

Be Gentle 1931

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Queenie rose from her dressing table chair after she watched Jack enter the washroom and close the door. She glanced at the door, then turned around. Her gaze fell on the charging phone on the bedside table.

Leia told her that Jack must be hiding something from her when he hid from her to pick up the call earlier.

Queenie was not worried that Jack might be having an affair. They had been a couple for so many years, so she knew what kind of person Jack was. She was sure that he was not that kind of person.

She was just worried that Jack was hiding Bianca's matter from her.

Queenie took a deep breath. She decided to walk toward the bedside table and pick up Jack's phone.

Queenie tapped on the phone's screen. She needed the passcode to unlock Jack's phone, and she knew his passcode. She glanced in the direction of the washroom and chose to key in the passcode. After that, she opened his messages. The chat conversation pinned on top was with her.

Queenie continued to scroll down. Other than the office group chats, the latest message was from Luke.

She tapped on the message with trembling hands. Luke had replied to him: [Alright, Father-in-law.]

Queenie scrolled up, but those were the old messages. She quickly went through the chat records but did not find out anything related to Bianca. The messages were mostly about work, as well as some conversations with the seniors and juniors.

Some of them were the audio messages sent by the kids using Luke's phone.

The sound of the running water in the bathroom became softer. Queenie quickly returned to the home screen and continued to charge the phone.

waited until Jack came out of the bathroom. She looked up and said innocently, "Dear, your phone rang just now. I was curious, so I picked it up and took a look

calm when he noticed there were not many changes in Queenie's expression. "Whose message was that?"

Luke's. I opened the chat knowing it was Luke. What did you tell him? Why did he reply to you with just an 'alright'?" Queenie asked. The messages that had been read would not appear in the notifications again. That was why she needed to look for an excuse to tell Jack that she had opened Luke's message. She also wanted to take the chance to see if the two were keeping secrets from

called him but he didn't answer the call. So I left him a voicemail telling him that you're missing Bea. I reminded him to ask Bea to give you a call and have a chat with you to cheer you up when he's able to contact her." Jack had been working in the officialdom for more than ten years. It was easy for him to make up a

did not intend to lie to Queenie, but it was better for her this

see." Queenie nodded and apologized, "I'm sorry. I didn't mean to look at your phone. I just happened to see

alright. We've been a couple for years. There's nothing on my phone that I wish to hide from you. You can look at it anytime you want." Jack knew what Queenie was thinking, but he did not expose

reckoned that Queenie must have opened his messages. Otherwise, she would not have noticed Luke's was not dumb either. After all, she had been in the corrupted environment of the entertainment industry back then. Even though she had protected herself well all these years, she still knew a lot of things.

I'm going to rest first." Queenie let out a sigh when Jack did not blame her for looking at his phone. She would not have done this if it had not been for Leia encouraging her to

Queenie lay down on the bed and tucked herself in. She closed her eyes so that Jack would not notice the complicated feelings in her eyes.

Jack secretly let out a sigh as he watched Queenie close her eyes. Fortunately, he had immediately deleted the messages. Otherwise, he would not be able to explain it to her if she saw the conversation.

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The following day.

Luca woke up and touched her waist. She could not help pursing her **lips**.

Luca could feel the pain in her waist by just pressing on the wound gently. She knew her wound infection had worsened without needing to check it.

The wound had yet to heal until now. Abel must have done something to the knife that he used to stab her. He had no particular reason. He just wanted to see Luca in *pain*.

Luca had so much work to do now. She hardly had the time to figure out what kind of drug Abel used and how to recover from *it...*

Luca frowned as she walked into the bathroom and lifted her shirt. Then, she removed the bandage wrapped around her waist. After Luca removed the bandage layer after layer, she noticed that the inflammation on her wound was worse than yesterday.

"As expected..." Luca picked up a cotton swab to clean up the pus oozing from the wound and put it in a test *tube*.

Luca had prepared the tools before she slept last night. It was to make it convenient for her to collect the sample and figure out what was **going on**.

out some more cotton swabs and swiped the liquid on her wound. Then, she cleaned her wound with iodine. The last step would be to dress the wound and wrap the bandage around her waist.

her fifteen minutes to finish doing everything.

quickly cleaned herself up as she would have to prepare breakfast for Luke later.

to the first floor after getting washed up. The maid ran into her at the

you're awake. I thought you overslept and was planning to look for you upstairs," the maid smiled and said to

up a little late today. Oh, is Mr. Crawford awake?" Luca looked in the direction of the maid's room. Luke was very particular about his food and

wondered if Luke was able to rest well in the

Crawford is up. I just pushed him into the bathroom to let him wash up just now." The maid headed to the kitchen after

after she heard that Luke had already freshened up. Then, she followed the maid into the kitchen and began to make

maid saw that Luca was preparing breakfast, so she stayed near Luca to help her. She could not help but exclaim while looking at Luca's side profile. "It's getting colder every day. In the previous years, it would have already snowed by now, but the first snowfall of the year has yet to

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Luca was reminded of the situation at Crawford Manor when she thought about the kids.

Although Allison was in South Korea now and the situation at Crawford Manor would not be as belligerent as before, Susan would not want them there.

The kids would probably suffer there if Old Master Crawford was not there as well...

Luca secretly let out a sigh, hoping that she could recover quickly so she could ask Luke to bring the kids back here. Luca knew that her remaining days with them were numbered.

Luca would have to appreciate every moment she spent together with her children.

