

Be Gentle 1881

Chapter 1881

Nina's eyes flashed with disappointment.

In her eyes, Jean was her son but she was not her daughter...

"Whether or not I'm lying to you, you'll soon know the truth. In the afternoon, ask the nurse to push you to the hospital's detention ward. That's when you'll know whether or not I'm lying to you." Nina spun around and left the ward after speaking.

Anna's cursing could be heard from behind. Nina was not willing to listen and was not bothered by it.

From childhood all the way to adulthood, she had only ever held a place in Anna's heart when Jean was still doing alright.

When Jean started walking a crooked path, her status in Anna's eyes starting falling as well. She could not understand. She had given everything she had to Jean, including the chance to further her studies.

He ultimately failed to become a good person, yet Anna pushed all the blame on Nina.

'Why is this happening to me? Is it because I'm not a son?'

Nina felt her limbs weaken. She sat on the long bench along the corridor of the hospital and took a deep breath.

The thought of it made her sigh helplessly. Her phone rang, and Nina answered the call. "Hello?"

"Hi, I'm calling from the public security bureau. We're informing you that we've moved Jean into the detention ward where he will continue to receive his treatment. Please take note of the visiting hours and location if you wish to visit him." A man's voice was heard.

"Alright, got it." Nina hung up the call. There were specific hours to visit someone who was in the detention ward. If she did not follow the timing, she would not be able to visit Jean.

she was clueless about what to do next. All she could do was wait for Tyrone to get out of the life-threatening crisis before thinking of her

to seize the chance to peacefully reach a settlement for Jean's sake.

soon as she hung up the call, Nina's phone rang once again. This time, it was a number she was unfamiliar with. She answered,

you Jean's younger sister?" The one speaking was obviously not a police officer. They had an

am. You are..." Nina asked.

NX bar. Last night, your brother Jean came to my place to have some liquor and later got into a fight with another guy. He destroyed a lot of things in the bar. Besides, he didn't pay the bill for the liquor he had either. I got some people to ask the police and there's no doubt everything is Jean's fault. So, let's not delay things or go through the formal procedures as it'll affect my business and the renovation work that needs to be done. Let's just settle this privately, alright?" the guy said.

'Settle it privately?

can privately settle Tyrone's issue, we can definitely settle the bar's issue privately

have no problems if the compensation amount that you suggest is reasonable," Nina put forward the condition. She had been in the business field for so many years. Even though she had been well protected by Percy, she would not be easily fooled

deal. I've asked someone else to do the calculation. You may come over and I'll slowly explain it to you. Rest assured, I'm just following the market price. I won't raise the price too high. Besides, there's surveillance footage as proof. I wouldn't simply accuse your brother," said the person from

lowered her eyes and agreed to it. "Alright. I'll go over right

After ending the call, she checked the location of *NX Bar*.

She came to an understanding once she got to know the street the bar **was located**.

Indeed, Jean did not have too much cash on him that he could go to high-end bars. For a bar like this, the compensation wouldn't be too *much*.

She thought that she did not need to inform Percy about this and would be able to settle it on her **own**.

After thinking about it, she immediately drove her car toward **NX Bar**.

Upon arriving at the entrance of the bar, she parked her car and took a glance at the street full of bars. However, since it was broad daylight, there were not many *people*.

NX Bar was open only because the owner wanted to negotiate the compensation matters *with Nina*.

Nina went over but did not enter directly as she still had her guard raised. She just stood at the entrance and asked, "Is there anyone **inside**?"

After some time, a middle-aged man with a belly came out. He had a cigarette in his mouth. He looked at Nina from head to toe before asking, "So, you're Jean's *younger sister*?"

"Yes." Nina nodded.

The man then looked at the car Nina drove. It was just a worn-down car. She did not seem to be a rich person like what Marie had described.

that your car?" The man asked

turned around and said while nodding

afford to pay the compensation when all you're driving is that car?" The man was curious. 'Am I being fooled

nothing good would come about by fooling him. After all, how much money he got from this would affect Marie's share.

bar doesn't seem to be a high-end bar as well. We won't know whether or not I'm able to pay the compensation if we don't discuss it first." Nina was starting to be impatient. 'If he's judging whether or

not I can pay the compensation by looking at the car I'm driving, it means there's a chance this might be a

felt fortunate that she had insisted on not driving a luxurious car when she got back together with Percy. Instead, she chose to continue driving her

if she were to drive one of Percy's luxurious cars, the man would certainly ask for a bigger

Let's go in and talk about it." The man threw the cigarette butt and casually stepped on it, putting out did not take a step and just said, "I think we should just talk

man turned around and looked at her. He smirked and said, "What's wrong? Are you afraid I might do something

lighting outside here is much better." Nina did not tell the truth, but the man knew what she really

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"The girlfriend of Mr. Mallory from Mallory Corporation drives such a shabby car? Don't try to fool me." The man raised his finger and pointed at Marie, warning her.

"Don't worry, I'm not fooling you. That woman is very ordinary, but she lives a very good life. Percy has already announced their relationship during a press conference. Don't worry about anything else. You'll definitely get money out of her." As Marie spoke, she was inwardly feeling jealous. 'With just Nina's mediocre looks, she was able to make Percy fall so hard for her.

'I wonder if it's because she learned how to seduce men from Bianca that she has the skills to get her hands on such a wealthy guy.'

"Alright. Let me show her the list," the man said and left the office.

Nina was still standing outside the entrance.

The man came to the entrance and passed the list to her. "This is the list I prepared yesterday. The first three pages list down the property damage after your brother fought with others. The last three pages list down my other losses due to your brother's fight, such as causing a few of my customers to leave without paying the bills, the liquors, and the tips for the staff. Logically speaking, your brother should be the one to take full responsibility for all these."

Nina looked at the six-page list. She took it and casually flipped through it. "He destroyed these many things?"

