

Be Gentle 291

Chapter 291 Good Morning, Darling

Pierre laughed when he saw Nina's face. His seemingly serious face was tainted with degeneracy. "You look just as cute as before when you're angry. Why, are you not satisfied yet? Should I have pampered you more?"

Nina glared at him as though he was her sworn enemy. She spat at him and started cursing him, as well as his parents, for giving birth to a piece of trash like him.

Her words and actions once again angered Pierre.

Earlier, when he received a call from his good friend Xavier, requesting him to keep Nina in captivity so that she could be used as a bargaining chip with Bianca, he agreed to it without hesitation.

Too bad for Nina, Pierre had a grudge against her since they were young!

The woman deserved to be taught a lesson for kicking him between the legs. He would have been crippled if not that he was lucky. She deserved all the torment when she was in his hands.

Pierre stripped Nina of her clothes, teased her, and threatened her that he would let his lackeys have their way with her if she did not obey him.

He wanted to tear away her disguise of composure, strip her of her dignity, and watch her beg in fear.

However, he did not expect that the woman would be so stubborn. She would rather be repeatedly violated by his lackeys than to let him lay a finger on her.

Nina under him, which made her

tore away the remaining scraps of clothing on her body. Just when he was poised to enter her with his rock-hard organ, his phone suddenly

that his elder brother Percy was calling him, Pierre dared not ignore the call, even though he had to temporarily suspend

don't care if you toy around with other women, but you have to let go of the one you're currently holding." Percy's tone of voice was as assertive as

know that I have a lot of women, Brother. How do I know which one you're talking about? I'm also just about to enter, and now you're telling me to stop. Do you wish to see your younger brother die of blue balls?" Pierre replied to his brother over the phone while his other hand covered Nina's

excuses! Luke Crawford has personally requested me to deliver Nina to him, so you can tell that she's well-protected. Luke isn't someone you can trifle with. I'd advise you to watch your back; even I can't save you if Luke

phone call ended right

his head and looked at Nina angrily. He hesitated when he thought of the sly and cunning Luke, whom his brother dared not oppose. However, he was not going to let go of Nina that

pressed his lips and smiled coldly. The ferocity in his eyes was hesitation, he entered the most vulnerable part of the woman's

"Ahhh!" A shrill and agonized scream echoed in the private room. Tears of despair fell from Nina's eyes.

Meanwhile, when Bianca woke up, she felt a splitting headache, and her body was alternating between waves of heat and chills. It made her very *miserable*.

Her breathing was labored, and her throat felt like it was on *fire*.

Undoubtedly, those were the signs of a serious **cold**.

She opened her eyes and saw the blinding sunlight that shone through the window, which almost made her tear up. That was why she realized that she did not draw the curtains the night before.

She could see the clear blue sky outside of the window. Occasionally, a few sparrows would fly past.

Seeing that it was getting late, Bianca wanted to get out of bed, but she realized that she was pinned down by a pair of *strong arms*.

Bianca's back was pressed against Luke's solid chest. It was hard for her to even **turn around**.

Her pale face blushed, and her breath grew hot when she thought of the scenes from the night before. Her body lacked strength, which was an aftereffect of the **high fever**.

She pried the man's arms away from her with all her might, but she did not expect that the man would once again pull her into his arms just when she was about to get up. This time, her face was brought so close to his that they almost touched.

fell on the man's languid face. She felt a complicated mix of emotions when she looked at his perfectly sculpted

did not know how their relationship had become

man always showered her with sugar-coated words and actions after hurting her. No matter how alluring those words may be, he did not know that sugar would cause toothaches, and the pain would make her think twice about accepting more of his sugar in the future,

Bianca's thoughts wandered, Luke silently opened his eyes and kissed her lips. "Good morning,

did not want to entertain him. She pushed his arms away and looked around as though searching for

up his head with his right arm. He lifted his left hand that was holding a black lace

finger was pushing against one of the bulges. "Are you looking for this?" He said with a naughty

Bianca blushed.

wanted to snatch the camisole from his hand, but Luke took his hand away, and she missed. The man's repeated teasings were making her gasp for breath. Eventually, she fell silent and did not say

flipped Bianca's body and made her face him. He saw that her expression was indifferent from anger, and her face was flush and her lips were dry. Losing all the mood to tease her, he got up from the bed and said, 'TH go and get you a glass

Chapter 292 Shocking! Major Scandal!

Luke prepared a sumptuous breakfast for Bianca. He watched her finish the entire thing before going to work.

After he left, the home was desolate.

Bianca was feeling bored at home. She turned on her computer and saw that people were sharing a link.

She clicked on a link.

It was a forum post on Xeddit.

Xeddit was one of the major international social sites. It was full of news articles, scoops, and rumors about society's elite.

Luke Crawford's name was a popular topic on the website for the past few years. One could easily see how eager people were to know about his personal life.

If one searched for "Luke Crawford" in the search bar, the results were countless.

