

Be Gentle 1871

Chapter 1871

Abel was in charge of Luca's life. Luca pursed her lips so hard that her pale lips had turned purple. Even so, she did not say a word.

Abel sneered when Luca did not reply to him. He continued, "I've already sold the formula. Things are going to get interesting now. Luca, I'd like you to do something for me."

Luca had a bad feeling about it. Her voice sounded hoarse and weak. "What—"

Abel replied, "Make everyone think that it was Albus who sold the formula."

Luca was shocked. Let everyone think that it was Dr. Albus who sold the formula?

If everyone suspected him, then Dr. Albus would definitely get fired. The company would hold him liable for selling the formula.

Luca suddenly realized that Dr. Albus, whom she had been suspecting all this time, was not one of Abel's men.

Who had he sent here, then?

Luca felt lost. She filtered through every subordinate under Dr. Albus in her mind, only to realize that none of them could overthrow Dr. Albus' decision...

Luca could not help but feel anxious at the thought that the person Abel sent was still developing drugs in Watson Biopharmaceuticals.

Abel was laughing hysterically on the other end of the call. "Why are you not talking? Oh yes, you must have thought that Albus was one of my men, right?"

"It now appears that he isn't." Luca sneered. Abel was not that dumb to expose the person he had carefully placed there.

But you don't know who it is either. So, you only have to follow my arrangements," said Abel with the sweetest joy of retribution in the bottom of his eyes.

looked down. If she did not know who that person was, then she would always be in danger.

had planned to alert Luke about it or get rid of Dr. Albus through this matter, but everything turned out to be out of her

T Corporation is almost done with the project in Europe, right?" Abel

What about it?" Luca did not deny it. It was because Abel's men were also working in T Corporation. What use would it do if she

want you to steal the bidding document a week later. If you can't get it done, I'm not sure what the consequences you'll have to bear are," said Abel. Abel did not want to get rid of Luke so soon. He wanted to take it one step at a time and watch Luke exhaust himself. He wanted to see Luke unable to handle the matter.

was his pleasure to watch Luke get slowly defeated.

even know where the safe that holds the bidding document is. I can't do this." Luca rejected

know where it is, but you just don't want to steal it. If you're thinking of helping the man you love to solve the crisis this time, you'll have to be willing to let your cute little daughter suffer," Abel said in a grim manner.

"What do you mean?!" Luca panicked.

I mean is, your daughter is the only one who has yet to take the drug on the Island of Despair. Think about it. Isn't it a good thing to give her the injection? Her physical condition will become stronger, and her skin and facial features will also improve. Well, that doesn't sound like a bad thing after all!" Abel struck Luca's only weak

"I'll get the bidding document. Don't touch my daughter." Luca's fists were already clenched hard because of what he **said**.

The drug that Abel mentioned was not as he mentioned. It was not good at all. It was the drug that she had been injected with before.

The drug could make people grow physically stronger, but it had serious side effects. Furthermore, she had to take the antidote once a **month**.

Nyla hated taking medicine the most.

"**Great**. Then I'll be waiting for your good news." Abel hung up the call as soon as he finished *talking*.

Then came the busy tone from the other end of the call. After that, it became quiet again. Luca was still unable to calm *herself down*.

Abel left Luca with no choice. He was forcing her to choose between Luke and her daughter.

Luca put her phone aside and looked at the door worriedly. She knew Luke's habits when it came to keeping confidential documents. If Luca was lucky enough and it turned out that Luke had not changed the safe's password after all these years, she was pretty sure that she could get the bidding **document**.

Luke would not have the chance to prepare another bidding document in time regardless of whether he found out about it or not.

The other party would definitely hand over the bidding document first. If Luke did not find out about it and handed in the bidding document as well, T Corporation would immediately be disqualified. The corporation would even be accused of stealing the other company's confidential *information*.

If Luke found out about it, he would have to prepare a new bidding document within a week. It was all part of Abel's plan.

Luca looked down at her lunchbox. The food had turned cold, and she no longer had the appetite to eat. destined to fail everyone around

Nyla knew that Luca had to force others into a dead-end to protect her, Luca was not sure what Nyla would think

put the lid on the lunchbox and threw it in the trash can.

born on the Island of Despair, and Luca was worried that the environment there would affect the child's physical and mental development. That was why Luca had been teaching Nyla to be kind-hearted and never do bad

as the child's mother, she had no choice but to do these evil things to protect

got off work, she received a call from Nina. Luca looked at all the work she had yet to finish. She had no choice but to tidy them up and bring them back home to work on

was in low spirits when she headed downstairs after clocking out.

had been waiting for Luca downstairs, saw her walking out of the entrance of T Corporation. She hurried over to meet her and opened the car door for

Nina." Luca's mind was somewhere else when she bent down and got into the

not even notice that her movement had accidentally torn her wound.

that something was wrong with Luca. Nina sat in the driver's seat, fastened her seat belt, and looked at Luca. Luca seemed to be preoccupied. She did not even fasten her seat belt.

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Mr. Bailey would certainly apply for the patent before Dr. Albus applied for it and launch the product after that.

They only had to make up a list for the clinical trial, then they would be able to apply for the patent.

Luca suspected that they would choose to launch the product around the time when T Corporation was bidding for the project. Besides, now that Luca had stolen the document, this series of events would deal blow after blow to Luke.

Luca held her forehead. T Corporation would face a great crisis if this really happened.

It would still be alright if T Corporation's reputation was still well protected. What she feared the most was that Abel would think of a way to ruin the corporation's reputation. This way, Luke would have to face such a crisis and a huge burden at the same time.

Luca recalled a few years ago when the property built by T Corporation was deliberately bombed by someone, causing the building to collapse.

Luke had put in a lot of effort to get to the bottom of the case and made sure those people got what they deserved.

However, it was different this time.

Luca remained silent all the way. Nina thought it would be better not to force her to speak. After they reached the villa's entrance, Nina reminded her, "Luca, we're here."