"Of course. There are surveillance cameras here too. I'm not wrongfully accusing your brother." The man took out a cigarette, placed it in his mouth, and lit it up. "I'm telling you, don't ever think that fighting is just like what's depicted in TV shows where you just pick up a wine bottle and swing it everywhere. He was quite drunk last night, and he was just like a mad dog. I got a few staff members to stop him but it was to no avail. He continued to kick and punch that guy. He even destroyed a few tables and chairs. I just bought them not too long ago, and they were all high-quality goods. Also, he indirectly injured some of my staff members too. Now, they're all taking a break due to work-related injuries. I still

have to pay them their salary despite them being on leave. And as for the medical fees, I don't think it's right for you to expect me to bear all the cost myself, right?"

Nina glanced at the long list that stated the amount of compensation.

Moreover, the price tags shown for the tables and chairs, as well as the cost of other facilities, were extraordinarily expensive. 'This bar doesn't look like it can afford these things in the first place.'

She took a glance at the interior.

noticed her action and stepped aside, asking, "What's wrong? Do you want to go in and have that it was pitch-black inside. The lights were not switched on. She shook her head and said, "No thanks. I'll need some time to go through it. I'll discuss it with you again after I'm done,

course. Say, you're Mr. Mallory's girlfriend. You definitely won't run away from paying the compensation. Besides, even if you do try to escape from this, I can just look for your brother or even Mr. Mallory, right?" The man

frowned. 'How does he know

Percy had announced their relationship during the press conference, it was not like the entire city knew about it. In the eyes of many people, she was just an ordinary

she was puzzled, she did not say a word. She took out a name card from her pocket. "I need a copy of the surveillance footage. Can you please send it to the address stated

guy squinted his eyes and looked at it. He nodded. "Alright, I'll have someone send it over later. You'd better take action fast. I renovated my bar, so I'm short on cash now. After your brother caused this huge mess, it's going to be even more troublesome to renovate

get to it as soon as possible." After speaking, Nina took the list and walked to the side of the car. She got into the driver's seat and ignited the engine before driving

not immediately pay for the compensation as she had doubts. Jean had just gotten into a fight. Was it possible for him to have broken so many

from reading the items on the list, it made it seem as though Jean had destroyed the

However, he was alone at the time. How could he have done such extensive damage...

After thinking about it, she called the company's accountant. She would leave it to the experts to handle as it was related to finance.

She planned to use the company's resources for personal purposes and get the company's accountant to help her do **the calculation**.

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On the other hand.

Luca looked at the time, and it was already noon.

She had looked up the relevant information and found out that a few flights would be arriving in A City from South Korea. However, according to Luke's character, he would most likely choose the earliest flight.

If he had really boarded the earliest flight, Luke would have already safely landed by now. Perhaps he might be on his way to **the company**.

She got up and took a deep *breath*.

After a day and two nights, the injury on her waist had almost recovered. She was not afraid that the wound might bleed when she did **some movements**.

that there were still many documents that needed to be translated, Luca decided to head downstairs for lunch before continuing to

arrived downstairs, and when she was just about to exit the company, she

frowned, knowing he was here to seek trouble with her. Hence, she wanted to turn around

saw her and picked up his pace. "Luca,

twice, and it attracted most of the employees' attention. Luca noticed that the employees' gazes were directed toward her. If she were to leave now, she would look like someone who was escaping from her

no choice but to head straight. She maintained a distance away from Enoch and looked at him coldly.

"What brings you here, Mr.

was in the wrong and have caused you a lot of trouble. I've thought about it. Even if we can't be a couple, we can still be friends and keep in touch from now on, right? I came here today just to apologize to you. Look, I even bought you a present." Enoch gave her the

at the present he wanted to give her. The logo on the bag was a luxurious brand that white-collar workers nowadays

It seemed to be a bag.

accept your apology, but I don't need the gift. I still have things to do, so I'm leaving now," Luca said as she

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"So, you don't have an appointment. Security, please get this guy out of here. If he still shows up here after this, just continue to chase him out." Tina was much harsher than Luca.

"Understood." A security guard at the side had seen how Enoch was pestering Luca and was also prepared to make a move. However, since Luca had not given any orders, he did not dare to take any action as it was possible they could be a couple who was arguing.

After all, he did not dare to offend Luca.

Enoch took a step back when he saw the security guard walking toward him. He looked at Luca and said, "Luca, don't you dare take things too far. If it wasn't for Mr. Norman, I wouldn't even have my eyes on you!"

Luca's face was scarlet as she was mad at what Enoch said. If it were not for the crowd watching them, perhaps she would have stepped forward and taught this shameless man a lesson.

"You're just frustrated because you can't get her. Dr. Craw won't ever like you. Even if you get tons of big shots to support you, she still won't even spare you a glance. Get lost!" Tina seldom spoke such harsh and feisty words to others. Even though Enoch's attitude did not affect her, she could not help but give him a lecture.

To be lectured by a woman in front of a crowd made Enoch utterly ashamed. He stomped his way out of the building.

The employees surrounding them were still standing on the same spot. With a cold expression, Tina said, "Why are you guys still standing here? Do you guys think that you have too much time during lunch break?"

After being reminded by Tina, the employees hurriedly walked away and dispersed from the scene.

Luca was so mad that her face had become pale. The previous time Enoch blocked her way, no one had been there to witness it. Besides, Tina was trustworthy. Hence, that incident did not reach the ears of others.

However, the current incident was different. With so many people having observed what went down, it was almost guaranteed that the entire company would soon learn about it.

a slight headache coming on. If Luke found out about it, what would he

noticed that Luca was not looking too good and placed her hand over Luca's shoulder. She squeezed her shoulder and comforted Luca, saying, "It's alright. Why don't you head upstairs to get some rest? What do you want for lunch? I'll go get it

have the same as you." After being pestered by Enoch, Luca no longer had the appetite to have

nodded and headed toward the door of the

the elevator and

entire T Corporation resumed its

them noticed that Luke's personal elevator was slowly traveling up from the first floor, going all the way to

the elevator, Luke's expression was very dark. He had just rushed back from the airport. He was on the first floor because the driver had dropped him off there.

soon as he entered the elevator, he had heard a commotion. A man had yelled out Luca's name twice in a

you been hiding certain things that have happened in the company from me?" Luke was looking at Jason with a

Jason fumbled, shook his head, and said, "Sir, I've already reported everything that has happened in the *company*."