Bianca read several discussion threads about him. One was about why he remained single. Some people guessed that he was gay, some guessed that he was ugly and his photographs were all edited, and some guessed that he had a disease.

The discussions made good points, which invited intense discussion from the netizens.

seldom appear in public, but he had many diehard fans on the website. Many of the people there

did not know that Luke enjoyed such a reputation among the

on the top of the site caught

title was bombastic. "Major Scandal! X Corporation CEO Beats Up Cousin In Anger And Assaults His Wife! Simply

clicked on the title, she already had an ominous feeling about

was only up for less than three hours, but it already had several million views and more than ten thousand comments. One could easily see how popular the article was, and how much the netizens were eager for

nickname of the article writer was

twitched when she saw that nickname. Then, she started reading

was about how CuckedTurtle had fallen in love with his wife at first sight, and how he had pampered and spoiled her after they were married. He had spent all his money on her, and they gave birth to a pair

of cute twins. To sustain his wife's lavish lifestyle and pay for the two children's expenditures, he even went to prison for five

attached the wedding photo of him and his wife, as well as photos of him in a prison uniform and the photos of his two children. All the faces were blurred out, but one could tell that they

After the photos, the writer continued that when he got out of prison, he realized that his wife was having an affair with his cousin. At that moment, he had the urge to kill his wife, but he was devoted to her, and he even fell on his knees to beg her to end the affair.

His wife said that she knew that it was wrong, and she had tried to end that immoral affair more than once. However, she was too madly in love with the writer's cousin, and she admitted that she could not end the affair. With no other choice, CuckedTurtle went to negotiate with his cousin.

In one of the photos, the name of the prison could be easily seen. A City had a prison with that name, which made people believe that CuckedTurtle was telling the truth. After all, no one would so willingly expose their **unmentionable past**.

The netizens were sympathetic toward CuckedTurtle. He loved his wife, had two children with her, went to prison for her, but his wife had an affair with his **cousin**.

CuckedTurtle also said that his cousin came from a wealthy family and was the heir to X Corporation. His social status was far lower than his cousin's, but he wanted justice from his cousin to defend his dignity.

Unexpectedly, not only did his cousin inflict heavy injuries on him, but he also teased and flirted with his wife in front of him.

His cousin even threatened to kill him and abuse the two children if he ever came between **them again**.

CuckedTurtle attached several photos of his injuries in the post. He was wrapped up in bandages, his leg was in a cast, and he had a breathing tube attached to his mouth. He looked as though he was beaten within an inch of *his life*.

His face was not blurred out, but the bandages on his face obscured his face anyway. It was a pitiful sight.

The posts in the forums were for a targeted audience. The subjects of gossip were usually celebrities or people who lived in the upper echelons of society. Everyone posted and commented under the guise of anonymity, and there was no worry that their identities were exposed. There were even celebrities that spread gossip of another to take *revenge*.

end of the post, CuckedTurtle said that his love had turned into hate, and without any other recourse, he could only turn his sorrows into

post was very well-written and was filled with photos. Some descriptions were vivid and moving. The post fully portrayed his feelings of love, hate, and helplessness, as well as how despicable that immoral

the bottom of the tear-jerking post was a blurry photo of a man and a woman hugging. Their faces were not seen clearly, but Bianca felt a chill course down

woman in the photo was her, and the man dressed in a suit that was hugging her was

of the two children were blurred, but Bianca could tell at first glance that they were her first confused, then she was not know who the writer was, but how dare he involve her children in photo was a screenshot from Twitter. Bianca suddenly remembered that it was the exact photo that Xavier had posted face turned pale in an instant. Did Xavier post the article under a nickname to take revenge on it were really him, she was exasperated by how he had twisted

Chapter 293 Stepping On Luke's Toes

The actual identity of the "cousin" was actually Luke Crawford?

After the sensational news broke out, the comments were split into three camps.

The first was Luke's devoted supporters, who defended Luke's reputation with hard-hitting points. A gentle, handsome man who regularly topped the list of wealthiest people could have gotten any woman he wanted. Why would he go after the wife of another man?

The second was his detractors. Their common consensus was that no one knew how Luke behaved in private, despite his frank and candid public personality.

Perhaps hidden under that gentlemanly guise was his true sadistic and incestuous self!

The elite society was full of scandals like these. Not only affairs happened between cousins, but they even happened between father and child.

They thought that the post was absolutely true.

Those people generally had a negative outlook on life, and they believed that everyone else was as negative as them.

The third was those who claimed to be neutral. They would keep quiet and watch the news unfold...

In less than an hour, the post received thousands of comments between the supporters and detractors. They debated about the validity of the post; some of them even sounded like professional debaters.

Bianca had witnessed the power of public opinion.

In any case, everyone had their opinion, and the incident would not reach a conclusion anytime soon.

furrowed her brows. She did not know what CuckedTurtle's intention was; all she knew was that she could not forgive the writer for involving

should innocent children be involved in an incident among

picked up her phone and was about to call Luke when she received a call

Bianca answered the call.

the post," Bianca said before Luke said

worry. I saw the post as well. I'll handle this," Luke

did not know how he was going to handle the scandal, but his words seemed to give her assurance. Her anxious heart gradually

She believed in Luke.