Luca nodded. She was about to unfasten her seat belt. Nina grabbed her hand and said, "You can scan the access card in the car. I'm driving in."

suddenly realized that after Nina reminded her. She took the access card out and waved it before the could not help but voice out when she saw Luca behaving like this, "Is it because you're too weak right now that it's causing you to be so tired? You seem out of

guess so," Luca replied in a low

are going to be worried again if they see you like this." Nina remembered that when she woke up this morning, the kids came to surround her and asked

though Nina had told them that Luca was fine and she was just having a cold, the kids refused to believe her. They insisted on seeing Luca themselves before they

was afraid that their noses were sensitive enough to smell the blood on Luca's body. Hence, she found an excuse and told the kids that they would be disturbing Luca if they went upstairs to see her. She only allowed them to see her while they stood at the door. She immediately brought them back downstairs after they got a

I'll stop thinking about work when I see them." As Luca watched Nina slow down the car in front of the villa's gate, she pressed the button on the

opened and Nina

kids hurried out of the house once they heard the noise of a car coming from

still in bed when the kids left for school. When they came back home, the maid told them that Luca had already gone to work despite being

Hence, the three of them were worried sick about **Luca**.

Luca pushed the car door open. Lanie, Rainie, and Tommy were already standing outside the car door staring straight at her.

"Ms. Luca, you're back!" Rainie spoke first. She was observant enough to notice Luca's pale *face*.

Luca was slightly surprised to see the kids waiting for her here. She looked at them and immediately urged them, saying, "It's cold out here. Hurry up and get into the **house**."

"**Ms.** Luca, we're worried about you." Tommy expressed his worries directly to Luca while helping her to carry her briefcase.

Luca felt a little sorry when she saw the kids show so much consideration for her. They were worried about her health. Luca shook her head and held Rainie's hand. Rainie's hand was cold as she had been outside for a while. Luca said, "I'm alright. Let's hurry up and go inside. You can't possibly keep yourselves warm by just wearing this. You're going to catch a cold."

Nina pushed the car door open and got out of the car too. She saw how intimate they were as though they were a family. She could not help but tease them, "You're only worried about Ms. Luca. Why aren't you showing some love to Ms. *Nina*?"

Tommy walked toward Nina with a smile on his face. He held Nina's hand and said, "Godmother, are you going to be here tonight?"

"Of course. I'll have to take care of all of you." Nina held Tommy's hand back and frowned. "You're freezing. Come on, let's go in."

Luca and Nina brought the three of them back into the house. The maid had already prepared warm tea for them. She greeted them, "Ms. Luca, Ms. Nina, you're back. It's cold out there. I've made some tea for you. Please have **some**."

you." Luca had been walking for a while. She did not want the kids to notice that she was walking unusually. That was why she had been walking while keeping her back straight, completely disregarding her wound. Her wound was slightly hurting now. She hurried to the couch and sat down

had been keeping an eye on Luca's movements. There was nothing unusual about them. Even so, she still said to the maid, "Luca is not feeling well today. I'm not good at cooking either, so I guess you'll have to prepare tonight's dinner."

smiled gently. Luca would prepare dinner every day, but she knew Luca was feeling uncomfortable today. Hence, she had already prepared dinner in advance. "I've already started making dinner. Dinner will be ready in half an hour."

She picked up the teapot and poured tea for Luca and the three kids. "It's freezing out there. I think the first snowfall of the year is just around the corner. Drink some tea to warm yourselves up."

up the teacup and took a whiff of the tea in the cup. After making sure that there was nothing wrong with the tea, Luca slowly took a sip of

circumstances now, Luca had no choice but to stay alert. There would be even more problems for her to handle if the maid was someone sent by Abel to plot against

Luca's subtle gestures, but she remained silent. She just said to the kids, "Geez, make sure you put on more clothes when you leave the house. Weren't you cold when you were outside dressed like

feel cold anymore when we saw Ms. Luca," replied Tommy with a smile. It was warm enough in the house. Besides, after they came back, the kids put on heavy winter clothes. That was why when Luca came back, they did not bother to put on more clothes and just ran straight out to make sure Luca was alright.

were very sensitive after having lost her once

get jealous if you say that. When you were little, I used to carry you with a baby bottle in my hands. Don't you feel warm when you see me?" Nina pinched Tommy's chubby face

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"I wasn't feeling well, so I didn't get to finish my work today," Luca smiled and explained. "It's just some translation work. It's not a big deal."

Nina shook her head and muttered, "Translating is one of the most nerve-racking jobs. It's a shame I don't know how to speak Russian. Luca, you're amazing."

"When you live in an unfamiliar environment for a long time, you'll naturally pick up the local language," Luca said as she opened the document and laptop. Luca did not undergo any systematic training. She just learned the language herself during her three years on the Island of Despair.

During that period, she often asked Eler and Amur to teach her Russian.

Luca knew very well that mastery of language was an essential skill to survive in such a horrible environment. She had to know what the others were talking about behind her to be able to have the chance to survive.

That was why she spent a year mastering basic Russian phrases. She then spent two years constantly picking up new words to master the language.

Luca recalled the many difficulties she had gone through during those three years while placing the laptop on the armrest of the couch. She found a position that would not put pressure on her wound and began working.

Nina was lost in thought as she listened to her.

What Luca said did not seem like living but surviving...

Her words sounded as though she had gone through a lot of inhuman experiences.

Nina recalled what Luca did yesterday. She could not help but wonder about Luca's past. Perhaps it was not something an ordinary person like her could imagine.

As Luca had started to work and the kids were also busy with their homework, Nina did not say anything more. She picked up her phone and replied to Percy's messages.

was a little unhappy that Nina would not return home today after not going back yesterday as well, Luca had indeed been a big help to them. That was why Percy did not ask Nina to go home even though he was dissatisfied with it.

hour later, the maid had already finished preparing dinner. Luca and Nina brought the kids over to the dining room to have dinner

who was usually a picky eater, did not complain about the food tonight. He knew Luca was sick and could not make dinner for them. Hence, he behaved himself and ate the dinner prepared by the

maid let out a sigh of relief when she saw that the children did not complain about the dinner she made.