Once Luca was done preparing breakfast, Luca brought the food and headed to Luke's bedroom.

Luke was already sitting at his office desk and working early in the morning. He seized every second and minute to handle his work. Luca could not help but feel inevitably nervous.

Luca looked at the pile of documents stacked up high on his table. She walked toward him and put the breakfast down on Luke's desk. "Mr. Crawford, have your breakfast first."

"Alright." Luke took his breakfast from her. It smelled so good that it dispelled his earlier thought of skipping breakfast. He took the plate of scrambled eggs from her and took a bite. The warmth of the eggs was just perfect. It was good as usual, but he could smell that there was something different with the eggs.

"This doesn't taste the same," said Luke.

Luca explained, "I added some fresh herbs. It's good for your health."

Luke did not continue to ask as he knew Luca would not do anything to harm him. She would have done so if she really wanted to physically harm him. She would not have waited until now.

The first chance she had was when he was in New York.

have died if it had not been for her. His nerves might have gotten affected, causing him to be tried her best to save Luke, and that was why he knew he would never harm him using a method like the bread after he finished eating the scrambled eggs.

Luke finish his breakfast, then she placed a pack of pills beside him. She said, "Mr. Crawford, remember to take your medicine half an hour later."

going out?" Luke raised his eyebrows.

finished working on the documents. I have to go back to the office," said Luca. She had worked overtime last night and finally finished translating the documents Jason brought over. Hence, she had to return to the office.

thought of following up with the research going on downstairs. On the other hand, she wanted to get the new documents

Doyle will be coming later. You don't have to go back to the office," replied

no choice but to nod her head. Well, it might be a good idea for her not to go out. She could work on studying the liquid that oozed from her wound while waiting for

leaving first if there's nothing else." Luca carried the tray, turned around, and left.

watched Luca leave, then continued with his work.

had a few bites of breakfast after she placed the tray in the kitchen sink. Then, she turned around and headed upstairs. She brought the test tube with her and walked into

She had all her facilities in her study. Luca did not say anything since Luke and the kids had moved in to stay with her. The study was solely *hers*.

Luke, who used to separate his bedroom from his study, cooperated with Luca. He gave Luca the study, while he chose to work in his bedroom. The kids would not come into the study to play either.

Luca believed that Luke must have instructed the kids prior to that.

Luca held the test tube, extracted the liquid out of it, and began to study it.

She had to figure out what kind of drug Abel used on her as soon as possible so that she *could recover*.

The maid knocked on the door after a **while**.

"Ms. Luca, are you inside?"

"Yes." Luca put the test tube away, took off her glasses, and stood up. Then, she walked toward the door to *open it*.

The maid smiled and said, "I was knocking on your bedroom door just now but you weren't there. Mr. Crawford told me that you should be in the study. And he's *right indeed*."

"What's the matter?" Luca asked.

"Ah, yes. Mr. Crawford asked me to inform you that Mr. Doyle is here." The maid passed Luke's message *to her*.

"Alright. I'm going down now." Luca nodded and closed the door of the study. Then, she headed to her bedroom, carried the files in her arms, and trotted down the **stairs**.

was about to head to the maid's room when she reached the first floor. However, the maid winked at Luca. Luca stopped and asked in a low voice,

Crawford was yelling just now. Something bad must have happened. Ms. Luca, it'd be better for you to wait here so that you won't accidentally offend Mr. Crawford when you go in." The maid gave Luca a kind reminder while she was still holding the rag in her hands. She had planned on cleaning Luke's

the maid just stood where she was and dared not to move when she heard Luke yelling angrily in the maid's room. She was afraid that she would offend the person in the room by making a sound and get herself

and stood there together with the

Luke was angry?

fell silent and listened to the noises in the

She heard nothing.

Mr. Crawford really get angry just now?" Luca asked suspiciously.

Mr. Crawford was yelling just now, and he said something harsh like he would ask Mr. Doyle to resign immediately if he couldn't handle the matter well," The maid nodded and said in a soft voice, afraid that she would be heard by the

serious." Luca was startled. She stared at the door to the maid's room. The door was closed, and the noises inside had gotten softer. She could not

wondered if it was regarding the matter that had happened in Watson

either something had gone wrong with the application procedure for Dr. Albus' product launch or the company project. Only those two things could make Luke lose his

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Luca felt sorry for Dr. Albus and herself.

She was like a puppet being toyed by Abel.

Luke had approved a huge amount of money for Dr. Albus' research. The money that Luke invested was all in vain...

It was a heavy blow to the company no matter how financially strong they were.

Luca lowered her head. The maid saw this and said, "Ms. Luca, you can leave the documents here if you're afraid. I can help you pass them to Mr. Doyle."

"It's alright." Luca shook her head and continued to stand there, waiting for Luke.

Mr. Doyle hurriedly came out of the room after a while. He was startled for a moment when he saw Luca. "Dr. Craw."

"Mr. Doyle, can I talk to you for a minute?" Luca asked. She noticed that Jason seemed to be in a hurry, so it would be better not to hold him up. That was why she asked him first.

"Yes, but only for a short while. Boss is getting changed now. We'll have to depart once he's done," replied Jason.

Luca handed the folders to him and said, "These are the translated documents. I've emailed the text files to Alya. And did you bring the documents that need to be translated today?"

"Yes. They're on Mr. Crawford's desk. The two folders on the leftmost are yours." Jason nodded as he took her folders from her. Then, he said, "Dr. Craw, I'll go start the car first if there's nothing else."

