fact**.

"*We'll talk once you're out of the car,*" said *Jack*.

Queenie came back to her senses. The driver was still in the car, and if word of this were to spread, it would do no good to Luke **and Bianca**.

She nodded, and when she got out of the car, her expression was utterly awful.

Jack frowned when he saw her in such a state. He went ahead to support her. "Are you alright?"

"I'm fine..." Queenie shook her head. She staggered and nearly tripped.

Jack quickly came to support **her**. "**Careful...**"

Queenie nodded and followed him into the house. She noticed the hall was meticulously decorated, but she was not in the mood to admire the view. All that was in her mind was the issue of Luke and Luca's relationship.

She wanted to tell Jack and have him settle *the issue*.

Even though Bianca had willingly gone abroad, Queenie could not accept her daughter's husband being snatched by another woman, even if she was indebted to *that woman*.

Jack knew Queenie had something to say. Hence, he helped her to *the bedroom*.

help, Queenie slowly sat on the sofa. She looked at Jack with her

"What happened to you?" Jack asked.

know that Luke brought the kids with him and moved out of Crawford Manor?"

no idea." Jack did not say anything. If he were to say he knew about it, she would certainly blame him for not

the most important thing was to ensure that Queenie's mood was

don't know when he brought the kids with him and left Crawford Manor. He's even staying with Luca now," Queenie said while tears came

it was not Jack who betrayed her, yet Queenie still felt upset. She simply thought that her daughter was living a hard

Bianca was young, she was brought away by Allison to a poor family and was brought up by them. She never got the chance to enjoy motherly love and was often being bullied by

not easy for her and Luke to end up together, but she was kidnapped and even went through those miserable experiences. She then lost her memories, and finally, she went abroad to further her studies and planned to improve herself so she would be a better match

this moment, however, another woman had appeared by Luke's side. If Bianca, who was abroad, were to know about this, she definitely would not be able to accept

do you know she's together with Luke?" Jack took out a piece of tissue. When the driver sent him the location, he knew that Queenie just wanted to clarify whether or not Luca was together with

Hence, he made these arrangements.

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It was because of Luca that Queenie was unable to smile. She lowered her eyes as she glanced at the smiles on the kids' faces. She asked, "All of you are good kids, but why you guys are here?"

"Grandpa invited us over," said Tommy.

Jack, who was holding Queenie's hand on the side, explained, "I know you love having crowds, so I invited Luke and the kids over to have a meal."

Queenie looked at Luca.

Lanie was good at observing one's expression. He listened to his father's orders and said, "But lately, Daddy has been very busy. He's always working overtime in the office. That's why he told Ms. Luca to bring us over. He said someone has to watch over us. Otherwise, we'll cause huge trouble and give Grandpa and Grandma a headache."

"Is that so?" Queenie was puzzled. If Luke had really asked Luca for help, then it would explain her entering the villa.

However, it could only explain today's incident.

"Yes. Mr. Crawford told me to bring the kids over so that they could celebrate the occasion with you two." Luca went along with what the kids said. At this moment, she noticed that Queenie's mood was unstable.

'It's like she's putting her guard up against me.'

"So that's how it is. I didn't notice that Luke is so busy with his projects. Otherwise, I wouldn't have troubled him," Jack said.

Lanie said, "Daddy has been extremely busy lately. Sometimes, Ms. Luca will have to come over to take care of us after work before going home."

Luca was beginning to feel suspicious when she heard the kid's words.

'Did Luke order the kids to say these things? What are they plotting?'

it and felt suspicious. 'Are they speaking

Luke is busy, he can just hire a nanny to look after the kids. Why must he ask for

'She's very busy too, isn't she?'

is so busy. I'll have to trouble you to help look after the kids," Jack happily went along with what the kids said while holding Queenie's

be more assured

said, "If that's the case, have you been looking after Luke's kids all this while, Luca? So sorry to have nothing. The kids are very obedient. I love being with them," said

also love Ms. Luca coming to take care of us. Besides, Ms. Luca cooks delicious food. As long as she's the one cooking, I'll finish my food every time,"

'It seems that Luca isn't staying in that villa. She just goes over every day to look after the there seemed to be a logical explanation for everything, she still felt uneasy.

had a feeling that the reason why Luke ordered the kids to say these things was not as simple as

she thought he had just ordered the kids not to accidentally blurt out the fact that she was living with them and to bear in mind the things that were appropriate

*However, from the looks of it, it seemed that Luke was using the kids to **hide something**.*

The atmosphere was rather awkward, and Queenie's mood had not recovered even after hearing the kids' **explanation**.

She forced out a smile and looked at the kids. She was still thinking about what would happen to Bianca once she was back if Luca was really together with Luke. Furthermore, the kids shared such a good relationship with her.

'She's going to lose her lover and family.'

Luca knew something was going on after seeing Queenie's sad expression.

She had not been a good daughter. She could not take care of Queenie for so many years and even made her so worried.

She looked at the presents in her hands. They were prepared by Luke, and she handed them over. "Mr. Norman, Mrs. Norman, these are gifts for you. I wish you guys a happy wedding **anniversary**."

Jack looked at Queenie. 'If she knows that the person in front of her is our beloved daughter, will she still be in such a **melancholic mood?**'

He accepted the gifts. "Thank you, Luca. It's so kind of you."