Luca sat on the couch and waited for the kids to finish their homework. Tommy held his phone and dashed toward Luca when she was busy checking their homework. "Ms. Luca, Daddy is asking for a video

Tommy's head and replied, "Answer

opened his mouth as if he was about to say something. He thought of telling her that his daddy missed her too. However, he shut his mouth with embarrassment when he remembered what Luke had reminded him before. He tapped on the answer button and tried to stretch his hands out so that Luke could get a

call connected, and Luke's face showed up on the screen of

his hand excitedly and called out,

He was able to see Luca, who was busy checking the kids' homework, through the phone angle that Tommy had deliberately

noticed Luca's face had become paler, but he was not sure if it was because of the lighting there.

you eaten your dinner?" Tommy asked. He missed his daddy a lot after not seeing him for two

"Yes." Luke's voice came from the phone's speaker. Luca's hand that was flipping the pages paused. She lifted her head and saw that with the angle Tommy was holding up the phone, Luke would be able to get a good view of her.

Hence, Luke was able to see most of her face while only half of Tommy's face was shown on the screen.

Tommy did it on purpose...

Luca was speechless, but her face was already captured on camera. She had no choice but to greet the man, "Good evening, Mr. Crawford."

"Good evening," replied Luke.

The two of them looked at each other, but they did not intend to say another word.

Tommy was a little anxious. Luca spoke first when he was about to speak, "Uh, you guys go ahead. I'm going to continue to check the kids' homework."

Tommy turned to look at Luca.

Luca stroked his head and reminded him, saying, "Lanie and Rainie must miss their daddy too. Bring the phone along with you and go look for **them**."

Tommy pouted with reluctance. Back then, whenever they had video calls with Daddy, she would hold them in their arms while chatting with Daddy.

Now, she refused to have a video call with Daddy...

had no choice but to bring the phone up to the second floor. After he went back to his bedroom, he spoke, "Daddy, why did Ms. Luca refuse to talk to you?"

don't know either." Luke's son had voiced out his thoughts. Luke refused to admit the truth, but it was indeed a fact.

must be because you're not putting in enough effort. That's why Ms. Luca doesn't want to talk to you."

face turned slightly ashen as he listened to what his son said. "Where did you learn all these?"

stuck his tongue out at him and changed the subject hurriedly. "Ah, Lanie and Rainie must miss you too. I'll pass the phone to

Tommy went out of his bedroom with the phone. He went looking for Lanie and Rainie.

still in the living room, signing the kids' homework on behalf of Luke. Then, she put their exercise books back into their

out of the washroom at this moment and saw Luca putting the exercise books back into the kids' bags. She asked, "Have you finished checking their

zipped their bags to prevent the kids from dropping their books to the ground if they fooled around.

you have to check their homework for them every day?" Nina

really. Mr. Crawford is usually the one who checks their homework when he's not busy," answered Luca.

"Well, given the circumstances now, I'm just temporarily taking over this

see. I was wondering why you've been so kind to the kids. It won't be too much even if they start calling you their godmother." Nina smiled and stepped forward to put all of Luca's files back into her briefcase.

"Let's go upstairs since you've finished

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Luca could clearly hear the voice that came from the other end of the phone call. She said immediately, "It sounds serious. You'd better get going."

"What about you..." Nina was worried about leaving Luca alone at home.

"I'm fine. Look at me. I was fine last night, so nothing else will happen tonight. Don't worry. Family is most important." Luca convinced her.

Nina pursed her lips. Something might happen to Jean at the hospital if Nina did not show up.

She had no choice but to head to the hospital. "I'm going to the hospital, then. Remember to call me if anything happens here."

"Don't worry. Nothing is going to happen. Oh, you'd better inform Mr. Mallory about this." Luca reminded her. "Percy is someone with high social status. The hospital and police officers will cut Jean some slack even if something has happened."

"I got it," Nina replied. Then, she turned around and left.

Luca slowly walked toward the door. She watched Nina leave the villa through the glass window, and she let out a sigh.

Nina could finally live in peace, but Jean messed it all up.

What a troublemaker...

Luca carried her briefcase and laptop before slowly walking up.

It was a two-story villa, so there was no elevator installed. She could only make her way up the stairs step by step.

The wound was hurting, but Luca endured the pain and continued to head upstairs.

walked up to the second floor. When she was about to let out a sigh of relief,

out of Lanie's bedroom and saw Luca. He dashed toward her, thinking of giving Luca a

"Ms. Luca!"

through Tommy's gestures. Normally, Luca would be fine with it. However, if Tommy gave her such an aggressive hug now, her would surely tear

unconsciously dodged when she saw the child running

that Luca was avoiding him. He was stunned as he suddenly stopped running. He looked at Luca with an aggrieved look on his face,

secretly sighed when she saw the child almost bursting into tears. She had no idea whom this child had taken after. She did not want him to jump on her, but she felt sorry for making him

I'm not feeling well. My bones will fall apart if you rush into my arms like that," Luca explained. Tommy had already grown up a little, so he should be able to understand her

listened to Luca's explanation, and only then did he suppress his urge to cry. He said in an aggrieved tone, "Ms. Luca, you don't hate

course not. Have you ended the video call with your daddy?" Luca asked. She carried her things with another hand and wiped Tommy's face with her free hand.

was such a crybaby. There were still tears in the corners of his eyes.

Daddy went back to work again. He's so busy." Tommy looked at the things Luca was carrying in her other hand. He said in his childish voice, "Ms. Luca, are you going to work

"**Yes. Your** daddy is busy working, so I'll have to work too." Luca realized that she had successfully patched things up with Tommy, so she pushed her bedroom door open.

Tommy tagged along behind Luca like a clingy little boy. He noticed that Nina was nowhere to be seen, so he asked Luca, "Ms. Luca, where's Godmother?"

"*Something* came up and she left. It's late. Hurry up and take a shower. You should be *resting now*."

Tommy nodded obediently. He knew Luca had to work, so he dared not disturb her. He turned around and walked out of the *bedroom*.