"Sure." Luca nodded and glanced at the maid's room. She let out a sigh in her heart and walked into the room.

Luke was putting on a sweater. His gestures were a little clumsy as he was sitting in a wheelchair.

let me help you." Luca stepped forward and helped Luke to pull the

swept past Luke's hair and created some static electricity. Luca reminded Luke, "Mr. Crawford, your

hair for me." The look on Luke's face did not look good. He picked up the long jacket on his thigh and put it

nodded and trotted into the bathroom to get his comb. Then, she walked out and combed Luke's

you should already know about what happened in Watson Biopharmaceuticals, right?" Luke

just saw the group chat and found out about it just now." Luca's voice was a little soft. She dared not to say too much about it. Guilt and remorse filled her heart every time she talked about what had happened to

to Abel's next instruction, Dr. Albus would be taking the blame for someone else. He would be held accountable and forced to resign. It would be difficult for him to continue working in this industry again once his reputation was

Dr. Albus would like to return to lecturing in universities, it was impossible for him to

all, the universities had high requirements for their professors' virtues. It was just like Dr. Cole. He was fired after what had

lost his job as a university lecturer after the situation grew

was avoiding him. Dr. Cole, who once enjoyed his glorious position in the industry, fell into the abyss in the twinkling of

Luca did caused T Corporation to lose a lot of money and was hurting another still comfort herself by saying that she was serving justice as a vigilante if that person was a wicked person who had committed a heinous crime. However, Dr. Albus did not do anything harmful other than "What do you think?" Luke maneuvered the wheelchair, moved himself to the dressing mirror, and tied his tie in front of the mirror.

Luca looked at their two figures in the mirror. "I have no comments. There seems to be something fishy going *on*."

"It's fishy, indeed. It's either Dr. Albus stole someone's research or someone stole his research and sold it to others," Luke said as he tied his tie. He was also paying attention to Luca's expression.

The company was doomed to suffer a loss no matter which possibility it *was*.

Besides, there were rumors about Watson Biopharmaceuticals flying around now.

Even though Watson Biopharmaceuticals was a company built with the support of the government, the company's reputation would be ruined now that it had encountered such an issue. That was why many people had different explanations for this.

It was not just about the loss now. It was also about the reputation of T Corporation and Watson *Biopharmaceuticals*.

This would lead to a crisis if they did not handle this well.

Luke did not want to let the fallout continue. That was why he planned to handle this *himself*.

Luca nodded stiffly. She was well aware of the situation, but she was not allowed to **say anything...**

"*I have* to go to Watson Biopharmaceuticals," Luke said to her after he tied his tie like a husband reporting his whereabouts to his *wife*.

Luca nodded stiffly. Something came across her mind, and she said, "Mr. Crawford, wait a minute."

the wheelchair and turned around to face her, thinking that she had something to confess

"What's the matter?"

out there. You didn't put on enough layers, especially on your legs, so you should at least cover yourself with a blanket," Luca said. Luke was unable to put on another layer of pants as his leg was still in a cast.

warm in the house, but it must be cold

was worried that Luke might catch a cold. Hence, she opened the closet and found a blanket. She remembered the maid had put a blanket here when she was tidying up his clothes

carefully placed the blanket on Luke's thighs after she found

warmth in Luke's eyes when he watched Luca place the blanket

Luca cared about him...

this was not the time to enjoy this heartwarming moment. Luke maneuvered the wheelchair and headed outside after Luca stood up straight. "Your folders are on the leftmost of my desk."

Crawford." The feelings in the depths of Luca's eyes faded in a second.

found the folders that she had to work on, then walked out of the room following behind

hurried over to Luke's side when she saw him maneuvering the wheelchair himself. She said, "Mr. Crawford, let me

turned around and glanced at Luca, who was wearing thin clothes. He nodded, saying,

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"Alright. I'll do some cleaning first, then I'll prepare lunch. Ms. Luca, is there anything you'd like to have for lunch?" the maid asked.

"No. Anything will do," replied Luca as she carried the folders in her arms and made her way up the stairs.

Luca pushed the bedroom door open and placed the two folders on her dressing table. She opened the folders and glanced at the documents. There was not much content to be translated.

Luca opened another folder with some confusion and realized there was not much content in this folder either.

The documents that needed to be translated should increase when the project was reaching the final stage.

Why were the documents getting fewer?

Luca thought she would be able to finish translating these by afternoon. Hence, she put the folders aside and returned to the study. She wanted to continue her experiment by separating the components in the sample.

On the other hand.

Jason drove Luke to Watson Biopharmaceuticals.

Everyone in the office tensed up the moment Jason pushed Luke into the office. They had already found out about Dr. Albus' matter, and they knew how serious it was when they saw their boss come to the office himself.

The manager of the company came out to welcome Luke. He was so nervous that there were beads of sweat on his forehead when he saw Luke and Jason.

"Boss, this way." The manager saw the cold look on Luke's face. It was much colder than the cold, blustering wind out there. Even though Luke was sitting in a wheelchair, he still had an imposing aura on him. The manager did not even dare to take a deep breath when he was standing beside him.

Jason pushed Luke to the elevator.