At the hospital.

the man wrapped up in bandages in the photos, was

lips curled into a sinister smile as he watched the heated debate in the post. He turned to look at the man standing next to the bed and said, "That was an excellent post. I was not wrong to find

man was in his late twenties, and his face was unshaven. He was jobless, and he earned money by posting cliched love stories in the fiction forums. He was a spendthrift, and he usually had to go

He accepted Xavier's job without hesitation. After all, Xavier had given him 20,000 dollars as an *advance*.

Making up a semi-realistic story about a scandal between wealthy families was too easy for him. He did not care for the truth but only for **the money**.

Xavier handed the young man a card. "Here's the remaining 180,000 dollars. You'll have extra rewards depending on how the situation *evolves*."

The young man took the card and smiled flatteringly. "Thank you, Mr.

Tanner. Please look for me if you need more posts like that **one**."

After the man left, Xavier stubbed out his cigarette. He could not hide the smug smile on *his face*.

'Aren't you forcing my hand, Luke and Bianca? I'll see how you **handle this!**'

T Corporation.

The atmosphere in the CEO's office on the top floor was ice-cold.

His eyes were transfixed on his laptop screen. He was not looking at business information, but that popular post on Xeddit...

Jason stood next to him, almost shivering from his boss's icy temperament.

It seemed that his boss would be ruthless whenever Bianca was involved.

and get them to ban the author's account. Find the identity of the author and bring him to the police station. If he has the guts to spread false news, then he should also be prepared to suffer the consequences. Summon the board of directors. I want to acquire all assets of the Tanner family in the shortest time possible. If Xavier wants to play, then two can play that game. Contact JK Media. I have something to discuss with Eugene." Luke closed his eyes to hide the hostility in his

he opened his eyes again, he looked impassively at his

secretly afraid. He nodded his head and carried out his boss's

gaze was transfixed on the wedding photo with the subjects' faces blurred out. He smirked
attack me however you want, Xavier, but your fatal mistake is to expose my woman and my children's
that you have not learned your lesson. If you have a death wish, then I shall gladly
ice-cold expression was like a wild beast in the dark unsheathing its claws and starting
finished shooting a scene. She was resting by the side and was on a video call with a good
her friend sent her a link and smiled cryptically, instructing her to open
was one of Leia's closest friends, and Leia kept no secrets from her. Naturally, she knew that Leia
admired Luke

forwarded to Leia any gossip

Leia opened the link. She was incredibly excited after reading through the

Chapter 294 High-Profile Family Excursion!

For the first time in Luke's career, he skipped work after the emergency shareholder's meeting. He went
to the kindergarten and picked up Lanie and Rainie, fulfilling the responsibilities of a father.

Sitting in the car, Lanie asked him curiously, 'It's not the weekend today, Daddy. Why do you have time
to rest?'

As far as the boy knew, his father was a workaholic who even worked on weekends sometimes.

Lanie thought that it was abnormal for his father to be out of his office during office hours.

"No more classes for the day, Big Bro! I'm so happy..." Rainie rested her cheeks on her hands and said
excitedly.

She was at the age where she would rather play outdoors than sit in the classroom.

Through the rearview mirror, Luke looked at the two children sitting properly in the back seat and said,
"I'll bring you two and Mommy to the theme park today. We'll go home and pick Mommy up."

The two children opened their mouths in shock, as though they had heard something incredible.

'Daddy is bringing us to the theme park? Is the sun rising from the west? Daddy usually hates crowded
and lively places. Usually, Uncle Doyle would be the one who brings us there.'

they were nonetheless happy by Luke's decision. They saw other children at the theme park with their
parents, and they were dejected by the fact that they did not have a mother. They did not expect that
they would be able to go to the theme park with both of

crazy?' That was Bianca's first thought when she heard that Luke wanted to bring her and the kids to the
theme

saw the anticipation in the children's eyes and had no choice but to

of his usual business suit and leather shoes, Luke was dressed in a white down jacket, a pair of dark-colored jeans, and white sneakers. That made him look a lot younger, as though he was a newly-graduated

was reminded of how Luke looked when he

university, he was energetic and handsome. She recalled the scenes in which Luke played basketball with his friends. Her affection for Luke at that time was like a young girl's affection for an idol,

later, they were together once more, and they had a pair of cute children. That was quite

park had fewer visitors on a weekday, but it was as lively as

not the first time the children went to the theme park, but they were happier than usual because their Daddy and Mommy were with

Luke bought the tickets. They passed through the security check and headed toward the entrance of the theme park.

The handsome father held the beautiful mother's hand. By their sides were two cute children. The perfect family of four caught a lot of attention from the other visitors.

They visited the various attractions as they went around the theme park. When they passed by food stalls, the usually strict father would buy snacks for *them*.