Luca let out a sigh as she watched Tommy leave. She placed the briefcase and laptop on the desk before gently touching her wound that was still hurting.

She dared not to show that she was in pain in front of the kids.

Luca closed the bedroom door and slowly took off her clothes. She realized that the bloodstain on the gauze was slightly bigger than it was in the morning. She was still unable to stop the wound from *bleeding*.

She removed the gauze and glanced at her wound. The wound was still alright, and the suture did not **open**.

Luca walked into the washroom. She changed the gauze and put the medicinal powder on her wound after she washed up. Then, she changed into a clean set of pajamas and walked out of **the washroom**.

She glanced at the time. The kids should already be in their beds at this hour. She opened the bedroom door and came to Tommy's bedroom first. She gently pushed the door open. Tommy was already on his bed, getting ready to **sleep**.

"Ms. Luca?" Tommy was happy to **see her**.

"Rest early." Luca smiled while remembering how she used to put Tommy to sleep before he slept back then. He was able to go to bed by himself **now**.

though Tommy was still a crybaby, he had really grown up. He was more sensible now.

Good night, Ms. Luca." Tommy knew Luca was sick. That was why he wanted to stay closer to her for a while more, but he suppressed the urge to do

Tommy lay down and tuck himself into bed. She then gently closed the door.

Next would be Rainie's bedroom.

pushed the door open. The little girl was sitting on her bed reading a

it's time to sleep." Luca reminded her in a soft voice.

lifted her head and saw Luca. She smiled gently at her. "Okay, Ms.

wanted to get down from the bed to put her storybook back on

walked into the bedroom and took Rainie's storybook from her. "Let me help you. It's cold. Lay down

we don't feel cold. We have a heater in our rooms. Lanie told me that you'll come into our bedrooms every night to see if we've kicked off our blankets. But we won't catch a cold even if that happens. Ms. Luca, you don't have to worry about us." Rainie remembered what Lanie had told her, and she mentioned it to

have fallen sick because she had been busy looking after the three of them.

knows about it?" Luca was startled for a while after she put the storybook back on the shelf. Lanie was always fast asleep when she entered his bedroom. How did he know

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"Ms. Luca, I like you as much as Tommy and Rainie do. I want your concern and love as well," Lanie said in a serious tone when he noticed Luca's guilty expression.

Lanie was not always a light sleeper.

Lanie's sleep quality became poorer and poorer after Bianca's impostor moved to Crawford Manor.

Back then, the impostor was trying to play the role of a good mother.

However, there were no blood ties between them. No matter how hard Lanie tried to convince himself, he always felt that something was wrong. That was why he would wake up whenever the impostor tried to enter his bedroom to tuck him in.

He would also often hear loud noises in the middle of the night back then. That was when his sleep routine underwent a drastic change.

Luca blinked her eyes. She was a little surprised. Lanie's personality resembled Luke's. He normally would not say such things.

Luca walked toward Lanie's bed and sat down. "Lanie, why?"

"It's because you're a gentle person. We can feel the warmth of a mother when you care for us," answered Lanie. He told Luca about the vulnerabilities in his heart. "Ms. Luca, we only had Daddy and Great-grandpa in our lives before you showed up. We were envious of other children for having a mother by their side. It was until you came into our life that we didn't have to be envious of other children anymore."

Luca's gaze turned gentle when she listened to what her son said.

It was because she was their mother.

"Alright. I'll pay more attention when I open the door next time so that I won't disturb you. It's safe here. You don't have to worry that something bad will happen. Get some rest." Luca stroked Lanie's head.

The usual cool expression on his face turned into a shy

Lanie in when he lay down on the bed. "Goodnight, Lanie."

Luca." Lanie closed

up the book that Lanie had put on his bedside table and glanced at it. It was a science book.

was not interested in storybooks and fairy tales. The books on his bookshelf were all books related to

the book back on the shelf. She noticed that all the books on the shelf were on the same topics. She muttered to herself, 'Will Lanie be reading books about finance and economics when he grows

turned around and glanced at Lanie, who was on his bed. She tip-toed out of his room and closed the quiet at night. Luca could not

out a sigh when she returned to the bedroom. She looked at the briefcase on the dressing table. She sat down on the chair, picked up her phone, and asked about

how are you holding up?] Luca sent a message

replied after a while: [I'm still dealing with it. Are you

[I'm alright. Just tell me if you need anything.] Luca put down her phone after she replied to Nina's message and continued with **her work**.

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On the other hand.

Nina was dealing with Jean's matter at the hospital. She was overwhelmed as it was quite a serious matter.

Jean had gone drinking at a bar. Then, he got into a fight with someone because of a woman. He made a mess at the bar and injured that person badly. However, he refused to stop fighting. In the end, Jean smashed the man's head with a bottle and seriously injured him.

Jean and the man who fought with him were in the emergency room now. Jean was not seriously injured, but the person who got beaten up by him suffered serious **injuries**.

The doctor told her that from the results of the CT scan, there were pieces of glass stuck in the patient's head when they were fighting each other. Thus, the doctor had no idea just how serious the patient's condition was **now**.

Nina followed the nurse around. After she paid for the medical expenses, she was taken aside to talk to the police officers as it was an assault *case*.

Other than telling the police officers about Jean's identity, Nina could only answer helplessly that she did not know anything about the fight when the police officers *questioned her*.

One of the police officers looked at Nina helplessly when he was unable to get any information from her. He had no choice but to say, "That's all for today, then. The victim's family will come to the hospital later. Please don't leave the hospital first."