The manager quickly pressed the button.

was already waiting on the first floor. The doors slowly slid open the moment he pressed the Luke into the elevator, while the manager followed behind them. He pressed the floor where the meeting room was

closed, blocking the gazes of the other employees in the

manager did not feel any better after entering the

wiped the sweat off his forehead and shot a glance

got along with each other well, and Jason was usually lenient with others. However, the expression on Jason's face was

looked at the numbers that gradually went up as the elevator rose. He was wondering why such a thing happened when he had only taken over the manager position for two

What rotten luck!

looked at the surveillance footage?" Jason asked first. Luke remained silent and gloomy. Hence, Jason was the one who started asking

security department is already going through the footage. We'll screen through any suspicious people and start investigating," the manager answered immediately. The moment such big trouble was exposed to the public, he followed Dr. Albus' advice and initiated the investigation right

were too many surveillance cameras in the office building. It would take some time to get to the bottom of the

Besides, there were more than ten researchers on Dr. Albus' research team. The researchers were also within the scope of the investigation.

After all, they participated in the whole process of the research. They might be the ones who sold the research data to someone **else**.

"Any clues?" Jason asked again.

The manager pulled a long face, shook his head, and replied, "The scope of the investigation is still too big, and the relevant personnel is still *investigating it*."

"*It's too slow*." Luke, who had been keeping silent, spoke in a dissatisfied tone. "Ask Gale to conduct the investigation."

The manager blinked his eyes. Gale? It was only when Jason replied that he realized Luke was not talking to *him*.

Gale was going to be involved in this matter. It seemed like Luke was taking it seriously.

Jason picked up the phone and sent a message to Gale. Jason briefly told him what had happened and asked him to head to Watson Biopharmaceuticals now.

The elevator reached the floor where the meeting room **was on**.

Jason pushed Luke's wheelchair and walked out of the elevator.

Dr. Albus and a few professors were standing outside the elevator waiting for *them*.

Dr. Albus stepped forward when he saw Luke walk out of the elevator. "Boss, please, you have to get people to investigate this matter and clear my and my team's names!"

knew that he would have to bear the brunt of this situation if the outcome of the investigation was bad. What he would be facing then was an unbearable price that he would have to pay for the rest of his life.

Dr. Albus could not be bothered to find out who the culprit was. He wanted to prove his innocence first, then continue with the rest of

did not say anything. It was not that he had never seen such a scene before.

had always been making people green with envy. Many of them wanted to steal T Corporation's confidential information to gain some benefits. This was not the first time such things

this was the first time that it had caused such a big loss to T Corporation.

time, there were no cases of confidential information and research data being reported stolen. That was why Luke did not expect this to happen. Of course, the losses could not be avoided.

the meeting," said Luke in a

Luke and pushed him to the meeting room immediately.

did not follow Luke when they saw this. They talked in low voices to each other instead. "It looks like the boss isn't in a good mood. We'd better keep our mouths

be in a good mood after everything that has happened? It's a huge loss. Dr. Albus, good luck to you." Another research professor said to Dr. Albus.

Dr. Albus looked depressed.

who was standing beside them urged them, saying, "Stop talking about it here. Hurry up and go in. Otherwise, everyone will have to suffer if the boss continues to be in a bad mood."

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"No, you don't. But someone around you can help you do this." Abel gave Luca a hint.

Luca was startled for a moment. She suddenly realized that the person Abel was talking about was Amur...

"Can you not involve the innocent in this?!" Luca clenched her fists. She did not want Amur to be involved in this matter as this was not a good thing.

"He decided to stay by your side, so he's destined to be involved in this. I'll send you the bank account number and password. You'll deposit the money into that account after this. You know very well what you'll face if you don't complete the task," said Abel.

Luca did not say another word. She did not have the chance to reject Abel's instructions...

The silence on the other end of the phone made Abel feel smug. Abel grinned and said, "Do you think that you don't have to accept the mission if you stop talking? Luca, keep this in your mind. You were destined to be my puppet three years ago. And stop thinking about finding a chance to escape!"

Luca lowered her gaze. She would have escaped if it had not been for her child. Being constantly threatened by Abel made her life a living hell...

"I'll arrange it," Luca replied. Abel was right. The moment Amur decided to stay here to help her, there was no way he could stay out of it.

Abel sneered. He was dissatisfied with Luca submitting to him all of a sudden.

"Is there anything you'd like to say apart from this?" Abel continued to ask.

"No." Luca knew what Abel wanted to talk about. Also, she knew that Abel would not tell her what she wanted to know even if she asked.

"It seems like you've found out that something's wrong with your wound. But I'm surprised. You're aware of it, but you're not saying anything about it. Why? Are you planning to find the cure yourself?" Abel remembered her wound that had yet to recover and the bloody scene that night. He could not help but feel excited.

regretted not taking a photo of that scene. Otherwise, it would help brighten his day whenever he looked at

tell me even if I ask you, so I'll save my breath. I have to go." Luca rolled her eyes. She could imagine the look on Abel's face now without even thinking about

hated Luke. That was why he hated everything and everyone that was related to

person to see Luca wounded was Abel. It was because she used to be Luke's

up the call and lifted her head to look in the mirror on the dressing table. Then, she smiled bitterly.

Luke's ex-wife...

the only identity that Luca had now that was directly related to Luke.

phone that Luca was holding in her hand vibrated for a second. She held it up and saw that it was a message sent from the string of numbers. Luca opened it and memorized the bank account number and password before deleting the

Then, she called Amur.

rang five times. Only then did Amur pick up the call. Amur's confused tone came from the other end of the call.

wake you up?" Luca noticed that there was a hint of drowsiness in Amur's voice. She thought that he was still in

From what Luca remembered, Amur's lifestyle had always been normal except when he was on a mission. Could it be that Amur had been up all night just because of **Enoch's matter?**

Luca felt a little guilty. She did not reply to Amur's message when he sent her a message yesterday as she was busy looking *after Luke*.