Luca was embarrassed after listening to what he said. She was not the kind one. She believed she was the worst child a parent could have.

Her biological parents were just in front of her, yet she did not have the courage to acknowledge **them**.

Queenie was still not saying a word. Jack held the gifts in his hand and said, "Luca, I heard that you're interested in art. Recently, I've collected a few oil paintings. Do you mind taking a look at them for me and telling me what **you think?**"

I'm just a casual appreciator," said Luca. To be honest, she was not as good as Jack in terms of art valuation.

alright. Anyway, the chef is still preparing the dishes in the kitchen, so you can come and take a look at the artworks," Jack said, determined to drag Luca

had no choice but to accept his invitation. They headed

them heading upstairs and glanced at the three kids, saying, "Lanie, Tommy, I bought some new toys two days ago. They're upstairs. Go play with

"Really? Thanks, Grandma."

Grandma," Lanie and Tomy said at the same time. They noticed that Queenie had only called out to them. Lanie pulled

Rainie was the only one downstairs.

saw her brothers heading upstairs and asked softly, "Can I follow my brothers up to play with the Rainie and sat on the sofa, looking at her

the three kids, Rainie looked the most like Bianca. She looked at Rainie, and it was as if she was looking

I know you're a good girl, so you won't lie to me, right?" she

and was puzzled why Queenie said such a

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"Because Daddy said that the family is not peaceful now and it'll affect our quality of life. That's why we moved out. It's not just us. Even Uncle and his family are moving out," Rainie said.

Queenie knew that this was because of Allison's return.

Kids would not tell lies, especially a little girl like Rainie.

Queenie nodded, indicating that she understood. With a gentle smile, she said, "Alright, Rainie, you can go upstairs to play."

"Alright, Grandma." Rainie got up and headed upstairs with little steps.

Queenie's heart faltered when she saw the child's back. 'If only Bianca was in the country. If she was around, the family would be a happy family.'

Luca stood in Jack's study and watched him search for his oil paintings in the collection rack. She did not say a word.

Apart from loving to drink while socializing, his other hobby was collecting oil paintings.

However, due to his status, he did not reveal this hobby of his.

"Oh, Luca. I should apologize for the things that have been happening lately." Jack took out an oil painting and placed it on the table. He apologized to Luca.

Luca looked at him, astonished. "I beg your pardon, Mr. Norman?"

"I'm talking about the blind date with Enoch," said Jack while taking off the cloth that was covering the oil painting. "I learned about some of the things that happened later on. Enoch has given you a lot of trouble, hasn't he?"

Luca nodded and did not hide it from him. "A little. Actually, it's not that much trouble."

saying this only because you're afraid I might punish him?" Jack asked. If a civil servant were to be targeted by his superior, that would be the end of his

shook her head. 'Why should I be afraid that Enoch will be

do anything. Even if Enoch is really punished, what does it have anything to do with

was worried that Jack might tell Luke this so that he could avenge her.

I first introduced Enoch to you, it was because I thought that he was a decent guy. I didn't expect him to be such a burden. I got to know all of this through Mrs. Norman. It seems I owe you an apology," Jack said. If he had known much sooner that Luca was Bianca, he would not have done such a

the one who should be blamed for this issue. If I had made myself clearer before this, none of these things would've happened." Luca shouldered all the blame

his head. He changed the topic after realizing she did not blame him and Queenie.

putting down the oil painting, he called out to her, "Come, these are the oil paintings I recently collected. Come take a look and give your comments

Luca nodded with a smile.

both of them were evaluating the oil paintings, Queenie knocked on the study's door and came in. She said to them, "The chef has prepared dinner. You guys may come down and have

it and nodded. She turned around and noticed that Queenie's expression was much

kept the oil paintings and said, "Let's go. Call the kids to come down and

Queenie nodded and sighed silently when she saw both of them. It seemed that Jack had been treating Luca better since two **days ago**.

The moment she entered the study, she had a feeling as though both of them were father *and daughter*.

'What did Luca do?

'How did she make Jack change into another *person*?'

Queenie saw Luca walking to the playroom next door, and after calling out to the kids, they headed **downstairs together**.

The three kids walked happily beside her. Queenie wanted to call the kids to go over to her side, but when she opened her mouth, no words came **out**.

Luca was really close to the kids. If Queenie called out to them, it would make her *seem ignorant*.

After Luca and the kids accompanied Jack and Queenie for dinner, they sat in the living room and had **tea**.

After some time, Jack took out a photo album and said happily, "Luca, do you want to have a look at the old photos of me and Mrs. Norman from when we were **younger**?"

Luca was curious about their past. After all, she was not by their side in the first two decades of her life. She immediately nodded and said, "Sure. I would love to see **them**."

Jack placed the photo album in Luca's hand. "This photo album contains all our memories, from the time I got to know Mrs. Norman to when we got married. There are also photos from a few events that happened later on. They're all photos of us. You can slowly go through the *album*."

Queenie saw Jack passing the photo album to Luca. Indeed, that album contained all their **photos together**.

a habit of collecting photos of herself and Jack to keep as memories. As for the other album, it contained photos of them

Bianca that Queenie did not get the opportunity to create a photo album

opened the photo album, and the first photo in it was a photo of Queenie and Jack when they were

Queenie and Jack were wearing the most fashionable clothes in the

was sitting beside her. He pointed at the photo and asked, "So this is grandpa and grandma when they were

"Yeah," Luca answered.

praised, "Grandma is so pretty, and Grandpa is

thrilled at the child's praise and laughed. "Oh Tommy, you're so good with

at Tommy upon seeing how sweet of a talker he was before flipping to the next page. "When was this

at one of the photos and

took a glance, then looked

was looking at her as well. "You're the one who arranged these photos. Why don't

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Queenie's face was red, and she started feeling embarrassed.