Nina pursed her lips and nodded. Then, she asked, "Am I allowed to talk to **my brother?**"

you can do now even if you go talk to him," one of the police officers replied. "He's drunk. He doesn't answer our questions, and we can't get a statement out of him. It's strange how a drunk person like him could beat someone up so badly."

even more upset when she heard that. Was Jean tired of living a peaceful life? How dare he make such a her fists when she thought of what the police officers had told her. She asked, "Then may I know who's the woman who made him get into a fight with the other man?"

officers exchanged glances with each other. They were hesitating and wondered if they should tell Nina who the

me. I'm not going to do anything to her. I just want to know how it happened," Nina pleaded with them sincerely.

not a big deal even if we tell you who it is. You'll find out about it sooner or later anyway. The name on the woman's ID is..." The police officer glanced at the document. "Marie

her!" Nina was shocked. She could never forget that name for the rest of her

partly responsible for what Anna and Jean had become today.

know her?" the police officer asked her when he saw Nina's

brother's ex-girlfriend. And she snatched our property away from us before this..." Nina said helplessly.

did not expect that Marie would come looking for Jean again after she was released

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Nina could not help but stagger when she heard what the nurse said.

Nina did not give a damn about the medical bills. However, she was worried about the man who was injured by Jean.

Jean would be held liable if anything happened to him...

Anna would not be able to accept the fact if she found out about it.

Nina took a deep breath. All those unfamiliar legal provisions were running through her mind. What kind of sentence would Jean face if he accidentally killed someone?

Nina dared not to think about it anymore. As she watched the nurse walk back into the emergency room, she stepped forward and said, "Please, you must save that person."

"Of course, we'll try our best to save him. Now, you just have to wait for his family to arrive," the nurse replied.

Nina watched the nurse walk back in and pull the curtains. She paced around restlessly.

After a while, one of the police officers brought Marie over and said to his colleague, "This is the woman whom the two men were fighting over at the bar. The doctor checked her and said she just has minor injuries. She's fine. Go ahead and take her statement."

Nina flew into a rage when she saw Marie. She dashed toward her and said, "Marie Rayne, it's really you! What do you have against my brother? Why are you doing this to him!"

her eyes. She looked at Nina who had become even prettier than before and sneered, "Did you say I did this to your brother? Nonsense. He's the one who started the fight. He couldn't stand being provoked by others and that's why he's in the hospital now. I'm going to sue you for defamation if you speak

You made my family lose everything we had. You've already gotten out of prison, yet you're still not sparing him. I'm not going to let you get away with it if anything happens this time!" Nina got

a person who would always pick on those who were weaker than him. However, Nina was pretty sure it must have been Marie who bewitched Jean and incited him to beat up another person.

had Marie ruined Jean's future, but she even scammed Anna off her money, which destroyed the whole family. Even so, she still refused to

scary. Officer, you heard her. This woman is threatening me. If anything happens to me in the future, she must be the one behind it!" Marie looked at the police officer while pretending to be weak. She was hoping to receive some protection from the

did not expect Jean's matter to turn out to be such a big deal.

was not afraid of Nina. She was afraid of the man in the emergency room

man seemed to have some connections in the underworld. She was worried that those gangsters would come to look for her if anything happened to that man. That was why she needed the police officers to help

were the one who started this. Why are you afraid of getting into trouble now?" The police officer did not fall for Marie's trap. After all, he knew what kind of woman she

You're a police officer. You can't slander me." Maire hugged her arms and pretended to be

Nina was disgusted at watching how despicable Marie was. At the same time, she was secretly blaming Jean for being **a loser**.

Jean had already been fooled by her once, yet he still let himself be fooled for the second time. Had he been bewitched by Marie?!

The police flipped open the statement file. He shot Marie a cold glare and said, "Everyone in the bar has already given their statements. They said it was you who fanned the flames and provoked others last night. What's the matter? Do you think you won't be held responsible as long as you keep your hands *clean*?"

Marie was startled for a moment. Then, she pointed at the wound on her forehead and said, "I didn't do that. Don't listen to their nonsense. I'm *a victim!*"

"Someone recorded a video. Everything you said and did have been captured. Stop playing tricks with me. Behave and cooperate with us. Tell us everything that happened in detail. Otherwise, you'll be charged for obstruction of justice and will face more serious charges when the time comes," the expressionless police officer said. He did not pity her just because she was a woman.

Marie became a coward once she heard that someone had recorded a *video*.

She looked at the police officer helplessly and said, "Officer, what I said isn't valid—"

"It's not up to you whether it's valid or not. What you said is evidence, which is needed for the legal procedures later. Let's go. Follow us to give your statement." The police officers took Marie away as it was inconvenient for them to take her statement there.

Nina clenched her fists as she watched Marie leave.

She had to solve Jean's problem at the moment.

took a deep breath and called

to be in the hospital as he had to observe the condition of a special patient today. That was why he had been in the hospital the

headed downstairs after he received Nina's

situation now?" Johann and Nina were familiar with each other. He did not make any pleasantries and went straight to the point

was drunk and smashed someone in the head with a glass bottle. The man is still in the emergency room, and the doctor is waiting for the report. But according to the preliminary assessment, the man isn't doing too well. The doctor said that glass shards had pierced into his head..." Nina explained.

"That's serious. Your brother really is

will be thrown into prison if anything happens to that man. Dr. Park, please help me." Nina knew Johann had good medical skills. He could save that man's life if he was willing to

me go in there and see what's going on." Johann had received a notice from the emergency department when the patients were admitted to the hospital.

Johann was not working in the neurological department. Besides, he had a patient with a special case to take care of. The doctor on duty today was a respectable expert in neurology. That was why Johann did not

Johann could not leave the matter in someone else's hands after he knew that Nina had something to do with this. After all, Percy was one of his best buddies.

Chapter 1877

The nurse frowned when the man spoke in a loud voice. "Sir, you're in the hospital. Please lower your voice."

After the nurse said that to the older man, he lowered his voice and said, "He injured Tyrone, so he'll have to be responsible for Tyrone's medical bills. Is there anything wrong with that?"

The nurse glanced at Nina.

The older man looked in the direction where the nurse was looking and saw Nina. "Are you the woman who stirred things up?"

"I'm Jean Langdon's family member. It's Jean's fault, so I'll be responsible for Tyrone's medical bills. Please give me your ID. I'm going to pay now," Nina said frankly.

"So, you're the one who's going to cover Tyrone's medical costs, right? Good. Let's go and pay!" the man said. He was about to tug at Nina's sleeve.