"No. It's time for me to get up anyway." Amur sat up on the bed and rubbed his forehead that stung a little.

Amur had left the place after eating pot pie with Tina last night. He thought of getting some drinks before returning to the apartment. Thus, he went drinking at the bar until the bar closed. It was only then he went back to sleep.

That was why he had been sleeping until now.

Luca listened to Amur's slightly hoarse voice and said helplessly, "I was assigned a mission, but I need your help. Can you meet me **today?**"

Luca knew Amur was tired, but she could not wait until **tomorrow**.

Luke was at Watson Biopharmaceuticals now, and he must be investigating this. Luke's men were capable. It would be difficult for Luca to accomplish the mission assigned by Abel if she did not do it *today*.

"No problem. You can come over now." Amur pulled himself together and stood up. He walked out of the room and saw the messy living room. His face darkened. "I'll wait for you at *home*."

Amur hung up Luca's call and started hurriedly cleaning up.

Luca was startled to hear the busy tone on the other end of the call. Amur did not even ask what mission she was on and immediately promised to help her.

had been helping her the entire time, while Eler was looking after Nyla on the Island Of Despair. Luca owed the brother and sister a favor.

to her bedroom. She put the translated folders into the briefcase. Then, she made her way down the stairs.

was already waiting for Luca in the living room. "Ms. Luca, would you like to have

Mr. Crawford coming back for lunch?" Luca asked.

called just now to say that Mr. Crawford won't be coming back for lunch," replied the maid. Although the maid wondered why Jason would make a call just to inform her of such a matter, she understood immediately when Luca asked

have been Luke's order. He asked Jason to tell Luca not to wait for him and that she should have

Can you please pack two portions of lunch for me?" Luca said to the maid as she placed the briefcase on the sofa. Then, she picked up the coat on the clothes rack and put it

Are you planning to deliver lunch to Mr. Crawford?" The maid smiled as she thought about how close they were.

Luca shook her head and continued, "I'm going to my brother's place. He probably hasn't eaten

knew she had misunderstood Luca. She came back to her senses. "Oh, but the lunch might get cold if I pack it. Why don't you have lunch

pack it. I'm in a hurry," said Luca. Then, she sat beside the shoe rack. She put on her socks and changed into a pair of warm winter boots.

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Luke listened to the maid reporting to him about Luca's whereabouts. He raised his hand and interrupted Gale while he was analyzing the situation. He asked the person on the other end of the phone, "Did she say what she's up to?"

"No, she didn't tell me about the details. But it looks like it's something serious. Oh, she even told me that she won't be coming home for dinner if she can't settle it," the maid answered.

"Okay." Luke's eyes darkened. He did not like the thought of Luca contacting Amur.

Although Luca treated Amur like her little brother, Amur did not seem to see her as his elder sister.

"Send me a message when she's back home."

"Alright, Mr. Crawford." Luke hung up the call after the maid said so.

Gale was sitting with his legs crossed opposite Luke, and he deliberately asked, "Luke, haven't you handled Sister-in-Law yet? And you're still keeping an eye on her?"

"This has nothing to do with you. All you have to do is to investigate the matter for me. It's up to you to decide how much manpower you need." Luke refused to give Gale the chance to mention Luca and shifted the topic back to the main subject.

Gale nodded and replied, "It's hard to tell whether it's difficult or not since I haven't started investigating. I might put the brothers who are doing their mission abroad to use if there's a need to do so."

"Feel free to do so," replied Luke. Gale had Luke's complete trust.

Even though Luke and Gale's friendship had not lasted more than 30 years like Percy and Luke's friendship, Luke was still able to trust him with his life.

"Alright then. I was gonna head to the control room to get the related footage away, but I don't have permission now. Mr. Doyle, sorry to trouble you." Gale stood up and turned to look at Jason. Gale needed Jason to accompany him to the control room.

After all, the company's security measures were strict.

thought that it was unbelievable to have such important research data stolen and sold off to someone else under such

Jason glanced at Luke and followed Gale out of the

was left alone in his office.

the wheelchair and stared outside the window.

Why was Luca looking for Amur?

there any connection between them and what happened

was truly hoping that Luca had nothing to do with

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drove to the apartment. The security guard who was familiar with Luca greeted her enthusiastically when she drove into the residential area. "Ms. Luca, did you buy

the company's car," answered Luca as she held up the access card against the long-range reader.

barrier gate was opened.

security reminded her, "Oh, the other resident staying in your apartment owns a car too. He took your parking lot. You probably have to park your car in the visitor's

"Alright. I got it. Thank you for reminding me." Luca wondered when Amur got a car. Why was she not informed?

It was cold, so there were barely any visitors. There were many available spaces in the visitors' parking lot.

Luca headed to the apartment after she parked her *car*.

She carried the thermos container in her arms, afraid that the cold wind would cool the food.

Luca was polite and did not open the door directly when she reached the apartment. She knocked on the door instead.

Amur came to open the door. He was surprised to see Luca and said, "Why did you knock on the door? Did you forget to bring **the keys?**"

"I brought the keys, but I still thought it'd better knock on the door first," Luca smiled and explained. She walked into the apartment and looked around. It was not as messy as she thought it would *be*.