"*Then* what about previously?" Luke continued questioning. He had seen the scene from earlier, and it seemed like it was not the first time that guy had pestered Luca.

Perhaps they both knew each other from a long *time ago*.

However, how did Luca come to know that guy?

"Are you referring to Dr. Craw and the guy with the last name Campbell?" Jason asked.

"Obviously," Luke said coldly.

Jason shuddered as he knew things could not be kept a secret anymore after Luke had seen the scene. He had no choice but to say, "Previously, Dr. Craw was arranged to attend a blind date, but I'm not too sure what really happened. I think it's best if you ask Tina *about this*."

"**Blind date?** Who's the one who arranged it?" Luke continued questioning.

"**I'm not** sure..." Jason clenched his fists, his palms starting to sweat. It was unavoidable as his boss was way too domineering. Whenever something had to do with Luca, Luke would become even more domineering. "This is Dr. Craw's personal issue, so I don't know anything **about it**."

"That man mentioned Mr. Norman just now, didn't he?" Even though Luke had been in the elevator, he was pressing the hold button. Hence, he was able to clearly listen to all the voices outside.

"*I guess* so..." Jason was feeling guilty being questioned like this. He was not in the wrong, yet it seemed like he had done something wrong. He just stood there, where he continued to be interrogated by Luke.

Norman not his boss'

be that it was really Mr. Norman who arranged for Dr. Craw to go on a blind date? If that was really the case, Luke would not go confront his father-in-law about this, right?

truly offend the Norman family. Jason was worried that Luke might actually do it, and it would lead to his future being

though Luke would usually settle things calmly and in a composed manner, it was different when things were related

elevator arrived on the floor, Luke stepped out and walked to the door of his office. He then said, "When Tina's back, ask her to come to my

sir." Jason dared not take it lightly. After Luke entered the office, he helped Luke adjust the heater's temperature before closing the door. Then, he sent Tina a

have your lunch, please make a trip to Mr. Crawford's office.] He sent the

a moment, Tina replied. [The boss is

and he even overheard the incident that took place in the main lobby.] Jason warned Tina. [Oh, right. It seems like he's not in a good mood. I advise you not to hide anything on behalf of Dr. Craw. Just come clean

God! What's with the coincidence? And how does he know that I...] After Tina sent the message, she felt terrified and sent a whole row of crying emojis to

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Tina felt frustrated listening to Zoey's nagging and reminded her, saying, "Ms. Davis, Dr. Craw is your superior."

Zoey was dumbfounded. It was because Tina was always easy to talk to that Zoey decided to get insider news from her.

"Uhh, Tina..." Zoey wanted to explain.

"As an employee, if you go around looking to get gossip about your superior, you'll only cause others to be dissatisfied with you. It's not like you're a newbie who had just entered the workforce either, so you should already know this," Tina said. In the past, Zoey was never the type to do things without thinking twice. It was probably because she mingled too much with Jenni and turned out like this.

"I'm sorry for being a busybody, Tina." After being lectured, Zoey's back had started breaking out in a cold sweat.

The waiter came over while carrying meal sets that had been wrapped up for takeaway. Tina took hers, looked at Zoey, and reminded her again. "Don't ever be used by others without you realizing it."

"Got it." Zoey noticed Tina was serious and dared not say too much at that moment.

It was Jenni who had encouraged her to approach Tina and get insider news. She was a busybody and got lost in her thoughts, which was how she ended up approaching Tina.

After listening to Tina's strict lecture, Zoey noticed she had done something she should not have.

After Tina left, Zoey returned to her table while feeling down.

Before she even sat down, Jenni came over to gossip with her. "How did it go? What did Tina say?"

Zoey looked at Jenni with some resentment. If she had not listened to Jenni, she would not have gotten lectured by Tina. The thought of it made her mood sink lower.

got anxious and pestered her, saying, "Come on, say something. What did Tina

didn't say anything." Feeling sad, Zoey picked up her milk tea and took a sip

at her, feeling suspicious. "She didn't say anything? How is that possible? I saw you two speaking for a long

did not say a

mad and said, "We're besties. I've been taking good care of you during work. Now that you've found out something but you're not telling me, don't you think it's inappropriate

Dr. Craw is my superior!" After being pestered by Jenni, Zoey lost her temper and pushed her milk tea on the table. She exerted a little too much force, so the cup produced a small sound when it came into contact with the table.

stunned and bit her lip. She stared at Zoey for some time before asking, "What are you trying

knew that Dr. Craw is my superior, yet you still asked me to ask about her gossip. You said we're besties, but you're treating me as a tool. Did you ever think about my future when you told me to go ask about my superior's personal matters?" Zoey glanced at Jenni coldly. This time, she had really seen through Jenni's true

did was just ask you to get some insider information. Why are you so worked up? If you don't wish to tell me, then forget it." Jenni had no reason to argue back after being blasted by Zoey. She picked up her cup of coffee and took a sip. "There's no point in saying anything more. From now on, don't blame me for not taking good care of you

is so far away from mine. You can't even look after me." Zoey got up, spun around, and

at Zoey's back as the latter walked away. She muttered in dissatisfaction, "How did this brat suddenly become so smart? Darn it. I just asked her to get some gossip. Why is she being so serious? It seems it's not easy to manipulate those around

She took out her phone and scrolled through her photo album.

Earlier, she had witnessed the entire exchange in the lobby and sneakily recorded it with **her phone**.

Since she was not standing too far away, she was able to take a clearer video. She looked at the man's face and touched her chin, saying, "Do you think if you don't tell me about it, I won't be able to investigate it?"

Jenni sent her relative, who was a detective, a photo of that man. She was feeling thrilled. She wanted to seek her relative's help to find out that man's *identity*.