Nina was so shocked that she took a step backward. She said, "Just pass me the ID. I'll go and pay."

"Pass it to you? What if you run away with the ID? What should I do if I can't complete the admission procedure and I miss the best opportunity to get Tyrone treated? I'm telling you, don't try to run away from your responsibility. How dare you hurt my younger brother?! Just wait and see!" The man refused to listen to Nina. He insisted on going with her.

Nina looked at the burly man, and she quickly hid behind the nurse's desk.

The younger man looked at Nina, and something came across his mind. Thus, he tugged at the older man's sleeve and said, "We're in the hospital. She won't be able to run away. Let's just pass the ID to her."

“Boy, you can’t blow your brothers off for a woman, right? I’ll give you the ID. Bring her there.” The older man knew Nina was afraid of him. Hence, he handed the ID to the other man.

“Alright.” The man took the ID from him and looked at Nina. “Come on. Let’s go pay for it.”

sense that these two men were not very nice. Even so, she had no choice but to bite the bullet and follow this man to the payment

they were on the way there, the young man tried to talk to Nina. “My name is Keith Hugh.

not reply to him. She trotted to the payment counter and took the stack of medical bills from Keith before handing them to the nurse. She said, “Hello, I’d like to pay for

nurse glanced through the papers and quickly helped Nina to handle the hospital admission

her name on the bills after she paid for them.

when he saw her signature. He said, “So, you’re

him a glance. She took the receipt that the nurse handed to her and trotted back to the emergency

showed the nurse the receipt, Johann and the emergency physician walked out of the emergency room as well. Johann asked the nurse, “Is Tyrone’s family

here. The three of them are his family members,” answered the

looked at the three of them and said, “Tyrone’s not doing too well now. The examination report shows that he has cerebral edema, and there are some glass shards stuck in his head. We need to perform a craniotomy surgery on him immediately while looking for the bleeding point to stop the bleeding. We need you to sign these papers. We’ll perform the surgery instantly after you

woman almost fainted when she heard that Tyrone needed to undergo

Another man helped her up immediately and said, “Hang in there, Aunt Jenny.”

Keith heard that and said, “I’m Tyrone’s cousin. Can I sign the papers?”

“It’d be better if a next of kin signed these.” Johann handed the papers to the middle-aged *woman*.

The woman’s hands were trembling as she signed her name on the last page of the papers. Then, she knelt on the floor and said, “Doctor, Tyrone is my only son. Please save him.”

Johann took the papers from her and said expressionlessly, “We’ll try *our best*.”

Nina looked at Johann’s expression and knew that Tyrone was not in good condition. She pled, “Dr. Park, please. You have to save **him**.”

Johann nodded and glanced at Keith and the others. Then, he reminded Nina. “Ask Percy to come here. You can’t do **this alone**.”

Nina knew what Johann meant.

Nina would not be able to defend herself alone if Tyrone’s family did something to her. She nodded and replied, “I will.”

Johann nodded and looked at them. "We're transferring the patient to the operating room now. You may follow us and wait outside."

Right after Johann said that, the nurses pushed the ward bed Tyrone was lying on while unconscious out of the emergency room.

The middle-aged woman rushed over and said, "Tyrone, hang in there. Otherwise, I'll die *with you!*"

Jenny, stop. Tyrone will be fine." Keith's attention was not on Nina now. He helped the middle-aged take her away," the nurse said.

the middle-aged woman away from the ward bed immediately. "Aunt Jenny, let the nurse bring Tyrone to the operation room. Larry, come over and help Aunt

man Keith was calling was the older man who came along with

gestured to Nina and warned her, "You'd better pray that Tyrone will be fine. Otherwise, I'll make you regret this!"

down and followed

the surgeon for the operation, and he had already left to prepare for the

for a moment and decided to text Percy: [I'm in the hospital now. Can you

Nina immediately right after the message was sent. Nina paused and looked at the caller ID. She felt a lump in her throat.

not want to trouble Percy when it came to things related to Anna and Jean. After all, Percy was busy with his work, and he had already done a lot for her.

it was only then she realized that Percy was the only one she could rely on when something bad

Chapter 1878

Larry looked at his brother with a disappointed look on his face.

Keith was not bothered about it. He walked toward Nina and sat down beside her.

Nina did not look up. She moved to another empty seat beside her.

Keith noticed it and did not lean in closer to her. He continued to talk to her, "Hey, my brother is seriously injured. Your brother will have to go to prison if we make a big deal out of it."

"Don't worry. We'll take responsibility for this." Nina lowered her head. Although she was stubborn, she was secretly praying for Tyrone and hoping that he would be fine.

"Of course. Your brother will have to pay for the medical bills and compensate Tyrone as he won't be able to work during this period. But I think we should discuss how to handle this and how much you have to pay. Do you get me? Although the one in the operating room is my cousin, I'm the only educated person in the whole family. Everyone listens to me, so I'll be the one in charge of this matter." Keith hinted at Nina, telling her that he had the right to deal with this matter.

Nina was not dumb either. She knew what Keith meant, but she refused to answer him.

Keith stroked his chin when Nina remained silent. He thought it was humiliating, but he refused to give up so easily.

Keith thought that if anything happened to Tyrone, Nina and her family would have to bear the responsibility for the rest of their lives.

No matter how reluctant this woman was, he would eventually get her.

“Of course, I hope my brother will be alright. Uh, why don’t I get your contact details? If there’s anything we need to discuss after this, I can give you a call.” Keith took his phone out and opened his QR code, thinking of sending Nina a friend request.