It seemed like Amur still cared a lot about his hygiene.

"You're the owner of this house. Don't bother with the usual courtesies." Amur felt unhappy when Luca said so. It was as though she was treating him like an **outsider**.

Luca placed the thermos container on the dining table and said, "I don't think you've had anything to eat yet since you just woke up, right? I brought lunch. Care to *join?*"

"Sure." **Amur** nodded. It warmed his heart when he saw the thermos container.

Luca still cared about him and even brought *him lunch*.

into the kitchen and noticed that there was dust on the cooking counter. She reckoned that Amur had never cooked here

not know how to

took out two sets of clean cutleries and walked out of the kitchen. She placed them on the dining table and opened the thermos container.

of the food filled their noses immediately.

sat at the dining table and watched Luca fill a plate with macaroni and cheese. Then, she placed the plate in front of Amur. Amur could not help and ask, "How have you been

I have a maid to look after me. The maid prepared all these for lunch. What a sumptuous meal, right?" Luca did not tell Amur the troubles that were on her

hear the implication in her words and replied, "Your cooking still tastes the best no matter how sumptuous the meal

Are you craving it?" Luca placed the buffalo wings in front

worked out, and his body needed more calories. Hence, Luca had specially brought some meat for him.

had some really good pot pie last night. It's located in an urban village. Although it doesn't taste as good as the one you make, it's still flavorful. Let me bring you there when you're free," said Amur.

and replied, "Sure. Let's go there after I'm done with the work on hand. I'll prepare lots of good food for you

Amur smiled. He noticed that Luca was only having some salad. He quickly took two buffalo wings for her and placed them on her plate. "You've lost weight. You should eat

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Amur took his laptop out of his bedroom after that.

Luca watched him sit down beside the dining table. He turned on his laptop and started looking for Dr. Albus' personal information. She frowned slightly and asked, "This has nothing to do with you. Are you sure you want to help me?"

After all, once Amur started, he would be dragged into this.

"I told you before. Your matters are also my matters. Don't worry, I'll be careful. They won't be able to capture my traces as long as I don't leave any behind." Amur comforted Luca. He was confident with his skills.

"Alright." Luca fell silent as she watched Amur open the software and start working. She took the documents that needed to be translated out of her briefcase and began translating.

Amur glanced at her and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Work documents. I have to translate them," replied Luca. She forgot to bring her laptop with her when she came out just now. Hence, she could only look at the documents on the side and work on her phone.

Amur could not help but shoot another glance at her. "Russian?"

"Yes. They're related to the project in Russia," answered Luca.

"Is Abel thinking of targeting this project?" Amur's long fingers were typing on the keyboard. He was writing the codes while finding out what was happening.

Luca let out a sigh.

Amur took the hint and said, "It looks like he is."

asked me to steal confidential information and hand it to him," Luca said helplessly.

plan?" Amur did not ask Luca whether or not she was willing to do it. He knew she was reluctant to do so without a

though Luca refused to do so, Abel would never be considerate of her. He would still force Luca to

don't know either. I'll just take it one step at a time." Luca let out a sigh. She would not conceal her troubles when she was in front of Amur. She looked outside the window with her soulful eyes. "Amur, there's not much time left for

have plenty of time. It's just... There are some things we don't get to choose." Amur corrected himself. "Even though Luke is not beside you, you still have me... and

noded. Apart from Luke, she still had them, but deep in her heart, everything else she could have could not compare to

had a crush on Luke since she was a teenager. They got together and eventually got married to each other. During this time, she always felt as though she was dreaming. However, she was well aware that it was not a dream. Everything she was going through now, including living a life while being constantly threatened by someone, was a

Luca wished that she was still lying on the bed in Crawford Manor when she woke up in the morning. Luke would be waiting for her beside her, speaking gently to her and telling her that she had been sleeping for a long

focus on what we're doing here now. That's what you taught me." Amur saw the melancholic look on Luca's face. She was reluctant to accept all the arrangements made for her. He had no choice but to comfort

came back to her senses and nodded. Then, she continued to work on her translation.

an hour later, Amur cracked his knuckles and turned to look at Luca. He said, "I've found Raymond Albus' personal information."

Luca looked at the laptop screen. Abel was impressive. He managed to find out Dr. Albus' identification number."

"Next..."

Amur continued, "Next, we'll create a Swiss bank account for *him*."

"They have a strict system. Be careful." Luca reminded him.

“You don’t have any talents in this regard. That’s why you’ve never come into contact with any of this. But I’ve been trained to do this ever since I started taking information technology training. The passing requirement to proceed to another level is to create a Swiss bank account for ourselves without getting noticed by the system.” Amur was certain that he could accomplish the **mission**.

Luca remained silent. She would feel uneasy if things went too *smoothly*.

In a blink of an eye, Amur was already getting busy. His fingers were quickly dancing on the keyboard as he keyed in the **codes**.

Luca watched him break into the bank’s system layer after layer. She could not help but break out in a cold sweat as she was worried about him.

Amur was fast. He skillfully used the program that he had developed to his advantage and avoided all the *security systems*

Another half an hour later, he had successfully created a bank account for *Dr. Albus*.