She was jealous of Luca because she received special treatment from Luke. Hence, she would investigate anything that might have the chance of making Luca leave a bad impression on *Luca*.

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On the other hand, Tina rushed back to the office and delivered Luca her **lunch**.

"*Here's your lunch*, Dr. Craw. Remember to eat it on time, alright?" Tina placed the lunch on Luca's table and did not mention a word about Luke *summoning her*.

Luca received it and said while taking out her phone, "How much does it cost? I'll transfer the money to **you**."

"No need. We can claim it from the company. I'll just inform the accountant. Besides, it doesn't cost that much. I'll be heading back first." After speaking, Tina waved to Luca and left.

Luca glanced at Tina's back and was feeling down. 'I thought she went to the canteen to have her lunch. Why did she change her mind and got takeaway *as well*?'

the food, Luca closed the office door and planned to rest for a moment after having her lunch. She would continue working

rushed back to the office while everyone in the office was having lunch in the

a sad look on her face as she thought about having to face Luke's dark expression. It made her have the urge to bring Luca along with

I bring Luca along, perhaps it might make Mr. Crawford even

about it and decided to discard that thought. She headed to Luke's

knock. She knocked on the door cautiously, afraid that any huge actions might trigger

"Come in."

was heard coming from inside. Tina heard it and felt that Luke was holding back his anger. While feeling terrified, Tina pushed the

the type of person who would unleash his anger on his subordinates if he was mad. He would not get the innocent

issue, Tina thought that if she had really done something wrong, it was that she did not report it to Luke and kept the matter from him. Hence, she was prepared to be lectured by

pushed the door open and saw the man inside. His back was facing the door, and he was standing while looking out

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"Who arranged the blind date?" Luke asked again.

Tina shook her head. "Dr. Craw never mentioned it, but I heard it's a senior she respects a lot. Hence, when the blind date was arranged for her, she had no choice but to attend. It was just that she never expected to get involved with such an annoying man."

Luke's eyes became gloomy. "So you knew about her going on a blind date a long time ago?"

"Yes, but Dr. Craw said that she doesn't have any feelings for that guy. That's why I didn't report it to you. I'm sorry, Mr. Crawford. It's my fault." Tina lowered her head and obediently admitted that it was her fault.

Luke had mentioned earlier that she must always take note of everything related to Luca and report back to him instantly if there was anything.

Tina just thought that since Luca had no feelings for that man, she did not need to report it to Luke. After all, she did not want his emotions to be affected. However, they were both affected by this matter in the end.

'I didn't expect Enoch to be such a nuisance. Even Mr. Crawford has found out about it.'

"I told you to report everything to me," Luke said.

"It's my fault. Please punish me, Mr. Crawford." Tina had a bitter look on her face. She was ready to have her salary deducted as a punishment. As long as she was not fired, she would accept it.

"Don't let such a thing happen for the second time. Continue to keep an eye on her for me," said Luke. He would be much busier later on with a lot of matters to deal with, so he might not be able to keep tabs on Luca.

Hence, he would still need Tina to help him keep an eye on Luca.

After all, Tina was a woman, so it would be much more convenient for her to approach Luca as compared to Jason.

"Yes, sir." Tina let out a breath of relief after knowing that Luke had no intention of punishing her.

go," Luke said and picked up

noded and got out of the office. When she closed the office door, she did it softly so that she would not cause

the only one left in the office. After getting to know the truth, he was still

of all, he was mad at Luca for going on the blind date. She was his wife and a mother to three children. Even though she had changed her appearance, it did not change

she was pestered by another man. Even though she had rejected that man, she did not inform him and even asked Tina to keep it

that he had given her way too much time and space. He was being too lenient with her, which was why she did these things without considering his

Luke called Jack.

call was connected, and Jack asked, "Luke, is there anything you need that you're calling me at this hour?"

were you the one who arranged for Enoch to go on a blind date with Luca?" Luke spoke with a stern was stunned and laughed. "So, you've come to know about

Luca and even came to the company today," said Luke. He was utterly disgruntled when he thought of his woman being in another man's mind. Furthermore, that man was

not tolerate his woman being in another man's

Jack made a hand gesture and had his secretary leave *the office*.

After the secretary left, he explained, "I had no idea that Luca was Bianca before this. Your mother-in-law was worried that Luca's appearance would be in the way of Bianca's happiness. Hence, she thought of introducing Luca to a boyfriend. If she agreed to go on a blind date, it would mean that she had no feelings for you. Coincidentally, she agreed to it, so we arranged a blind date for her. It was only that once. Things didn't work out between them, so we didn't force them to get together. We weren't

plotting anything. You know this, right? It's just that we didn't expect Enoch to be such a person. But we previously came to an agreement, and Enoch promised not to bother Luca again. Why did **he...**"

Luke had now learned the truth behind it. He had nothing else to say despite still *being mad*.

It was all because the Normans had no idea that Luca was Bianca *before this*.

Even up to this point, Queenie was still clueless.

Luke spoke with a deep voice, "Today, Enoch came to the company and pestered Bianca. I want to deal **with him.**"

Enoch was Jack's subordinate, so he had to inform Jack about his intention to deal with Enoch first.

Jack had no opinion about it. After all, they had previously come to an agreement. If Enoch had not continued to pester Luca, perhaps Jack would want to protect him. After all, he had a bright future **ahead**.

Nevertheless, he kept pestering Luca. Even though they were the ones who arranged the blind date, Enoch, as a man, should be more open-minded even if he and Luca could not be a couple at the end of the day. He should not continue to pester her.

Hence, Jack had no intention of protecting Enoch. He just said, "You can do whatever you want. Anyway, it has already been brought to my attention that Enoch is not the gentleman I thought he was."

After getting the green light from Jack, Luke then hung up.