It was a fun day for the family.

In a hidden corner, two men whose faces were obscured with baseball caps held high-definition SLR cameras in their hands. They captured all the happy and intimate scenes of the family.

Luke was used to sitting in his office or going to high-end places. He had never shown any interest in going to theme parks and thought that the attractions *were childish*.

This time, he was there to accompany Bianca and the two **children**.

While Bianca and the two children played, he could not be only standing by the side *and watching*.

Bianca, Lanie, and Rainie looked at him with expectant gazes, and he had no choice but to comply. Reluctantly, he joined in the games which he thought were very **boring**.

theme park had an artificial beach in a temperature-controlled glass dome. Colorful shells and pebbles adorned the beach that was surrounded by tropical trees and flowers. The artificial miniature sea shimmered beautifully under the

artificial beach was crowded. Many people were either sitting or basking. Young mothers sat in groups, chatting about raising their children while they watched their children play. Several adults waded the shallow water with their children, who were happily picking up shells and placing them in

artificial sea were several inflatable motorboats. People were having fun in

It was a bustling scene.

was warm inside the glass dome. Bianca helped Lanie and Rainie take off their jackets and boots and rolled up their pants legs. She took off her shoes, gave the children's jackets and boots to Luke for safekeeping, then jogged toward the beach with her children in

and Rainie instantly became the focus of everyone's attention. They made fast friends with the on the beach, smiling while watching the children play. She occasionally kissed the children's cheeks, which made them laugh with delight. The loving scene made people

out his phone and secretly recorded a video of the

one of the inflatable motorboats lost control. It sped from the far end of the artificial sea toward the

Chapter 295 You Are Important To Me

She did not know how much time had passed when a strong hand pulled her and the child in her arms aside.

Luke tightly grabbed onto Bianca, and his face was pale. "Are you an idiot, Bianca? Don't you know that what you did was very dangerous?" He said angrily.

He counted his lucky stars that the young mother fiddled with a lever or a button and managed to stop the motorboat right before it struck Bianca.

The motorboat was only one fist's distance away from Bianca and the child. If she had been a split second slower in stopping the boat, an unimaginable disaster would have happened.

When Luke saw that scene, he could feel his world crumbling around him.

His leg muscles were pumping as hard as they could as he ran toward Bianca, though his body was shaking. When he saw that Bianca was safe, his face was contorted by the fear and anger in his heart.

It was a dangerous scene.

"He's... he's still a child, and he doesn't know what to do. If I didn't save him, he would've been badly injured or died under the boat. I didn't think too much; all I knew was that I had to save him," Bianca explained. Even now, she could not believe that she had done that out of instinct.

Perhaps that was the instinct of every mother.

Luke was a man who did not know how to take care of children. He could not understand it.

Luke saw that Bianca was starting to feel afraid and yelled at her, "Even if you don't think about yourself, at least spare a thought for me and the children. Promise me, Bianca, promise me that you won't do this ever again. The children and I can't afford to lose you."

did not know what to do if he really lost

the children's safety was his top priority. No one else could

of nearly losing her almost drove him

A portly middle-aged man shouted while he ran over. Tears were almost falling from his

had stepped out of the glass dome for a smoke, but he did not expect that his son would encounter a near-fatal

heart nearly shattered when he saw the motorboat rammed toward the

was too far away, and he would not reach his son in

boy was his only son after many years of

he saw a young woman shielding his son under her

the motorboat managed to stop in

happened to his son, how should he explain it to his wife and

The father examined the son and made sure that the little boy suffered no harm. He turned around and wanted to thank Bianca, but he choked on his words when he heard Luke reprimanding Bianca.

Those words of gratitude were stuck in his throat, and he was unable to **say them**.

Luke was livid, but he had to gaze at Bianca **gently**.

The man was incredibly handsome, and he stood out in a crowd of normal people. Now that he was angry, the people around him felt a chill coursing down their spines, and they looked at him with fear.

"Boo hoo... boo..." Rainie ran over and fell into Bianca's arms. Her face was wet with tears.

She was shocked by the scene earlier and was afraid that the motorboat might run over her *mother*.

Lanie's eyes were red. He tugged the hem of Bianca's shirt tightly, and he sounded like he was sobbing.

"You gave us such a fright earlier, Mommy. Thank goodness you're fine..."

Bianca was also very afraid. Fortunately, she was not hurt.

Her heart wrenched when she looked at her two cute children. If something had happened to her, what should Lanie and *Rainie do*?

Of course, those were mere hypotheticals. In an emergency, she did not have the time to consider that.