Amur created a password while he looked at the information bound to the bank account.

though it was Dr. Albus’ bank account, he was the one who was controlling it now. The last thing they had to do was to deposit the amount of money that Abel had given into the bank account. Then, it would be considered a done

down the password to the bank account on a piece of paper. I’m getting another laptop,” said

She picked up the calendar placed on the coffee table and tore a piece of paper. Then, she picked up a pen and wrote down the bank account number and password that she had memorized earlier on the paper.

at the bank account number and searched online. After he made sure what bank it was, he created a new IP address with another laptop. Then, he logged in to the bank

did not know much about computers, she was still able to understand what Amur was doing. “You’re have to be. Luke has a few computer geeks with him. If he happens to investigate this and if I use the same laptop, they’ll probably find out something. I’m pinning the IP address to another country. Even if they suspect that it’s a setup, they won’t find out that I’m behind it,” explained

noded as she watched him log into the account Abel gave them. Then, she watched him operate it and deposit the money into the new bank account he created just

saw the words ‘Transaction Successful’, she knew that she had completed Abel’s instructions.

no way out for them, and Abel got what he wanted. Dr. Albus would be in deep

“There’s something I don’t understand. Why must he set Dr. Albus

Albus had a certain reputation in the biopharmaceutical industry, it was not significant enough to affect Abel's interests. That was why Luca could not understand why Abel would go against Dr.

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"Kassy refused to listen to orders when she was in prison. She was considered a dangerous inmate. Even though she was held in a single cell, she would still find different kinds of excuses to attack the others. That's what's written on the report by the prison," said Amur. After Amur could not find the connection between Abel and Dr. Albus, it came to his mind that Abel was taking revenge on the people who were directly or indirectly related to Kassy. That was why he looked into something else. He did not expect that he would find out about this.

"And then?" Luca did not understand how this woman would have any connection with Dr. Albus.

Luca had seen Dr. Albus' personal information before. Dr. Albus was a great academic and a bio-research professor. He had published a few journals and developed several drugs.

How could a person like that have anything to do with Kassy?

"Her behavior put the prison officers on the spot. They even held a meeting and consulted the relevant department. In the end, they thought Kassy was suffering from a mental disorder. They decided to give her an injectable drug that could reduce her violent and aggressive behavior. This kind of drug could affect a human's nervous system and movement behavior, causing that person to be unresponsive. Well, there's a side effect too. Even when the drug's effects subsided, their body would feel weak. The drug is mainly used to control a person, and it's usually used in psychiatric hospitals. The drug that they gave Kassy happens to be a drug developed by Dr. Albus' team."

Luca came to her senses and frowned. "And that's the reason why he's getting rid of Dr. Albus?"

Amur shook his head and let out a sigh.

"Why? Is there something else?" Luca asked.

had once initiated a rescue plan, but it failed. It was because Kassy had been given the drug. The delayed side effects were too strong. Kassy was weak and could barely walk. Most of them who went to rescue her were taken down by police officers. Therefore, Kassy was locked in a heavily guarded cell with advanced facilities. Abel lost the opportunity, and he could only watch Kassy die in the prison." Amur found out what had happened and finally understood why Abel was going against a professor in

silent. Dr. Albus was only doing his job. He was not the one who decided to give Kassy the drug. However, Abel was taking revenge on Dr. Albus for

the people who decided to give Kassy the drug face the risk of his revenge as

biggest coincidence was... Previously, Kassy had ordered some psychotropic medications developed by Dr. Albus. Perhaps she ordered those from him when she was trying to get rid of you a few years ago..." Amur said as he turned off the

her head and said to him, "That's impossible. Dr. Albus' research should all be legal. The psychotropic medications Kassy wanted to give me back then were deadly. Dr. Albus couldn't have developed those

a team behind her. They can process the drugs again, turning them into deadly ones. Dr. Albus is indeed innocent. But there's nothing we can do about it." Amur believed that it would not take long before Luke's men found the money in Dr. Albus'

would never be able to explain this when the

held her hands. She felt sorry for Dr. Albus. Although he was snobbish to the others, that behavior came from his own pride and

He had never done anything harmful...

"Amur, are we going to keep on taking the lives of the innocent if we continue to be manipulated by Abel for the rest of our lives?" *Luca asked.*

Amur knew what Luca meant, and he comforted her. "Don't worry about it. No one knows what's going to happen tomorrow."

"Yes. No one knows what tomorrow holds, but we've already seen Dr. Albus' future." Luca felt desolate. She did not feel happy about accomplishing the mission Abel had *assigned her.*

Amur felt sorry when he saw Luca in such a state. He secretly made up his mind to become stronger and get rid of **Abel.**

Luca would be able to live a life of her own when the time **came...**

However, getting rid of Abel would not free them right away. After all, they had taken the drug he gave them...

Amur was reminded of Luca's wound at the thought of it. Then, he asked, "Oh, has your **wound recovered?"**

her waist and replied, "I'm afraid not. Abel admitted that he

going to look for him to get the antidote." Amur immediately got angry. He did not expect Abel to use such a dirty trick to make Luca suffer more when he was already

Amur's hand before he stood up. "He admitted it, but that doesn't mean he's going to give me the antidote. Even if you get to see him, you'll only end up becoming a pawn in his game. He'll have you help him accomplish those missions. Now that you're on a break, you'd better enjoy the peaceful days. I can deal with the wound myself."

can't be delayed..." Amur frowned. He would have accompanied Luca if he knew she was going to hand over the information herself.