He had only called to clarify whether it was Jack and his wife who introduced Enoch to Luca.

also wanted to inform Jack that he would be making a move against

be a piece of cake for him to

just that since Enoch was the man Jack had introduced, it meant that Jack must think highly of him. That was why Luke decided to give Jack a heads-up about it first. That way, he would not be upset if Luke took action

Jack had voiced his agreement, he might as well go

'Enoch...'

said the name, his eyes giving out a murderous

the man's basic information to Percy as he was much better at investigating people. Besides, Luke would be very busy in the coming days. Hence, he had Percy help him look into Enoch. When it was time to make a move, Luke would personally deal

Enoch Campbell. He's working in the provincial capital. I want to know everything about him, including his dark secrets.] Luke sent Percy

some time, Percy replied: [I've looked into him. He's just an ordinary guy. How did he

Percy was being a busybody, Luke decided to just satiate his curiosity. [He has a crush on

it, he's done for. Give me two days.] Percy

slow.] Luke believed that with the connections Percy had, he did not need two

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Luca suddenly felt uneasy.

She had wanted to keep the blind date a secret. However, the possibility of Luke knowing about it made her uneasy.

Luca picked up her phone and sent Tina a message: [Tina, do you know when Mr. Crawford returned?]

[I'm not too sure about that. After I was done buying lunch, Mr. Crawford was already there sitting in the office. As for when he returned, I think it's best if you ask Mr. Doyle.] Tina did not mention a word about Luke summoning her to question the incident.

Even though she thought that Luca was a good person, it was still because of Luke's order that she got close to Luca. Hence, she was not willing to reveal too much, lest Luca noticed something off and Tina lost a friend.

[Alright, got it.] Luca placed her phone down. She did not ask Jason.

She could only ask Tina about Luke's issue as Jason was Luke's trustworthy assistant. There might be a chance that Jason would inform Luke about her inquiries.

She felt puzzled.

After all, even though Enoch had only pestered her in the lobby for about ten minutes, she did not know whether Luke had stumbled into the scene.

At that moment, her attention was focused on Enoch. She was only thinking about escaping from him and did not pay any attention to her surroundings.

Seeing that 15 minutes was almost up, Luca got up and started packing the stuff needed for the meeting. She then headed to the meeting room.

She thought of heading over earlier so that she would not bump into Luke in the corridor.

After arriving at the meeting room, there were not many management executives around.

Luca nodded at them as a greeting. Then, she sat down on her seat. She opened her laptop and continued translating.

to finish a little more of her work so that she did not need to work

no idea when would she be transferred to another place by Abel. In other words, she was clueless about when would Luke find out about her

time came for her to be transferred, or if she was busted by Luke, she would have to separate from her kids.

to spend more time keeping the

it was almost time, Luke came to the door and immediately spotted Luca, who was sitting in so focussed on her laptop, and her slim fingers were constantly typing on the mentioned that even though Alya had returned from her leave, the workload was still very heavy as they had to revise the bidding document. Hence, despite both of them working on it, things were still quite at her for two seconds and walked atmosphere in the meeting room became serious all of Luca was busy, she noticed the change of atmosphere in the meeting room. The instant there was dead silence, she lifted her head and looked at the already made his way to the president's the chair out, and Luke sat down coldly without any expression on his face. glanced at Luke's side profile and thought he was colder than Had something unpleasant happened?

Luca felt guilty. Even though she had changed her appearance, she was still the mother of their three kids. From the perspective of the law, she was still Bianca despite having undergone plastic surgery. **As** for Bianca's husband, it was still Luke. She shook her head. Even though she had gone on a blind date, Luke did not know her real identity. There was no reason for him to be *angry*.

Even though he had said many weird things to her, such as how he insisted on moving in and staying with her, he never once crossed the line. Hence, Luca thought perhaps Luke was just joking around with *her*. She did not think that Luke's current mood had anything to do with her. 'If that's the case, is he not in a good mood because he didn't settle Allison's issue well or because the progress with the bidding document is not up to **his expectations?**'

Although Luca had sneakily shot a glance at him, Luke still *noticed it*. He raised his hand and said coldly to the crowd before they could even greet him, "Start the meeting." *After* he spoke, the crowd felt the atmosphere become even **chillier**. *They* dared not say anything, and everyone was sitting straight, ready to be criticized. Jason got the presentation ready and started the flow of the meeting. beside Luke and sighed to herself. Indeed, he was in a foul mood, and it was reflected in his tone not many people who could affect his emotions this strongly. Luca used to be one of

cleared his throat and started

dared not continue sighing and quickly worked on recording the minutes.

lasted for more than three hours as each department head was lectured. Luca looked at Luke's serious face and felt fortunate that she was not one

meeting was over, Luke got up and looked at Luca. "Meet me at the basement car park after half an

anything the matter, Mr. Crawford?" Luca became anxious when Luke said that in front of the

to Watson Biopharmaceuticals for a meeting." Luke retrieved his gaze and immediately left the meeting

he left the room, everyone took a breath of relief. Their boss was way too

executive who was much closer to Jason could not help but ask, "Mr. Doyle, what's up with the boss today? He's in such a bad mood. Who offended

"Yeah, even when he was dissatisfied with our progress in the past, he has never acted like

looked at the crowd. He wanted to look over at Luca, but that would be too deliberate. He smiled and shook his head before continuing to keep his documents. "Don't overthink things. Mr. Crawford is just dissatisfied with your work progress. Continue working overtime and amend what needs to

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After keeping all the documents, Luca took the laptop and walked toward the elevator.

There were a few high-ranking executives behind her, and she heard them whispering. They were all trying to guess the reason behind Luke's foul mood.

"Perhaps his wife is flirting with another guy overseas and that's the reason Mr. Crawford has such a terrible mood," said one of the executives.

"I don't think so. Didn't they say that their relationship worsened after she lost her memory? Regardless of how much trouble she causes, it shouldn't affect Mr. Crawford's mood."

"That's hard to say. According to past experience, not many can make Mr. Crawford this unhappy. Even if our proposal is terrible, he'll just put on a dark expression and point it out. This time, he unleashed his domineering aura."

Luca could not help but lower her eyes when she heard their conversation.

They were not wrong. No matter how dissatisfied Luke was with their work in the past, he would not behave like today...

When the elevator arrived, Luca did not enter but stepped to the side and made space for the others.