Jack was usually a straightforward person and would seldom say such honeyed words. However, with Luca and the kids present today, he was acting rather unusual.

Rainie said from the side, "Grandpa and Grandma do have a very close relationship."

Luca smiled and softly squeezed the child's little hand. After all, girls were different from boys. What they desired was different as well.

Just then, the servant served sliced fruits and cake. Queenie said, "Come, have some cake and fruits."

Kids loved sweet stuff, so they all took a slice of cake.

Rainie was considerate and served her grandparents a slice of cake each. Then, she served another slice of cake to Luca. "Ms. Luca, have some cake."

Luca shook her head and said, "No thanks. You go ahead and help yourself."

Rainie nodded and sat down beside her. She started taking small mouthfuls of cake, enjoying herself very much.

Luca continued looking at the photos. When she saw one of the photos, she noticed the date stated on the photo. It was the year she was born.

In that photo, Jack and Queenie were both standing side by side with bright smiles on their faces.

She pointed at the photo and asked, "Mr. and Mrs. Norman, when was this photo taken?"

Jack looked at the photo and was astonished. Then, he looked at Luca.

'It's impossible that Luca doesn't know that's the year when she was born...'

Luca was also looking at him.

placed the cake down and looked at the photo. Her gaze seemed focused as she explained, "This photo was taken the year I found out I was pregnant. At that time, I was pregnant with Bianca. It had only been about a month, and my tummy wasn't that big

it and looked at the photo. He then said happily, "So, you were pregnant with Mommy in this photo. Grandma, does that mean Mommy was in your tummy at that

recalled the tough time she endured when she was pregnant back then. Then, she recalled the incident that occurred much later when Allison ruthlessly kidnapped her beloved daughter, making her suffer from the loss of losing her daughter for more than 20

was pregnant with your mom, it was very tiring and tough. But no matter how tiring or tough it was, I wasn't afraid at all because she's our beloved daughter. Every day, we were looking forward to the day

of her arrival. Hence, we were very happy. In fact, all parents in this world are the same. Even though your mom has forgotten a lot of things and even forgotten the happiness of being pregnant with you guys, you can't forget the kindness she had for you. Do you

kids looked at each other after listening to Queenie. Then, they all nodded their heads at the same loved their mother. Hence, even though lying was wrong, they would still lie to protect their mother. After all, they had gotten their father's permission.

had never lost her memories and had always loved

to Queenie educating the kids. It was as though she was afraid the kids might

happily, "Rest assured. Lanie, Rainie, and Tommy are all very smart. They won't forget Bianca. Besides, it's not like Bianca isn't around anymore. She just went abroad to further her studies. Wait until everything is done, and she'll definitely be back. This is her home, and we're her family. We're her most stable source of support."

had a hidden meaning to

was not hoping for anything else but for Luca to understand his intentions.

what she was up to and regardless of what problems she was facing, her parents would always be there for

Luca was feeling melancholic while listening to Jack.

They were her family, but she could not rely on **them...**

After feasting on the desserts and fruits, Luca noticed that it was getting late. She was planning to bring the kids home. After all, they still had a part of their homework that had yet to be completed.

After expressing their intention to go back, Queenie offered to have the driver send the kids back, then send Luca back.

Luca felt troubled. She was staying in Luke's villa now, and it was quite far from **the apartment**.

*It would be very tiring for the driver to go through the *hassle too*.*

Besides, she had no idea whether or not Luke was already back **home**.

If the maid's shift had ended, no one would be there to take care of the **kids**.

Jack also thought about it, and when he was about to speak, Lanie spoke first, "Grandma, you don't have to ask the driver to send us back. Daddy has already arranged for Uncle Zander to fetch **us home**."

Luca lowered her head to look at the kids. 'Luke has already **arranged it?**'

After arriving at the Norman household, Luca told Zander to go back first since Luca planned to stay a little longer. She said she would just call for a cab to bring the kids back home **later**.

She never would have thought that Luke had already made the arrangements much earlier.

Queenie nodded when she heard that and said, "Alright, then. It's getting late. Hurry and go home. Otherwise, you kids won't have enough energy for school *tomorrow*."

kids nodded and left

to Zander's car, Luca looked outside the window and waved her hand to Jack and Queenie. Then, she said, "Start the car,

and drove the car

at the scenery outside the window. After leaving the entrance of the Norman household, she asked, "Zander, how long have you been waiting

long. I came after Young Master Blanche sent me a message. I don't think it has even been half an hour," Zander answered

at Lanie, who was sitting in the front passenger seat. He was usually not talkative, but he spoke a most of what he said was to protect her and to keep the secret of her living with

must have a lot of questions, right, Ms. Luca?" Lanie

"Yea." Luca nodded.

it's best if you ask Daddy. Daddy made us say all those things." Lanie suddenly turned around and winked at

pair of eyes looked just like Luke's—deep and

not help but be in deep

would Luke make such an

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When Luke drove back home, he saw that the lights were still on.