Luke's anger subsided when he saw that Bianca's hands that were hugging her children were shaking. All that was left was a strong sense **of tenderness**.

the public eye, he hugged

dug into his chest. Luke might be acting more gently, but his tone of voice remained harsh. "Don't cry. I won't be angry at you. Even if you want to be a hero next time, you ought to consider your position first. To me, you are very

boy looked at the pretty woman who had just saved him and at her two children. They were crying, and so he started bawling too. The middle-aged man tried his best to comfort his child while the onlookers whispered with

young mother, who had nearly caused an accident, got off the motorboat and apologized incessantly to Bianca, but Luke reprimanded her

Luke's anger was raging.

used to being a boss, and he treated the young mother as one of his subordinates. She struggled to catch a breath under Luke's forceful presence and wished that she could disappear into a hole under her

mother's daughter was about the same age as Lanie and Rainie. Seeing that her mother was being scolded by a fierce man, she started

a savage glance at the young girl. "Shut up!"

showed any mercy toward crying children, even his

girl was used to being pampered. She bawled even louder when she saw Luke's horrific expression and heard

young mother knew that it was her fault and she dared not talk back to Luke. She crouched down and tried to comfort her

Chapter 296 This Is Mr. Crawford's Idea. If Ms. Rayne Knows...

Shandra was not bragging. Other than losing to Walter several times, she had never lost a lawsuit against another lawyer.

Xavier smiled mockingly when he heard Shandra's answer. "My dear schoolmate, I remember that you're always the top scorer in the law college, and Walter is always second place. I thought that you're more outstanding than him. Why is that not the case now?"

Back when they were in college, Shandra's sharp tongue in law debate competitions was a force to be reckoned with.

Walter was also an outstanding student, but he was always several points below Shandra.

Shandra's indifferent expression wavered slightly when she heard Xavier's words, but she soon resumed her composure.

Back in school, Walter had always let her win.

He knew that she hated losing, and she would be depressed for a while if she got second place.

At first, she did not know that Walter was letting her win.

When she stepped into society and was faced with difficulties at work, it was only then that she realized that the man had been taking care of her.

However, no matter how caring he might be, that could not cover the fact that he had hurt her greatly.

When she thought of Walter being together with another woman, Shandra's eyes flashed with resentment.

shall be Shandra Cullen's sworn enemy for all time. If she had to suffer, she would not let Walter live

tucked away her personal feelings on the matter and resumed her professionalism. "Things are different in school and society. Everything is theoretical in school, and I only realized that it's different after I started working. Shouldn't you know that very well, my

peeled an orange and handed it to

she did not accept it, he ate a slice. "I don't care what grudges you have against Walter, and I don't care what methods you have to use, I want you to win this case! It's either you defeat Walter in court, or you get Walter to withdraw himself from the

thought that the second option was not

Walter was the lawyer on retainer for T Corporation, and he had always listened to whatever Luke said. If Luke wanted Walter to break up Xavier and Bianca, was there a reason that he should

and her lips curled into an eerie smile. "Don't worry. I'll win the case for you, no matter what it takes. Just wait for me. I'll give you a

looked at Shandra's confident grin and

was eager for the showdown

was in the Western Europe branch tying up the loose ends of the Regal PR crisis. She took a puff of her cigarette, then opened the link about the "Major Scandal" that the department lead had sent

She read the article carefully.

Then, she listened to the department lead's report about the relationship between Bianca and the CEO. It seemed that they had a misunderstanding **between them**.

Mavis smiled with satisfaction.

Her little trick was worth it. Any woman would be suspicious of their man if they found women's lingerie in his *car*.

Moreover, she had answered Bianca's call that was meant *for Luke*.

Bianca must be very suspicious of **Luke's loyalty**...

The sensational news that had appeared out of nowhere was a very big help to her ends. Luke might ignore public criticism and insist on being together with Bianca, but his family would not allow that remarried woman to enter **their doors**.

Mavis felt better after thinking of **that**.

She decided that she would finish her work there as soon as possible, then return to A *City*.

She had been waiting for Luke for so many years, and she decided that she would not wait *any longer*.

Luke was hers, and no one else can take him away from her! **1**

When Jason picked up Nina from The Glitz, he was shocked by how little she wore and how haggard *she looked*.

The last time he had seen her was a few days ago, but the cheerful young woman was a shade of her former self. Her eyes that curved like crescent moons whenever she smiled were hollow **and lifeless**.

was filled with black and blue bruises, the signs of

knew what the bruises meant. He was shocked by the fact that even though his boss had told Percy to get his younger brother to let Nina go, she was nevertheless

deeply when he saw how Nina's body was frail like a puppet without its strings, as though she could collapse into a heap at

good friends with Bianca. If Bianca knew that her friend had become like that because of her, she would be incredibly

off his coat and draped it over the shivering

you to the mall to buy some clothes, Ms. Langdon. If you go home like that, it's..." "It won't be nice" was what Jason wanted to say, but he did not finish

felt that speaking even an extra word would be of no

shook her head gently. "Thank you, Mr. Doyle, but there's no

Please send me home."

the car departed, Nina turned her head and glanced at The Glitz. That was where she had

toyed with her for one day and one night with all sorts of brutal

Chapter 297 Now That You've Slept With Another Man, You Might As Well Sell Yourself!

Anna, Nina's mother, was currently cooking in the kitchen. When she heard the door open, she peeked out to see who it was.