"Aren't you going to enter, Dr. Craw?" The last executive who stepped into the elevator looked at her.

Luca shook her head and said, "I need to head upstairs, so you guys can go ahead first."

The person heard her and pressed the button to close the doors.

Luca waited for the next elevator. At that moment, Jason came over and stood beside her, also waiting for the next elevator.

The elevator had yet to arrive. Jason looked at Luca, who was being very quiet as if Luke's abnormal behavior did not affect her.

could not help but feel curious and ask, "Dr. Craw, don't you think something is off about

Luca spun around and looked at him. "Isn't he always this serious when he's

heard her reply and was speechless. 'She's really good at putting on

was acting unlike his usual self today. He's unusually domineering." Jason touched his nose. He had to be extraordinarily cautious when he was by Luke's side today as he was afraid he might make the boss

"Is that so?" Luca smiled.

stunned at Luca's smile. He knew her true identity, so he did not believe that Luca had failed to pick up on Luke's abnormality today.

is she really not curious about

was deep in thought. Luca would probably need to face Luke's criticisms later. He warned her beforehand, saying, "Oh, right. I've mentioned that Mr. Crawford is in a foul mood. If he has a bad temper later on, please forgive

is upset because he's dissatisfied with his employees' work progress. It's understandable." Luca heard Jason's hint and

his reason for saying

it be that Luca was the reason why his mood was

That was impossible...

She was not Bianca but Luca.

Luca denied that possibility. When the elevator arrived, she stepped into **the elevator**.

Jason heard her reply and sighed. If something happened later on, he hoped the rest of them would not be involved. After all, just the project itself had already given them a lot of pressure.

Luke, who was disgruntled now, would be more demanding regarding the project's details and the employees' work attitude.

After the elevator arrived on the floor, Luca stepped out first. After placing her laptop and the documents back in her office, she took the translation documents that she had yet to finish and walked to the secretary's office.

She handed the translation documents to Alya and explained the situation to *her*.

Alya did not say a word and just received the documents with a smile. "Alright, Dr. Craw. I'll take care of these."

Luca nodded her head. Seeing that Alya had no objections, she thought that perhaps Jason had informed her about it beforehand. She said, "Sorry to trouble *you*."

Then, she spun around and left the **secretary's office**.

Alya stretched her neck and watched Luca leave the office. She complained, "I do envy people who have connections. With just a word or two, all the documents were thrown back to me."

Tina was doing her work in front of Alya and heard her complaints. She did not turn around and just spoke on behalf of Luca, "If you have what it takes, you can also throw the workload back to *her*."

"*What are* you talking about, Tina? She's Mr. Crawford's woman. How could I dare to do so?" Alya gave in and flipped open the documents. She could not help but mutter, "After an entire morning, she only got so little done. She's so inefficient."

said again, "Dr. Craw has her own things to deal with. If you can head down to do the research, someone will definitely take care of these documents for

my profession..." Alya rolled

turned around while feeling impatient and looked at her. "That's not your profession, translation is. If that's the case, you should just focus on your work and not rely on someone else to help you with your work when translation is not their

noticed Tina was serious and immediately explained, "Don't get so worked up. I'm just complaining because of work pressure."

facing great pressure due to this project? In other words, who in the entire T Corporation isn't under great pressure? After all, the result is all that matters. Alya, if you can't catch up to the work pace after giving birth, there are still lots of people out there waiting to take over your position. You'd better not let Jason hear the words you just said. Otherwise, your career will be at risk." Tina warned

dared not say another word but was holding a grudge against Tina. Why was she also

because Luca had a good relationship with

left the secretary's office, she returned to her office and picked up her phone to contact Mo. She wanted to get a better understanding of what today's meeting would be about.

her of the content of

a look at the message, and indeed, it was related to Dr. Albus applying for a patent and his drug being

seemed like this was the most updated

held her chin and thought back to Abel's

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Luke noticed she was evading his gaze and was feeling helpless.

She failed to make out the helplessness and frustration in his eyes.

"You're indeed late, Dr. Craw. Say, how should I punish you?" Listening to Luke's deep voice, it sounded like he was angry.

Luca was astonished as Luke was not the type to mutter gibberish.

She thought he would just coldly say, 'Get in the car.' After all, she was not actually late.

However, Luke did not act the way she expected and asked her directly how he should punish her.

The word 'punish' was usually used as a joke between couples, parents speaking to their children, or even teachers speaking to their students. This sort of thing was not something that a boss would say to his subordinates.

"Hmm?" Luke voiced out after noticing that Luca had yet to reply.

Luca felt that something was off about Luke. She had no choice but to say, "Mr. Crawford, I don't think I should be punished."

"Tell me your reasoning." Luke saw her lower her head and wanted to lift her chin with his hand before kissing her.

"I arrived here eight minutes earlier than the time you stated. Logically speaking, I'm not late," Luca explained. This was not how one survived in the workplace, but she had to say it.

'Otherwise, will I really be punished by Lyke?'

"Then tell me, are you in the wrong?" Luke squinted his eyes. 'After changing her identity, she has gotten better at talking, so how could she allow a man like that to keep pestering her?'

Luke was mad.

chilly. She clenched her fists and took a deep breath. "It's my fault for making my superior wait for me, but this is about principals at work. I'm not really at fault

her debating with him and felt helpless. He pulled the door of the driver's seat and said, "Get in

out a deep breath of relief. That issue was finally over. She quickly got around the car and opened the door of the front passenger seat before getting

the engine and headed toward Watson

thought the incident was over, but when they got out of the parking lot, she realized it was

moment the car left the car park, Luke slammed on the gas pedal as if he was in a hurry. She knew that all men would unleash their frustration by driving

the seatbelt in front of her, not saying a word. Since it was not after working hours, there were not too many cars on the

that Luke had good driving

was not worried about meeting with an accident on the road but was worried he might be stopped by the traffic police. With that, news about the president of T Corporation speeding on the road and endangering the citizens' life would be in the headlines the next

stared hard at the road ahead and had no intention of slowing

for the woman in the front passenger seat, she was not in shock and did not say

Luca was much more mature.