He knew there was someone waiting for him.

This love that he had been waiting so long for made him feel a surge of warmth in his heart. There were so many others waiting for him to return, yet none of them could provide more warmth than Luca could.

Luca entered the house.

Luca had long heard the noises outside and was sitting on the sofa, waiting for him to enter. If it were in the past, she would definitely be scolded if he saw her sitting on the mat on the floor.

It was as though she did it subconsciously.

Seeing Luke made her feel chilly as though it was cold outside. She then got up and said, "Do you want a cup of warm water, Mr. Crawford?"

"Sure." Luke nodded. The weather was getting colder as the days went by, but with Luca around, he would always be instantly warmed up again.

Fortunately, she still returned to his side even after going through so many incidents.

Looking at Luca's back as she went into the kitchen and seeing her be busy for him made him feel as though they had gone back to three years ago...

Luca poured a cup of warm water and came back out. She had adjusted the temperature of the water so that Luke could drink it immediately.

Luke received it and drank it at once. Then, he looked at her.

Luca was also looking at him. The moment they looked at each other, she forgot the questions that she wanted to ask him.

Luke knew there was a reason why she stayed up so late just to wait for his return. Hence, he explained, "When you returned to the villa today, Mom was watching from outside."

outside of the villa watching me?" Luca was astonished. That was because in such a high-end villa area, unregistered cars could not simply be allowed in. Even when she came back in a cab, she had to get out at the entrance

Queenie were watching her at the entrance, she definitely would have seen her entering the

and said, "She knew I moved in here with the kids. If things took a turn for the worst, her thoughts would start straying when she saw you enter

came to an understanding. 'It seems that Queenie is still suspicious of

she was being so weird

how did you know she was watching at the entrance?" Luca could not help but

friends saw it." Luke simply said a reason as he could not let her know it was Jack who notified

was because to Luca, Jack would always side with

'It seems that Queenie has started suspecting me again after I rejected Enoch.'

is so busy on usual days. Why did she stalk me..." Luca was sad. The last time, she intentionally had the driver take another route, making Queenie think that she was staying in

'No, Queenie shouldn't be suspecting me.'

at her and said, "Perhaps something had

managed to notify him in time, he did not explain the matter properly. It seemed that there was something off about this situation that he needed to figure out.

"I'll be more careful next time," Luca said. Since she had moved in, she did not plan to *move out*.

After all, now that the kids had left Crawford Manor, they needed her to look after *them*.

She would not be assured if she left them under the maid's **care**.

'*I'll talk* about it after Luke is done with whatever he's busy with...'

That was what Luca planned.

Luke took out a car key from his pocket and passed it to her. "From now on, you'll be driving this car."

Luca shook her head and said, "No thanks, Mr. Crawford."

"If you continue to take cabs and get down at the entrance, you'll be easily spotted. With this car, you'll be able to drive in directly as I've already registered the car at the property department," Luke said. He got Zander to search the entire garage and find a low-profile car.

That was because Luca definitely would not accept cars that were too *luxurious*.

Luca looked at the car keys and accepted them after confirming that it was not a **luxurious car**.

"Thanks, Mr. Crawford," she thanked him. The reason why she accepted the car was so that she would not be exposed.

Luke was a public figure. Sooner or later, the reporters would know about him moving into this area. Hence, it would be better for her to drive the car in and out to prevent having her *photos taken*.

After getting the car keys, she packed up the documents on the table and said to Luke, "I'll go get some rest upstairs now, Mr. Crawford."

"Alright." Luke did not stop her.

returned to her bedroom. She did not think she had anything else to do. After giving it some thought, she remembered that she had not asked Luke whether he wanted supper

was busy and had only just come back. Perhaps he did not even have

when Luca was in a dilemma about whether or not she should head downstairs to ask him, there was a knock on

immediately opened the door. She looked at Luke who was outside and asked, "Do you still need anything,

the next three days, can I trouble you to look after the kids?" Luke said. He suddenly remembered he had to go abroad for some issues. She had yet to know

noded in agreement. "That won't be a problem, but did

to make a trip to South Korea," Luke said. To be accurate, it was to send

South Korea made Luca think of Allison. "Is it because of Ms.

Luca nodded.

busy recently? Why are you still taking time out to go to South Korea?" Luca asked. The bidding had yet to be completed, and there were still lots of matters waiting for him to settle in

design has been completed. The remainder can be handled even if I'm away from the office," Luke

long ago planned for Allison to leave the country. Initially, he wanted to wait till he had settled the current project before sending her abroad, but it turned out that Allison could not even wait for half a month.

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"If you're too busy, just give the butler of Crawford Manor a call. He'll arrange for a nanny to come over to take care of the kids." Luke knew that Luca had a lot of things to do. After all, she took on many jobs in T Corporation.

Later on, she would be much busier than she was now as she would be swamped with work and had to take care of the kids as well. He was worried she would be overwhelmed.

"Alright, I got it. Just rest assured." Luca nodded. Currently, all she could do was reassure him. He would no longer be as troubled once Allison was sent out of the country.

Luke looked at Luca, who was far away from him. Even the tone she used to speak seemed to carry a great sense of distance between them.

She was probably not as calm as she appeared. However, she was very good at putting on an act. Looking at her now, she seemed composed.

She was obviously concerned about him, yet insisted on putting on an act as though she was merely an employee obeying her superior's commands. This made Luke feel uneasy.