She saw her daughter coming in through the door with a man's coat draped over her body.

Then, she saw the bruises on her daughter's neck.

Anna flew into a rage and hurled the plate in her hands onto the floor!

Her son was still in prison, but her daughter had the mood to flirt with other men!

"Mom." Nina was physically and mentally tired. She briefly greeted her temperamental mother and headed to her room to rest.

She had not taken two steps when she heard a loud slap!

Suddenly, she felt a searing pain on her cheek!

Nina covered her face and looked at her mother with disbelief.

Anna poked her daughter's forehead with the sharp fingernail of her index finger as though intending to scrape off the skin.

"Where have you been, you useless child? Tell me honestly, have you been sleeping with other men? I told you countless times that a woman should know how to love their own body. If you lose your virginity, then your worth will decrease by a lot. Have you forgotten what I've taught you?"

Anna was livid.

very concerned about whether her daughter Nina was still a

an uneducated, old-fashioned woman, she valued sons way more than

in the familiar was nowhere near her brother

was sent to an overseas university, while the other went to a local university and had to work to fund her

Anna, daughters were a loss-making investment. Unfortunately, her precious son was sent to prison, and the family incurred a huge debt from the

also had a mortgage to pay and some bribes

no other choice, Anna could only place her hopes on her only

look somewhat plain, but she had an excellent figure. Most importantly, she was a

been talking to a friend of hers and found out that her friend's daughter was a rich man's mistress. Not only was she given a large house, but she could also get a lot of money as long as she opened

That had piqued Anna's interest.

as she knew, her friend's daughter had a tattered reputation and had worked as an escort in a nightclub. If a woman like that could find a generous sugar daddy, then Nina would be able to use her identity as a virgin to find a better

raised Nina with a lot of effort so that she could get a lot of money when she married her

She had even asked her friend to ask around about any rich businessmen who might be interested in marrying a **virgin**.

Her friend's daughter had agreed to be a matchmaker and said that she would give her a reply in the coming days.

Before her friend could come back to her with an answer, her daughter had been...

Anna was exasperated. She even had the urge to kill her daughter!

The difference in price between a virgin and someone who was not was heaven and **earth!**

Im very tired, Mom. I want to rest.' Nina's heart wrenched.

She had returned to the house in such a sorry state. Not only did her mother not ask her what happened out of concern but instead reprimanded and insulted her. Nina was heartbroken.

Nina's attitude angered her mother. Anna grabbed her hair and pulled it so hard that her scalp was almost tearing off. "Watch your attitude! Answer me, are you still a virgin or *not*?"

Nina's scalp stung with pain, and her body was weak. "I'm not a virgin! I was raped! Are you satisfied?" She roared **in despair**.

Anna was stunned by her daughter's answer.

When she came to her senses, she picked up the nearest object within reach and hurled it at her daughter!

As she did so, she continued scolding, "You idiot! Your brother is suffering in prison, but you're outside sleeping with other men. You deserve to be raped! I thought you would have made some money for me, but you've blown **it!**"

swung the plastic broom onto Nina's body, which hurt her to the

dodged and grabbed onto the plastic handle. She glared at her mother calmly through tearful eyes. "Am I nothing but a money-making tool to you, Mom? Am I not your birth daughter? Why do you treat me so differently

livid when her daughter mentioned Jean. "How dare you mention your brother? He's in prison now all because of that Bianca! You're not earning money to save your brother, but you're always messing around with that woman. Do you plan to send me to my grave?" "Jean's the one who committed a crime. He tried to drug Bianca and give her to other perverts. He's an immoral brat who deserves everything that's happened to him!" Nina yelled at her

the one who had spoiled her son and groomed his twisted personality. Who else could

became angrier when she heard that. She started slapping and clawing at

to dodge, but several bloody gashes appeared on

needs a lot of money. Now that you're not a virgin anymore, you've become worthless. If you've already slept with a man, why not do it a few more times for money? Find a good place, and you'll get a lot of money every time you sleep with a man. Consider that repayment for my many years of raising

at Anna's materialistic face. Her hand was burning as she clutched onto

could not hold back her tears

mother had asked her to sleep with other men for money. What a

the crumpled check at Anna's face and said sarcastically, "You want me to sleep with a man for money, right? I hope this is enough for

stomped toward her room, enduring the pain that came from her lower

Chapter 298 Bianca Narrowly Won and Stepped On Dollar Bills As She Left!

After cashing in the check, Anna was on cloud nine.

She had expected the check to be a dud, but she did not expect that the bank staff took it respectfully and transferred the amount to her account without a hitch.

Anna withdrew 100,000 dollars in cash and kept the rest in her account.

On the way back, she took the cab for the first time.

Sitting in the cab, Anna thought that she was in a dream. She realized that she was awake after pinching herself several times.

The cab driver stole several glances at Anna when she was pinching herself while holding a bulging black handbag.