After three years, she was not anxious when sitting in a car that was going at full speed.

Luke continued slamming the gas pedal and asked, "Aren't you scared?"

Luca was very calm. "Your driving skills are good, **Mr. Crawford.**"

"Luca, your carefree appearance makes me have the urge to just dig out your heart and draw out your blood just to see whether or not you're a cold-blooded person." Luke clenched the steering wheel, and the veins on the back of his hands were popping *out*.

Luca was stunned. 'What does he mean by that?'

"Mr. Crawford, I don't get what you're trying to say." Her expression remained the **same**.

Luca heard what she said and got even more *frustrated*. "*Luca...*"

Listening to him shout her name made Luca dumbfounded. She knew he was *angry*.

She did not say a word as she knew whatever she said would only be adding oil to *the fire*.

"*You're indeed* cold-blooded." Luke breathed out but was still unable to get rid of the frustration *within him*.

'Maybe,' Luca lowered her head and **thought inwardly**.

'If I'm not cold-blooded, how can I withstand seeing him and the kids being so *sad*?'

gave a honk and overtook the car in front of him. He could not help but question her, "Why do you attend the

lifted her head and was astonished. 'So, he does know about it...'

face tilted to the side as he asked her. He wanted to hear her explain

Crawford, it's my freedom to choose whether or not to attend blind dates. I'm not young anymore. Isn't it normal for me to go on blind dates, get a boyfriend, and then get married and give birth to children?" Luca did not say the true reason but said something that might make others

was mad because she went for the blind date, which meant he really cared

could not make the man take another step. Hence, she did not tell him the truth, which was that she attended the blind date just because she did not want Jack and Queenie to

Luca, are you even taking my words seriously?" Luke got angrier when he heard Luca's

be that after three years, she has really forgotten about this family, me, and the kids? Is she mad at me for having done nothing in the past

Crawford, what you said back then was just nonsense said in the spur of the moment." Luca became cold-hearted and wanted to draw the line between them. She was not willing to have them both develop deeper feelings for each

huh? Luca, do you wish for me to tie you on the bed? Will you then realize whether or not the things I said are the truth or just utter nonsense?" Luke drove faster, reaching

Crawford!" Luca felt a pinch in her heart when she heard what Luke said. She interrupted him, saying, "You're my boss, not my boyfriend. For two people to get into a relationship, their feelings must be mutual. Thanks for taking a liking to me, but I don't like you. It's impossible for us to be

became red. It was not because he was speeding but Luca's

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When she heard him saying those words, Luca felt a pinch in her heart.

If she had the chance, she was not willing to be this cruel to Luke either...

Luca lowered her eyes and felt the speed of the car gradually slow down. Luke no longer said a word. It was as if he had calmed down and was not as crazy as before.

However, she could sense the atmosphere becoming much chillier as Luke was no longer saying anything. He just kept everything within himself.

Luca sighed, and her instinct was telling her that this was not the end of it.

The things Luke told her made Luca know that he was serious about her.

It was not just a superficial liking, nor was it because he could not tolerate being lonely. It was just like before when she was Bianca. Being cornered by Luke like this made her feel as though she had returned to the past.

Luca knew that her words were hurtful, but she could not explain herself. She could only pretend as though nothing had happened.

Luke drove the car and arrived at Watson Biopharmaceuticals. Luca immediately unbuckled the seat belt the instant he stopped the car.

She did not want to spend another second being in the car with Luke.

Making things clear between them was much better than if she were to just follow Abel's order.

Luke's eyes glistened with anger when he saw Luca's swift action. If he found out who it was that made his woman end up in such a situation, he would not let them off the hook.

Luca could not be bothered about work ethics right now and immediately entered Watson Biopharmaceuticals. She still had the access card that Mo previously gave her inside her bag, so she swiped it and entered.

not worried about what would happen to Luke even if he did not have the pass. After all, he was the boss of this place. It would only be natural for the security guards to welcome him.

took the elevator and arrived at the office floor. She walked straight into the assistant's

saw her and said with a smile, "You're here,

supposed to enter the meeting room now, right?" Luca

A few professors are already in the meeting room downstairs. I'll head down after I arrange the documents," said Mo. She sneaked a peek behind Luca. "Where's the boss? Didn't he come

they both came from the headquarters, Mo thought that they would show

I think he'll be here in a few minutes." After saying that, Luca changed the topic. "If that's the case, I'll

Craw." Mo nodded. As she watched Luca leave, she shook her head helplessly. She continued to get the documents

downstairs and walked into the meeting room. There were already a few professors who had

yet to arrive. Perhaps parking the car had delayed his

"You're here, Dr. Craw."

"Good afternoon, Dr. Craw."

"Hello." Luca nodded when faced with the few professors who greeted her. She noticed there were no name cards placed on the table. Hence, she just sat in **the corner**.

"**Why** are you sitting in the corner, Dr. Craw?" Dr. Albus came to her with a radiant look on his face. After today's meeting, he would be able to hand in the paperwork needed for the patent application. He was delighted. Coupled with the fact that Luca had previously helped him out, he treated her warmly.

"**It's** the same no matter where I sit. Of course, I'll leave the best seats to the seniors," Luca said. The main reason was that she wanted to *avoid Luke*.

After the incident earlier, she did not want to be so close *to him*.

Luca's comment made lots of professors admire her and nod their **heads**.

After all, she was not welcome in this company back then. She was capable but way too young. With her shining too brightly, it hid all of their achievements which they only managed to accomplish after so many years.

Hence, there were a few professors who disliked **her**.

Later on, they heard from Dr. Albus that Luca had left behind past matters and was willing to put her work aside to help him out. It made a few professors change their impression of *her*.

After all, it would be better to have an additional friend than an enemy. Perhaps one day, they would need Luca's help in *their research*.

"Why bother saying all this? We're all colleagues. Come, let's go and sit in front." Dr. Albus was still treating her warmly. Later when it was time for him to give his report, he would definitely **mention Luca**.