"Sorry to trouble you." It was clear he was feeling uneasy when he spat out such a cold statement. He then turned around and entered the bedroom.

Luca slowly closed her door when she saw him closing his door too.

'He looks unhappy...

'But I didn't do anything wrong. I didn't say anything I shouldn't have said either...'

Luca massaged her forehead. Most of the time, Luke's thoughts were hard to guess.

The next morning.

up and made breakfast for the kids. When she served the breakfast, she saw Luke carrying his suitcase time, he did not bring a large

to herself, 'At this time of the year, the weather in South Korea is much colder than it is here. Looking at that small suitcase, I wonder if he brought enough clothes with

come back once he sent Allison abroad, but it was a rushed trip. If he did not bring enough clothes, he would not have much time to purchase

thought of it made Luca ask, "Mr. Crawford, South Korea is very cold this time of the year. Did you bring enough

her words and felt sad. 'She's obviously concerned about me, but her tone sounds

be away for too long, so the clothes I brought are adequate." Luke wanted to give her a reply that sounded distant as well, but after looking at her face and those familiar eyes, he was unable to stand firm with his decision. Hence, he still spoke a lot without him realizing

her head and said, "Breakfast

not in a hurry. Despite not being happy with how Luca was distancing herself from him, Luke still decided to have breakfast

at the dining table. Soon, the kids changed their clothes and came downstairs with their

the suitcase in the living room made Tommy look at his father with a look of shock. "Daddy, are you going abroad for

"*Yeah.*" Luke helped himself to a bowl of *porridge*.

"Why didn't you mention it earlier?" Tommy said with much dissatisfaction. In the past, Luke used to notify him and his siblings much earlier before he went on business **trips**.

"It was a last-minute decision. I'll be back after three days." Luke could tell his son was dissatisfied from his comment and explained helplessly. It was a decision made yesterday, so he did not have time to tell the kids about *it*.

If it were not for Allison wreaking havoc, he would not have made such a hasty decision either.

Tommy pouted his lips and was obviously not dissatisfied.

Lanie was understanding and asked, "Daddy, are you going to send Grandma away?"

"Yes." Luke nodded. Among the three kids, Lanie was the calmest and smartest. His personality was also like Luke's. Hence, he was able to figure out his dad's plans in an instant.

Lanie nodded, sat on the chair by the dining table, and said, "Then, I wish you a safe trip, Daddy. I'll be waiting for your return with Tommy and Rainie."

"**Alright. Hurry** and eat your breakfast, then off you go to school," said Luke. Even though he would be leaving the kids with Luca and knew she would take good care of them, he still had to arrange *everything appropriately*.

The kids sat on the chairs and started eating their breakfast.

Luca had to go to work soon too. She sat on a chair and ate breakfast with them.

eating breakfast, Zander sent the kids to school, while Luke drove to Crawford Manor to pick

was out of prison, she became extremely good at creating trouble. Even though Luke had arranged for a driver to send her to the airport and said he would be waiting for her there, Allison was still dissatisfied and insisted on having Luke personally send her.

as the kids were driven away by Zander, and after seeing Luke drive away as well, she went to the garage. She got into the car that Luke gave her and slowly drove out of the entrance of

at the office, she found a parking lot and parked the car. Then, she took the elevator and headed

the elevator stopped on the first floor, she coincidentally bumped into the elevator and saw Luca. She then greeted warmly, "Good morning, Dr.

"Good morning, Tina." Luca nodded.

holding onto a cup of coffee and breakfast. She asked, "I bought breakfast, Dr. Craw. Do you want to thanks. I've already eaten," Luca thanked her politely and rejected her

Tina heard the words, she did not pursue the matter further. She suddenly recalled that Luca had come from the basement floor, so she became a busybody and asked, "Did you drive your car here today, Dr. Craw? Did you buy a new

that the car Luke gave her was not a brand new car. She then shook her head and said, "It's an

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"So, that's how it is." Luca nodded, indicating she understood.

Upon arriving at the office, both of them stepped out of the elevator at the same time.

Tina looked at the time and said, "I think Alya has already arrived at the office. Why don't I bring you over so you two can introduce yourselves?"

Luca knew that Alya was the translator who had just come back from her pregnancy leave. She nodded and said in agreement, "Alright."

After all, they would be working together for the next half a month. It would be a wise move to introduce herself to her now.

Tina entered the secretary's office and indeed, Alya was already sitting inside. Tina greeted her with a smile. "Alya, long time no see. I've been waiting for you to return to work. How have you been? Is your baby obedient?"

Alya looked at Tina and smiled. "Long time no see. The baby is obedient. If it isn't because the company needed me to return, I really wouldn't want my pregnancy leave to end. I want to accompany my baby longer."

Tina smiled and made an introduction. "Here, let me introduce you to Dr. Craw. During this period, she's been the one taking over your job. It's going to be a little hectic for the coming half a month, so our boss decided to have you two work on the translation jobs together. Dr. Craw, this is Alya."

Luca looked at Alya who was standing before her. She was different from other mothers who had just delivered. She maintained her figure very well. Hence, her figure was still slim even after just giving birth.

She smiled and greeted Alya, "Nice to meet you, Alya."