Anna hugged her snakeskin handbag close. "What are you looking at? Focus on your driving!" When she opened her mouth, her shrewish and miserly temperament was laid bare.

She was afraid that the cab driver might snatch her handbag.

Anna did not know where her daughter had gotten that much money, but that was none of her business. She did not care if her daughter was sleeping with other men for money, as long as she had money to spend, i

to cook some delicious food for her daughter and gain her favor. If her daughter would give her more money, she could perhaps use it to line the pockets of the

cab driver smiled and shook his head. He was not going to argue with that

the road was under construction and was

was still cursing when she arrived at the

know how to drive, you mongrel?" She

had a sharp tongue, and she could spew out curses for an entire day without repeating herself. The pedestrians that walked in and out of the neighborhood entrance looked at her as though they were looking at a monster. They would rather stay away from that uncivilized

just arrived at the neighborhood and happened to hear Anna's loud cursing

made her frown. She was not expecting to meet Anna at the

would have ignored Anna, but Anna was Nina's mother. All she could do was brace herself and walk toward the woman, "Madam, is Nina at

Anna was unhappy that someone had interjected her tirade. When she turned around and saw that it was Bianca, the fires of anger in her heart *surged!*

"Why are you here? Isn't it enough that you've ruined my son, and now you want to ruin my daughter?" Anna **shrieked**.

She had the urge to stab the cheap woman in front of her with a knife.

Her son would not have gone to prison if not **for her!**

"**Madam**, Jean deserved to go to prison. If he didn't do anything wrong, why would he be arrested? I'm here to visit Nina and not to argue with you," Bianca said impassively and continued to walk toward the **neighborhood**.

Before Bianca broke up with Jean, Anna had readily believed what was told to her by the gossips in the neighborhood and thought that Bianca had a sugar daddy elsewhere. Not only had Anna fought with her, but she had harbored the illicit affair between Jean and Marie. Bianca's impression of Anna was wholly **negative**.

However, Bianca did not intend to do anything to that woman, seeing that she was Nina's mother. She wanted to avoid Anna as much **as possible**.

Even though Bianca thought so, Anna was unrelenting.

She stepped in Bianca's way and, forgetting that it was bulging with cash, whirled her snakeskin handbag to hit Bianca. "Leave now, you ruinous wench! We don't welcome you! Jean was devoted to you, but you conspired with other people and sent him to prison... Have you forgotten who was the one who stayed beside you when you were overseas? Not only are you not grateful to my son, but you've falsely accused him of a crime. Why don't you go and die, you heartless woman? Nina was an idiot to have believed you! Get lost now! I don't want you to ruin *our family!*"

shrew that she was, cursed and

to block and dodge, but her strength was no match for Anna, who was stronger because she was used to doing menial chores. Several long and red scratch marks appeared on Bianca's

of the onlookers dared to pull them

who lived in the neighborhood knew that Anna was an unreasonable shrew. She was unstoppable whenever she was on one of her rampages. No one was willing to put themselves

looked at Bianca with pity, wondering why would that beautiful woman cross that crazy

could not take it anymore. She grabbed Anna's hands with all her might and shouted angrily, "That's enough! I won't go easy

was almost foaming at the mouth when she looked at Bianca's pure face that reminded her of her son currently suffering

pointed at Bianca's nose and cursed, "You loose woman, when you were together with my son, you had an affair with a wealthy man, and you caused my son to go to prison. How dare you show up at my house now? Where did you get the gall to do

started whispering when they heard what Anna said. They even regarded

Chapter 299 Lanie Gave Daddy A Thumbs-Up!

Bianca was not able to meet Nina. She was not relieved.

However, she was helpless against Anna. Anna bore a deep-seated grudge against Bianca, and there was no way she was reasonable enough to listen to Bianca. However, Anna was nevertheless Nina's mother, and she could not do anything to her.

Bianca thought of Sue.

If Sue went to visit Nina, Anna would have no excuse to drive her daughter's colleague away, as unreasonable as she might be.

Bianca gave a call to Sue, tactfully saying that Nina had fallen sick.

Bianca also explained that Nina's mother bore a grudge against her, and it was not convenient for her to go and visit, which was why she asked Sue to visit Nina on her behalf.

She did not tell Sue about what actually happened to Nina. After all, no woman would want other people to know that they were abducted and violated.

Sue agreed to it immediately and promised that she would visit Nina after work. She also asked Bianca to send her Nina's address.

Bianca was physically and mentally tired when she arrived at her apartment.

changed into her slippers, went into the bathroom, and took a hot water shower. Her neck stung when the hot water splashed on the scratches. She did not treat her injuries, thinking that those scratches were nothing compared to what Nina

Bianca slowly closed her eyes...