Luca would never tell him unless she was unable to handle something herself. Sometimes, it would be too

know my condition well. Besides, I'm taking other medications too. It helps to slow down the effects. Don't worry. Didn't you say you'd like to have a taste of my cooking again? There's some time left, so why don't we go and get some groceries? I'll make a nice dinner for you." Luca changed the subject of the conversation. She did not want Amur to worry about her

wounded, and you should rest. But I'm not good at cooking. Let's order takeout..." Of course, Amur was more than willing to have a taste of Luca's cooking again. However, he rejected her when he thought of

not going to take a lot of energy to cook. And haven't you been craving my food since last time? Why don't we order some ingredients online and I'll prepare the meal?" Luca knew Amur was worried about

her wound, but she was no longer the person she used to be. She was not that weak anymore. "Don't worry. I know myself very well."

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"Alright." Amur agreed and looked at the tender look in her eyes. He was full of unwillingness.

He was selfish and hoped that these unpleasant issues would be resolved as soon as possible.

With that, he would be able to return to the Island of Despair with Luca. Even if their days there were unpleasant, they could at least free themselves from the troubles here.

Luca did not realize that Amur had thought things through. After she was done comparing the documents, she then sent the maid a message, telling her that she would not be returning for dinner.

The maid replied: [Alright, Ms. Luca.]

Luca placed her phone down and ignored the message. She turned on the TV and watched it.

After having dinner, it was already eight at night.

Amur glanced at the scenery outside. It was pitch-black, and he was worried that it would be dangerous for Luca to return alone. He wanted to have her stay back. "It's getting late. Why don't you just stay here for the night? I've always been sleeping in the second bedroom, and the things in the master bedroom haven't been touched. You can sleep there."

Luca shook her head as she did not wish to spend the night here. She thought of Luke.

Even though he was handling issues regarding Dr. Albus, she was clueless about whether he would return to the villa. If he did return to the villa, no one would be there to look after him. It would not be convenient for him to do anything, including bathing.

"I think it's best if I return. Someone will come here to collect these documents. That way, I won't have to rush," said Luca. She looked at the clock. "Besides, it's not that late yet."

"Alright then. I'll see you off downstairs." Amur was aware of her feelings. He knew that she was rushing back because of that man.

Luca nodded her head.

They walked to the elevator. Her phone rang, and she picked it up to have a look only to see that it was a call from Luke.

Luca answered it, "Mr. Crawford."

you still at your brother's apartment?" Luke

looked at Amur and answered honestly, "I'm about to

was next to her, kept quiet. He felt that something was going on between both of them. It was only eight at night and the man was already calling

Luca was not his woman now!

did not say a word and just silently endured the dissatisfaction within

at the entrance downstairs. I can't go in. You'll have to come out," Luke said as he glanced at the security guard who was

that happened previously had made the security in this small area become stricter. Strangers without the permission of the tenant would not be allowed

Luca was surprised that he would come

arrived at their floor, and Luca stepped in. She looked at Amur and said, "You don't have to send me off, Amur. You can go back and take

if I send you down," said Amur, feeling determined. He pressed on the first floor when he entered the

Then, the elevator doors closed.

could vaguely sense that he was not in a good mood but just went along with

they arrived on the first floor, Luca headed toward the entrance of the small area. She wanted to know why Luke would show up

Amur grabbed her elbow. "Did you park your **car outside?**"

"No..." Luca shook her head and answered him honestly, "Luke is at the entrance of the small area. Maybe there's something urgent. I'm heading over to have a look."

"**He's** here?" Amur frowned and spoke in a *disgusted tone*.

Luca knew he despised Luke. Hence, she made up an excuse for him, "Maybe it's about Dr. Albus. That's why he's here."

"I always do things carefully. His men shouldn't have been able to find him. I'll follow you to meet him," said Amur in a determined tone. He wanted to have a look at what was Luke up to.

Luca could not stop him and followed him to **the entrance**.

The headlights of the car were on, and Luke saw Luca slowly walking **toward him**.

Jason was sitting in the driver's seat and noticed that Luca was coming over. He reminded, "Mr. Crawford, it's Dr. **Craw**."

"Get out," Luke said.

Jason was astonished. "Sorry?"

"**Get down** from the car," Luke said *concisely*.

Jason unfastened his seatbelt and got out of the car after pushing the car door **open**.

Luca arrived before the car and saw him. She was not surprised that Jason was here too. Wherever Luke went, he needed someone to follow him. "Is Mr. Crawford in the **car?**"

"Yes. *Please* enter the car," said Jason with a smile. He looked at Amur and noticed the latter's dark expression under the car's headlights.

gloomy expression is almost on par

is Luca's brother whom

in the company, Tina had blurted out the incident that occurred yesterday. After complaining, she mentioned Luca's younger brother. Since then, he became curious about

at him now, Amur was dressed in a thin shirt despite it being winter. From his casual attire, his muscular figure was made

Tina said he's agile. One look and I know he practices

noddled and walked to the front passenger seat. She knocked on the car window after thinking that the man in the car would be cold if she opened the

wound the car window down. He lifted his hand and pointed at the driver's seat. "Get in the

simple statement made Luca stunned. He had never talked much in front of others. Before she was able to speak, Luke wound the car window

only see the side profile of his

Luca had no choice but to go around the car and walk to the driver's seat. She opened the

felt a pinch in his heart. He was not happy seeing her entering Luke's

just responded with a faint smile. She bent down and climbed into the driver's seat. She immediately closed the car door, afraid the cold wind might enter. "Any orders, Mr.

car keys?" Only then did Luke speak a little

out her car keys from the office bag. Before she could pass them to him, the latter took