"Nice to meet you, Dr. Craw." Alya had been hearing about Luca for a long time. She was a researcher at Watson Biopharmaceuticals. However, due to some special reasons, her entire research laboratory was shifted to T Corporation.

boss even freed out an entire floor just for

her leave when she was unable to work, Luca took up her job and became a Russian translator for the company as well. Furthermore, their boss even gave her her own office on the top

the translators in the company had ever received such treatment. Hence, the news about Luca receiving special treatment had already spread to

rejoiced that Luca's original job was not as a translator. Otherwise, she would not have been able to keep her job here.

all, the treatment Luca received had surpassed any treatment a regular translator could hope to

herself, Luca returned to her office. Yesterday, she brought her incomplete work back home because she had to bring the kids to celebrate Jack and Queenie's wedding anniversary with them at the last

planned to finish what was left of her work before she was assigned

After two hours, Luca's phone rang.

looked at it and saw a new message. She clicked into it, and it was a message from Luke, informing her that he was already on the plane and was about to

finger swiped over gently, and she looked at the message for half a minute. After thinking for some time, she replied: [Have a

On the other hand.

Luke received Luca's message that just contained four words. Despite just looking at the words on the cold screen, he could still feel the **warmth**.

The announcement was soon played, informing passengers that the plane was about to *take off*.

Luke set his phone into flight mode and placed it in his pocket.

Allison, who was sitting beside him, had seen everything he did earlier. She had also spotted the smile on his face and was feeling uneasy.

Apart from Bianca, her son treated everyone else coldly—even her. After growing up, he seldom showed a smile on his *face*.

However, earlier, he was smiling while looking at his **phone**.

"Is it news about Bianca?" Allison asked. She had not seen her daughter-in-law since getting imprisoned.

She heard that Bianca had lost her memory, and since then, she had never once visited Allison. As her mother-in-law, she found Bianca's behavior very *inappropriate*.

Only after she was released from prison did she learn that Bianca had ditched her family and gone to travel **abroad**.

As a mother-in-law, she was definitely dissatisfied. Bianca, as her daughter-in-law, did not carry out her filial duties when Allison **was sick**.

However, Allison did not fly into a temper.

was because she knew that Luke cared about

she currently relied on Luke. If she were to talk bad about Bianca in front of him, she would be despised much Luke cared about Bianca, he would probably not hesitate to abandon her for Bianca's sake. Hence, no matter how much trouble Allison caused, she would never drag Bianca into her

Luke kept his phone. Despite knowing that Luca was Bianca, he could not treat Luca as would not do that in front of other people

would risk exposing Luca's status. There was definitely a reason why she was not willing to expose her identity right now. Perhaps there would be a great danger if her identity was

was not willing to witness that scene. Hence, he allowed her to continue putting on an act to deceive him and

on her mask a little and said, "If it's not about Bianca, why were you

Luke did not say a word.

continued asking, "Since my return, I've never received a call from Bianca. You and

she finished speaking, Luke interrupted, "She lost her memory and is currently traveling abroad. She doesn't

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Allison was a little surprised. Then, she burst into laughter. Her grin was too wide without her realizing it, which caused her skin to stretch and left her in pain.

Fortunately, she was wearing a hat and a mask. Otherwise, everyone would have been able to see her contorted features.

Luke took in a cold breath when he heard her laughing, and his face still remained composed.

Allison calmed down when she was no longer in pain. Recently, she seldom took the medication prescribed by Luca. Hence, her skin had become much more sensitive. Sometimes, when she did large movements, her wrinkled skin would stretch and cause her to be in pain.

She looked at Luke, and the latter did not show any expression of concern.

Allison was used to it and did not need his concern either. All she cared about was the money she received.

"Did you think I wouldn't know about what had happened during my time in prison? If you still love Bianca, then why were you two sleeping in separate rooms? At the end of the day, you're just a germaphobe and still mind her past." She was not bothered about whether or not her words would anger Luke. After all, everyone had the same thought, so she might as well just say it out.

Luke tilted his head and looked at Allison, but it only made him irritated.

'It seems that she has been too free and started gossiping with the servants to know about past matters.

'Otherwise, how would she know that Bianca and I slept in separate rooms back then?'

Seeing that Luke was not talking, Allison then said, "Actually, this isn't a big problem. Just divorce if you guys have no more feelings for each other. Besides, given your current situation and Bianca's unstable emotions, you'll likely gain custody of the kids."

Luke opened his eyes and looked at her coldly. All this while, it had been Bianca helping her out, yet Allison said such a thing. "Are you done talking?"

then did Allison notice that Luke was angry. She kept quiet because Luke's cold gaze seemed as if he would throw her out of the plane at any

The plane slowly took off.

his eyes and ignored

flight attendant came to serve desserts and drinks. Allison saw the food that was placed before her and noticed it was almost

up late and did not get to have breakfast before Luke arrived to pick her

She was a little hungry now...

they were in first class, there were still people around. Allison dared not take off her mask in public. She had no choice but to bear with her hunger and wait until she got off the

On the other hand.

was noon. Queenie came to the provincial capital and gave Enoch

immediately met up with her when he received the call from

to his unique status, Queenie booked a private room in a nearby Western restaurant and waited for Enoch to show

After 15 minutes, Enoch showed up.

"I'm sorry, Mrs. Norman. A member of the public suddenly appeared in the office and I had to handle their matters first, so I'm *late*."

Queenie shook her head, indicating it was alright. "It's alright. Have a **seat**."