“You can have my secretary’s contact details. And you can call him if there’s anything else you need,” Percy trotted toward them and said with a cold face.

was quiet at night in the hospital, especially in front of the

hear Keith hitting on Nina the moment he walked out of the

knew Nina would ignore such men, but he was still mad about it. How dare these men try to flirt with

his head and looked at the man who suddenly came out of nowhere. He frowned and asked, "Who are you? Are you that bastard's

at Percy who rushed here. He was all travel-worn and weary with some frost on him. She stood up and walked toward Percy. She held Percy’s hand. His hand was not warm but it gave her

lowered his head and looked at her. He stroked Nina’s hair gently and said to Keith, “I’m her fiancé. Let me handle

narrowed his eyes while sizing Percy up.

looked familiar, but he was not of the same social status as Keith. That was why Keith could not remember who he was at that

judging from Percy's aura and his looks, his clothes, as well as the watch he was wearing, Keith knew that he was a wealthy

a little disappointed. There was no way Nina would fall for him if she had a boyfriend

the man had told him that they could look for him if anything happened. That would indicate that an easy mark had come to them himself.

Although Keith did not manage to get the woman, it seemed pretty good to have this man shoulder the responsibility. Keith was secretly rejoicing as he said, “Since you said that you’ll be responsible for this matter, then just give me the contact details of the person you told me just now. Don’t even think of running away from this. It was her brother’s fault.”

Percy turned to look behind him.

His assistant hurried toward him and handed him the key. “Boss, I’ve parked your *car*.”

Percy's assistant had been working overtime with Percy at the office. Percy dragged him along to the hospital when he received Nina's message. Percy could not wait to get out of the car the moment they reached the hospital. He asked his assistant to park the car and ran into the hospital in such cold weather.

"Give him your name card." Percy kept it short and simple.

The assistant took the business card holder out of his pocket and took out his name card. Then, he handed it to Keith. "Sir, please contact me if there's anything else you need after **this**."

Keith glanced at the name card and lifted his head after he found out Percy's *identity*.

Keith could not help but smile. An easy mark, indeed. It looked like it was the right choice for Tyrone to get into a fight.

"Alright. I'll look for you. You'll have to compensate my cousin and be held liable if anything happens to him." Keith kept the name card carefully and strolled to Larry's *side*.

Larry looked at his brother. He frowned and asked, "Who's that man over **there**?"

"Larry, Tyrone didn't get injured for nothing this time." Keith took the name card out of his pocket and showed it to *Larry*.

relaxed his furrowed brows once he saw the name card. He had planned on making a fortune no matter what happened to Tyrone in the operating room. However, when he noticed that Nina was just a white-collared worker, he was worried that she would not have that much money. It would be difficult for him to

did not expect she had such a big shot behind her. They could celebrate New Year's happily

name card. Don't lose it." Larry reminded

I'll take a photo of it too," said Keith. He picked up his phone and took a photo of the

if they lost the name card, he would still have the secretary's contact details on

frowned when she heard the conversation between the two brothers.

only thought of asking Percy to keep her company when she asked him to come over. After all, these men did not look friendly to

did not expect Percy to take up the responsibility. It was Jean who messed things up. Percy had nothing to do with

Nina squeezed Percy's hand.

able to understand what Nina was thinking about with just a small gesture and without any words after being together with her for years. He lowered his head and looked at Nina gently, a far cry from how was usually cold

alright. Leave it to me," said Percy. Even though it was Jean who caused this trouble, how could Percy let Nina bear this alone?

Chapter 1879

Three hours later, Johann and another doctor walked out of the operating room.

The nurse beside them called out, "Is Tyrone's family here?"

Keith and Larry helped Aunt Jenny up. They brought her to the door of the operating room. Nina stood up too when she heard it, and she came forward.

Johann glanced at Percy and Nina. He slightly nodded his head to greet them.

Nina looked at Johann's expression, unable to figure out whether or not the surgery had succeeded. She was so nervous that she squeezed Percy's hand.

"Tyrone's surgery was a success. We successfully extracted the glass shards out of his brain while removing the blood clots. But the patient's wounds are complicated. We still need to transfer him to the ICU for another 24 hours of observation. We'll only transfer him to the general ward if there's nothing wrong with him," said Johann. There was no expression on his face when he said that.

After becoming a doctor for such a long time, Johann's face was expressionless even if the surgery was a success.

"Really? Doc, can I go in there and take a look at my son?" Aunt Jenny was still worried.

Johann shook his head. "It's not the ICU's visiting hours now. You'll have to wait until the working hours tomorrow. Only then will the ICU will allow family members to visit the patient. And be sure not to leave first. It'd be better to have one of the family members here. We'll need someone to decide for the patient if anything happens."

"Alright, alright. I'm staying here." Aunt Jenny took the initiative to stay as she was worried about her son's condition.

Johann shot Percy a glance after he said what he had to, then left.

The nurse cleared her throat and said, "Excuse me, the amount of money in the patient's bank account that was provided earlier doesn't seem to contain enough money. It'd be better if his family members could deposit some money into the account."

"Leave it to me," said Nina. She knew that no matter who paid for the medical bills first, she would be the one who would pay for them eventually. That was why she took the initiative to say that.

your card there." After that, the nurse showed the glass shards that were removed from Tyrone's brain. They were bright green-colored glass shards. Nina fell silent when she saw

are the glass shards that were removed from the patient's brain. Please take a look at them," said the

Jenny suddenly burst into tears when she saw blood on the glass shards. "Oh my goodness. It must've been so painful to have such sharp glass shards pierced into his brain."

around and glanced at Nina. He gave up the thought of hitting on her once he knew she had such a rich boyfriend. Hence, he viciously handed Tyrone's card to Nina and said, "Here you

wanted to take it from him, but Percy grabbed her hand and glanced at his assistant beside him. "Do assistant nodded and took the card from Keith. Then, he headed to the

her head, looked at Percy, and said, "I'd like to visit my

nodded and left the operating room together with

brothers did not put Nina on the spot as someone else would be responsible for this matter.

informed by the nurse that Jean had already been sent to the ward. Nina and Percy headed upstairs after knowing which ward he was in.

was sent to a ward that could accommodate six patients as there was no special request for other arrangements. The patients were already resting on their beds when Percy pushed the door open.

realized that she might disturb the other patients if she came to look for Jean like this. They would certainly fight with each other every time

Hence, Nina grabbed Percy's hand and shook her **head**.