After all, everyone in the company knew that Luca had helped *him out*.

"No thanks, Dr. Albus. I'll just sit here." Luca insisted. She was paying attention to the door of the meeting room. The moment she saw Luke entering, she said, "Mr. Crawford is here."

Albus did not pay any more attention to Luca when Luke came in and quickly went forward to sorry to trouble you to come all the way here despite your tight schedule." Dr. Albus went forward and greeted

was not in a good mood, especially when he noticed Luca sitting in a room was so spacious, and there were plenty of seats. However, she chose to sit in a corner. It was obvious that she was trying to

I a virus? Or a poisonous animal? Why is she deliberately trying to sit far away from

at the times when they were so close to each other and comparing them to the current situation when Luca was distancing herself from him, Luke felt angry and wanted to request her to sit beside

thought he had said something wrong as Luke did not say a word after he greeted him. Hence, he said softly, "Mr.

Luke looked at him coldly.

shuddered. It seemed that their boss was in a foul mood today. He quickly pulled out the president's seat. "Have a seat,

other professors saw the scene and noticed that something was off. They did not say

sat on the president's seat and looked at the few professors coldly. Then, he fixed his gaze on

would fight for the chance to sit closer to the boss, but Luca sat in

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Luca knew it was time for her to speak.

Even though Luke was there, she was not willing to talk but she still got to carry out Abel's order.

Luca smiled and looked at Dr. Albus. "You're welcome, Dr. Albus. The credit for this medication research still goes to your research team's effort. All I did was solve a tiny problem. Those crucial data and all analyses were still completed by you guys. I'm not involved in those."

Dr. Albus' eye glittered with admiration when he heard her reply. She did not hog all the glory.

'Very good. She knew a lot more about the rules in the career field compared to when she first entered.'

Luke got even more mad when he saw Luca smiling at Dr. Albus.

'She smiled so sweetly to a professor who is not related to her but to me, she could just blurt out such a mean statement.'

Luke suddenly got up and announced, "The meeting had ended."

Dr. Albus' smile froze and looked at Luke. "Mr. Crawford..."

"For the remaining stuff, just follow the protocol will do." Luke had a very awful look and after saying it, he left immediately.

Luca look at Luke's back figure which was leaving the scene and sighed within her. 'I think I should prepare myself and pack my luggage to move back to my condominium.'

Since she had blurted everything, it would not be appropriate for her to continue staying in the villa.

"Mr. Crawford, about the celebration feast..." Dr. Albus followed up with Luke, astonished.

guys go ahead." After saying it, Luke walked to the elevator and repeatedly pressed on the button, as if the elevator had

Albus dared not speak a word and watched Luke entering the elevator. Then, the door of the elevator closed before he slowly returned to the

few of the professors got up and asked when they saw Dr. Albus return, "Dr. Albus, what's wrong with don't know either. Did I say anything wrong during my presentation?" Dr. Albus asked

The few professors shook their heads.

Albus looked at Luca. "Dr. Craw, do you know why Mr. Crawford is in such a state? Did I do your fault, Dr. Albus. I think Mr. Crawford has been having a foul mood since he was in the headquarters. I guess something went wrong with the project,"

calmed Dr. Albus. "As long the problem is not with me. It's getting late, let's head over to

Luca let out a

Craw. Let's go together. Today's the celebration feast for Dr. Albus and his research team. Mo has already booked a room in the hotel," said one of the

about it. It was only normal for them to organize a celebration feast, but she decided not to attend. She thought of returning before Luke did and left after she had packed

professors, I'm sorry but I still got work to do. I really don't have any spare time." Luca rejected

"Dr. Craw, it's just for a night..." one of the professors *persuaded*.

"Yea."

Luca felt troubled.

Mo smiled and explained on behalf of Luca, "Dear professors, stop troubling Dr. Craw. Right now, she still got to be in charge of the project at the headquarters. The project is on a tight schedule, and she hopes she would have a clone to carry out the job. How is she going to have the spare **time**?"

"That's right, it's very hectic." Luca had a helpless look on *her face*.

Dr. Albus heard it and did not pester. "Oh right, I almost forgot. How about this Dr. Craw, when you're free, let me treat you to a meal next time? Though, you have to come when I do. "

"I'll go for sure. Thank you, Dr. Albus." Luca felt guilty when she saw Dr. Albus being so **steady**.

If she was right, Mr. Bailey would apply for the copyright much earlier than *Dr. Albus*.

Then, Dr. Albus would lose everything and be faced with the crisis of being fired. In the world of research, Dr. Albus' future would be ruined if it was involving copying or plagiarism.

And as the mastermind of it, Luca could only softly apologize deep *within her*.

Dr. Albus nodded.

Luca picked up the office bag and followed them out. When they arrived at the elevator, she asked, "Oh right, Dr. Albus, earlier did Mr. Crawford go upstairs or downstairs?"

Dr. Albus recalled. "I think the elevator was sent downstairs. I think Mr. Crawford had gone back to the headquarters to continue with *work*."

Luca prayed hard that she would not bump into Luke when she arrived

few professors wanted to head upstairs to pack up before leaving. Hence, Luca did not follow them but took the elevator alone and

out of the building of Watson. She let out a sigh of relief when she saw there was no car parking at the

perhaps Luke was livid and returned to T Corporation to settle

headed to the place to wait for a taxi and coincidentally she received a call from

is the meeting over there over?" Tina

"Yeah."

go straight home once the meeting is over. You don't have to return to headquarters,"

but what's happening?" Luca felt something was

the worker at the front counter called me, saying the man, who harassed you in the afternoon, is again at the entrance. This time, he didn't come in but squatted at the roadside, waiting for you. With that, the securities could do nothing to him," Tina said. In the afternoon on that day, the incident that occurred at the front counter was chaotic. Hence, they called up

one picked up. Hence, they called to inform Tina about it, having her

Enoch? Alright, I got it." Luca was helpless. Because of Enoch, it led to her relationship with Luke became very