Enoch sat opposite Queenie. Before the latter could speak, he asked, "I'm guessing your trip here this time is regarding *Luca*, right?"

"You're a smart guy, Enoch." Queenie nodded. Yesterday, after Luca brought the kids back home, she thought about it for the entire night and chose to believe in Luca.

After all, she had believed from the very start that Luca was not the type who would destroy other **people's families**.

Queenie thought that Luca was a good person. If it were not because of Bianca, she would not have overthought *matters*.

"Seeing that you called me out today, you must have already checked things through." Enoch was excited. 'If she has found out that something is going on between Luca and Luke, she'll definitely stop their relationship at **all costs**."

At that time, not only would Luca be a failure but her intention of getting Luke and living a good life through him would be gone.

The thought of it made Enoch **excited**.

'It's her fault for not **choosing me**!'

Queenie noticed the excited look on Enoch's face and felt *disgusted*.

She did not expect that in addition to stalking, Enoch also had a strong sense of revenge. 'Thank God Luca didn't like him. If she had ended up liking him, something bad would've happened in **the future**.'

verify things. Actually, things are not like what you think." Queenie took a deep breath and suppressed the uneasiness

past, she would have absolutely avoided talking with someone like

was stunned and stopped smiling. 'Things are not like what I think?'

you make a mistake, Mrs.

her head and said, "Luca is an employee of T Corporation. Because of fate, she got close with the kids. When Luke is working overtime, she would go over to spend time with the kids. It's not like what

Enoch immediately denied it. He did not believe that a single man and a single woman staying in the same house would still remain in an

being stubborn, Enoch. All you saw was Luca entering the villa, and not what had happened inside. I've already clarified the matter. I'm only telling you this today so that you won't let your mind stray anymore. The reason Luca rejected you was because she thought you guys weren't a match and nothing else. From now on, don't think about unnecessary things. After all, if such a thing were to spread, it'll do you no good," Queenie

Queenie siding with Luca made Enoch have a

noticed it and sighed. "Enoch, you're a young lad. You should know that you can't force

know," Enoch replied immediately. If it were not for Jack, he would have started

claimed that she was a good woman with clean family background. In reality, she's such a player and a woman who sells herself for money. She made me waste so much time

no matter what Queenie said, it would not change

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After Enoch left, Queenie let out a breath of relief.

She hoped this issue would end and no more trouble would crop up.

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In the afternoon, Luca was still busy at work.

That was because the department downstairs had sent a few documents that needed to be translated. Hence, Luca and Alya started dividing the workload.

Alya took the initiative to take up a larger workload.

Luca did not say a word. She was just meant to substitute the translator from the start, so now that Alya was back, it was only normal that she take up a larger workload.

If it was not because she had to follow up with other tasks and was very busy at the moment, she would have directly gone back to the research laboratory downstairs. No one would have commented anything about it.

Luca picked up the documents and walked back to her office.

Alya saw her figure that was leaving and said with a sigh, "It's good to have your own office."

Tina, who was sitting in front of her, heard it. She said with a smile, "Alya, do you think our secretary's office isn't good enough?"

Alya did not expect Tina to reply to her in this way. 'Everyone has been saying that Luca had some connections. Otherwise, how could she be given special treatment?'

She did not believe that Tina was not aware of it. She lifted her head to look at the person in front of her, shook her head, and said, "It's nice. I find that this floor is much better than the office downstairs."

"Then why do you keep sighing? Alya, it's more important to do your work properly," Tina warned softly.

regarding Luke and Luca was not something ordinary employees like them could talk

was only normal for Luca to receive special treatment as she was indeed

all, Tina had witnessed with her own eyes how Luca did not need to use translation software or look things up on the internet to translate a document related to architectural

lots of professional terms in the document too.

she just started this career, she was unable to translate those terms but Luca was familiar with those professional terms and was able to translate them

who had just gotten involved in the architectural field, would be able to achieve such a

only had Luca mastered many languages, but she also had medical knowledge, researched medicine, and knew about architectural design...

understood what Tina was trying to say and smiled awkwardly. "I just said it casually. Don't take it

Tina did not say another word.

had invited lots of trouble. Not long after she started working in Watson Biopharmaceuticals, she started receiving special treatment. Hence, others began to feel jealous of her. It was fairly

took a sip of her coffee and was thinking about whether she should give Luca

would only be working on this project for another half a month at most. When the project ended, she would probably return downstairs and take charge of the work in

heard from Zoey that the research downstairs was about to be completed. If it was not because Luca was sent upstairs, their research would have been completed long ago.

Tina thought for a moment and decided not to say a word.

Luca was smart. She would be able to sense some things even without needing people to point them out to her.

After Luca left the secretary's office, she returned to her office and was busy until the evening.

When it was approaching after working hours, she received a call **from Abel**.

"Take some time tonight and come to a place. I'll send you the address later," Abel said and did not tell her the location. He just ordered her to show up.

Luca frowned, not knowing where he wanted her to go.

"Where do you want me to go?" **she asked**.

"You have no right to ask. All you have to do is bring along Dr. Albus' research paper." After Abel said that, he hung up the **call**.

'Dr. Albus' research...'

Luca opened her mailbox and instantly understood the situation. Abel had started making his **move...**

She kept her documents that were printed and placed them in a **folder**.

This was Abel's order. It meant that he had gotten everything prepared and was going to make her betray Luke bit **by bit**.