Percy exited the ward, closed the door, and looked *at her*.

Nina said in a low voice, "I'll come again tomorrow."

"*Alright.*" *Percy* nodded and left the ward **with Nina**.

Nina sat in Percy's car, looking outside the window. The trees and plants had turned yellow, and leaves had fallen from the trees. She was able to see a layer of frost on the tree branches if she took a closer **look**.

Nina thought it would snow soon.

"How much are Tyrone's medical bills? Can you give me a number?" Nina said.

Percy raised his brows and asked, "That's how you want to *do it*?"

"Yes. Please let me know. Otherwise, I think I'd better follow up with this myself." Nina did not want to take advantage of Percy even though it was no secret that she was in a relationship with Percy.

Percy let out a sigh helplessly. "I think I should marry you sooner."

"*Huh?*" Nina blushed when she heard what he said.

"The only way to stop you from drawing a fine line between us regarding certain things is for me to marry you. Nina, everything I have is yours too," said Percy. He did not like Nina being too particular at differentiating things between him and her. However, he had no choice but to let Nina do what she wanted since she insisted on doing so.

only thing he could do to change the situation now was to make Nina his wife.

like Percy had to bring Nina to the city hall to register their marriage once he was done with his work. He would tie her up and bring her there if she refused to go with

never said that I was going to marry you," Nina mumbled in a low voice. However, it warmed her heart when she heard that Percy was planning to

like winter was not so bad at

are you going to marry if you don't marry me?" Percy asked in a serious voice.

marrying anyone," said Nina, playing hard to get.

can't say no to me when the time comes. Wait until I finish my work and I'll bring you to the city hall. I'll tie you up and bring you there if you refuse to go with me," Percy said

felt helpless as she shook her head, but she did not say a

looked outside the window. The bliss in her slowly filled her troubled

good to have Percy

The next day.

prepared breakfast for Percy with the maid's help after she woke up in the

Chapter 1880

The two words said by the police scared Jean and diminished his arrogance. The food in his hand fell back onto his plate.

He fumbled about and asked Nina, "Tyrone is dead?"

"You injured him so badly. Even the glass was smashed into his head. What did you think would happen?" Nina got mad when she saw Jean's terrified expression. She had never asked for him to be rich. Actually, as long as he took things seriously, he would not have a problem earning enough for his living expenses. However, he had disappointed her. "What's wrong? Are you scared now? Why didn't you think of the consequences when you smashed his head so forcefully back then?"

Suddenly, Jean's eyes became red. Tyrone was dead. Even if he was willing to pay the compensation, he would not be able to escape from the law...

"It wasn't my intention to hit him so hard. It was Marie. She kept inciting me." Jean wanted to push all the blame on Marie.

Nina got even angrier when she saw Jean's childish behavior. He even mentioned Marie. "Marie had let you down in the past, so why can't you be more mature now? Just because she incited you, you had to go along with it? If Marie asks you to commit suicide, will you blindly do so as well?"

Jean could not be bothered about Nina's lecture. He was only thinking about how he could not afford to be imprisoned. He held Nina's hand. "Nina, I'm your brother. I can't go to prison. You must look for Percy and help me out of this situation. From now on, I won't get involved in anything related to Marie. I'm your brother, and our mother is still expecting me to get a job to cover her living expenses! I can't go to prison now."

He had once tasted life in prison, and he did not want to experience it again.

The other patients in the ward watched this scene, and none of them made a single noise.

As Nina was talking, her eyes turned red. "You'd better pray hard that Tyrone is alright. Otherwise, I'm afraid even Percy won't be able to help you out."

dumbfounded and looked at her. "What do you mean? Are you saying he's not

the ICU now. We have yet to know what's going to happen in the future. I'm guessing that the police will be here to question you in a while more. You should be more alert." Nina coldly took her hand away and turned around

Jean was afraid to face the police. After all, Tyrone was still in

when the police showed up, he would definitely be sent to an isolation ward. However, that ward was not the luxurious type and was more of a place of torture.

was not willing to go through that and wanted to get Nina to hire a good lawyer to settle this

Nina did not turn around and immediately left

disappointed. He wanted to get out of bed to stop her, but the pain in his leg was unbearable. He wanted to get out of bed but could not do

Nina left Jean's ward, she took a deep breath and walked toward

always thought that Jean had a bright future ahead, but ultimately, he was the one who destroyed his own

all of this has to do with Anna's

Nina entered Anna's ward.

At that moment, Anna was having her breakfast with the nurse's help. She looked sideways at Nina when she saw her coming into the ward and did not say a word.

The nurse beside her greeted Nina warmly. "You're here, Ms. **Nina.**"

"Yeah." Nina nodded and looked at Anna, who was looking back at her with a cold expression. She felt bitter deep in her heart, but she would never express *it*.

That was because Anna would not listen to whatever she said and would not understand *her feelings*.

Between Nina and Jean, she was just someone Anna asked for money from.

Nina looked at Anna, who would not even spare her a glance. She thought perhaps the latter was still mad at her for withdrawing the additional cash from the bank account.

However, she would not apologize for it as she was not at fault.

Nina sat on the chair and waited for Anna to finish her breakfast.

that Nina was staying, Anna intentionally slowed down her eating

matter how slowly she ate, she would eventually have to finish

Anna was done eating breakfast, the nurse then cleaned up the cutlery. Nina then spoke to end the silence, "Jean got himself involved in a crime yesterday."

her very first time talking to Anna after so

could not help but reply when she heard Nina's words, "Why are you talking about Jean? He's your brother. Oh, so now that you're together with a rich man, do you think so highly of yourself that you're not going to acknowledge your own brother? Is

took a deep breath. Anna and Jean just thought that since she had gotten together with Percy, it was only right that she improve their lifestyle as she no longer needed to worry about food and clothing.

said Voldemort is scary, but having such a brother is quite scary

added when Nina did not respond, "If you have what it takes, then don't acknowledge me as your mother. From now on, we'll just

you sure about that?" Nina clenched her fists as she did not wish to quarrel in

Anna's attitude made her