Luca sighed. Just then, she received an email.

and location were stated in

location was relatively remote. Luca frowned as Abel was asking her to go over at such an early hour.

would still be awake, but the maid would have already ended her

if the kids were already asleep by then, she could not leave the house. After all, it would not be safe to leave them alone at

through it and decided that she could not make the maid work overtime to look after the kids as Luke would eventually find out that she had

the end, she thought of a person to help her

Luca gave Nina a call.

Luca," Nina answered the call, and her voice sounded very

sighed. Ever since Nina and Percy's misunderstanding was resolved, Nina's mood had been getting better as the

are you free tonight?" Luca asked. If it was not because Abel insisted on her going to that location, she would not be troubling Nina to look after

I'm free," Nina immediately answered without giving it

like to ask you for a favor..." Luca was feeling embarrassed. After all, asking Nina to come over to look after the kids would mean that she was taking away Nina's time with

Just tell me. You don't have to hesitate." Nina knew that Luca must have encountered a problem, which was why she thought of

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If she were Bianca, she would have a lot of advice and words of yearning to tell him. She would ask him to focus on dealing with the matter at hand.

However, she was Luca, not Bianca.

Even though there were thousands of words in her heart, she could not say anything because she was in no position to.

Luca thought about it and replied, "Okay."

She then put down her phone and got down to work.

Until she got off work, Luca did not text her.

Luca guessed that he was busy.

After all, they were not involved in any way or form. There was no need for him to update her on his schedule all the time.

Seeing that it was time to get off work, Luca packed up some documents and prepared to leave the office.

After Alya placed the translated documents in Jason's office, she was surprised to see Luca heading off. "Dr. Craw, are you done for the day?"

"Yes." Luca nodded. Alya had taken over most of the workload. Since she was done with her part and considering that Nina would be over for dinner, she wanted to get some fresh groceries to cook for Nina.

Alya nodded thoughtfully.

Luca turned around and left.

watched her clock out and hurried back to the

in the secretary's office was working

before she came back, she was briefed about all of the company's current projects. It was a special period, and almost everyone in the company had to

the only person who could get off work on time

Alya, Luca's punctual departure from work was classified as special

just saw that Dr. Craw get off work. Is she allowed to get off work so early?" Alya could not help herself from gossiping

can leave the office after they finish their work," Tina said while she dealt with the documents she needed for the next

can she finish her work so fast? I still have half of the documents that need to be translated. How is it possible for her to finish so soon..." Alya felt that Luca had not finished

glanced at the documents on her desk and reminded her, saying, "When we assigned the tasks, you took the initiative to take over most of the documents. Naturally, your workload is heavier. Dr. Craw has fewer documents to work on, so, of course, it would take less time for her to finish

that Alya was just pissed that Luca left work on

muttered, "Dr. Craw is different from us. I don't dare to give her so much

She's not a translator, you are. This is within your job scope. If this project wasn't that urgent, she would've handed you all of the documents and gone home even earlier. Alya, it's a good thing that someone is sharing your workload. Hurry up and finish what you have left for the day. These documents are needed for tomorrow." Tina reminded

Luca was not a translator to begin with. It was not easy for her to deal with so many projects at the same *time*.

Alya did not know how to respond to that and went back to her seat. She complained about what had happened to the **translation department**.

However, everyone was very busy and no one responded to her **complaints**.

Alya missed her children who were waiting at home. She looked at the documents and knew that she could not reunite with her kids until she was done translating them.

With no other choice, she continued to bury her head in **the documents**.

Luca drove out from the underground parking lot of T Corporation. When she passed the entrance of T Corporation, she noticed an Audi was parked on the side of the road not far **away**.

She frowned. Her car drove by but she did not see the license plate number. However, the Audi was very similar to the one that Enoch drove the day *before*...

'It can't be him...'

All she felt was annoyed and angry when she realized that Enoch was likely involved in the reason why Queenie was watching her at the entrance of the villa the other day.

Fortunately, after she blocked him on all platforms, Enoch did not reach out to her through other means.

At least he did not continue to *bother her*.

Luca drove to the supermarket nearby, bought some groceries, and returned to the **villa**.

had not come over yet and Luca estimated that she would be there in the next ten minutes or so. After she greeted the children, she hurriedly went into the kitchen and started to prepare

minutes later, Nina arrived. The maid went and got her. She drove the car in

happy when he saw Nina, but at the same time, he was also a little

Nina, are you coming over to spend the night again?" He remembered that Luca had her full attention on Nina the last time she came to spend the night here. The three of them could only stare at Luca's tightly closed bedroom door. They were not allowed to

knew that Tommy was worried that she would take up Luca's time and could not help but pinch his face. "Don't worry, I'll only be here for a while. I won't be spending the night

wonderful! Aunt Nina, please have a seat." Tommy cheerfully invited Nina to

one, were you worried that I'd spend the night?" Nina sat on the sofa with a big smile on her face. She took Tommy's hand and pretended to be

shook his head immediately and replied, "No,

could you lie at such a young age? When your Daddy comes back, I'll tell him that you lied to me." Nina held back her smile and squeezed his cheek. It was fleshy and

Nina, I'm sorry." Tommy hurriedly acted

don't worry. I'm just here to have a meal and watch you for a few hours. I'll head home after that,"

"Aunt Nina, you're here to keep watch of