It was all Xavier's fault!

did not know why he was so obsessed with her. Not only had he harmed her, but he had also harmed her best friend. That was unforgivable, even if she killed him with her own

was brewing in

Luke came back with the two children, he saw Old Master Crawford sitting in the living room, holding his walking stick, and with a gloomy expression on his

usual, his mother Allison wore impeccable make-up, inadvertently flaunting a new pair of crystal bracelets to

unpleasant expression was filled with envy

was sitting seriously on the couch, a far cry from his usual carefree

He shot a glance at Luke when the latter stepped in through the door, as though saying, "Bad news, Luke! Grandpa knows about the scandalous post on Xeddit. Careful of his **anger!**"

Luke ignored his brother's sign and patted the two **children's heads**.

The two children happily ran toward their great-grandfather and greeted him, which made Old Master Crawford instantly delighted. He nearly forgot that he was going to interrogate his eldest **grandson**.

Susan snorted and started to speak sarcastically, "You've finally decided to come back! Everyone on the Internet knows that Young Master Crawford has beat up his cousin and claimed his cousin-in-law! As the saying goes, like mother, like son. The Crawford family reputation is in ruins now. Shouldn't you say something about **this, Father?**"

Allison was unhappy when she heard that. She frowned and said, "Can you believe that nonsense you read on the Internet, Susan? Everyone knows how outstanding my son is and how much he has contributed to the family. Why would he flirt with another woman? It's that shameless Bianca Rayne that's pestering my Luke!" "Your son is involved in a major scandal, Allison Tanner. Not only you're not reflecting upon your failed education, but you're still making excuses. Aren't you shameless? Of course you are, and your son is just as shameless as you!" "Of course. My son isn't as delicate as your son. Who could be a better decadent than your son? I'm not exaggerating if I say that Second Young Master Crawford would poke anything that moves. He sleeps with a different woman every night, and he will eventually die on the bed of another woman," Allison retorted *mercilessly*.

Susan, being born in a wealthy family, was no match for Allison when it came to hurling insults!

*She shook with anger and wondered how Zachary had his eye on such an **uncultured woman**.*

*She was secretly delighted that Allison had revealed her **vulgar side**!*

Louis was speechless.

only sitting there not doing anything, but he was not spared

Master Crawford had a headache when he saw his two daughters-in-law arguing with each other. He wanted to drive them away from

slammed one end of his walking stick on the floor and assumed an authoritative air. "That's enough! If you want to argue, go

and Allison immediately shut up when they saw that Old Master Crawford was angry. However, the hidden resentment in their eyes

calmly sat down on the couch, Old Master Crawford did not beat around the bush and instead started his interrogation. "Luke, are the rumors on the Internet about you, Bianca, and Xavier true? Is it true that Bianca and Xavier are a couple, but you interfered and snatched the

was discontented. She spoke up for her son. "How could that be, Father? Luke's qualifications are so much better than Xavier's. Why would he need to ruin their marriage? Moreover, you can tell that Bianca is a loose woman. She's born and raised in an insignificant family, and she's embarrassingly petty. She must be the one who tried to flirt with

a glance at his son. Luke was mature and dependable, and many daughters of wealthy families dreamed of marrying him. Even Leia Norman, the daughter of the Provincial Committee Secretary, was smitten with him. That showed how attractive her

matter what happened, Allison would not allow the lowly Bianca to claim her son's

Are you talking about yourself? I wonder if you've forgotten about how lowly you were back then. How dare you criticize other people?"

Chapter 300 This Is Luke's Request. I Can't Say No.

Old Master Crawford was furious when he heard Luke say that he would not marry anyone except Bianca. He knocked his walking stick on his grandson's body. "You ingrate! Do you really intend to marry

that disreputable woman? Have you ever considered what that would do to the reputation of the Crawford family? Do you want us to be the joke of A City?"

Luke stood straight. The words that came from his mouth made Old Master Crawford angrier than ever. "What reputation do we currently have, Grandfather?"

He glanced at his mother and Susan sitting on the couch, and his implications were clear.

The atmosphere became tense.

Was there any other man in modern society that married two concurrent wives?

Old Master Crawford struggled to catch his breath when he heard what Luke said. Louis, sitting beside him, gently patted his grandfather's back. "Grandpa, the doctor says that you shouldn't get angry. You'll have to control your temper. Otherwise, you'll have to stay in the hospital for a few days again... ouch!

Old Master Crawford whacked Louis's head with his walking stick, which caused him to wail in pain and look at his grandfather resentfully.

The old man glanced at Louis ferociously, indicating his sour mood. "Just keep your mouth shut. Your brother angers me, but you're not an angel either. You have a scandal with a celebrity every other day. Do you think that I can't control you because I'm old and useless?" "..." Louis was speechless.

'Aren't we talking about Luke here? Why are you disciplining me?"

could not hold back her anger when she saw that her precious son was reprimanded. "That's not the case, Father. Who's the one who keeps Louis away from the business? Luke handles everything in T Corporation, while Louis only has a decorative general manager title. Louis is unhappy about this preferential treatment, and that's why he has to pursue pleasure outside. Can you blame him? If Louis takes over

was indignant whenever she thought

son should have been the heir of the Crawford family business, but the son of that wretched woman Allison took over the reins instead. That had been a sore spot for over so many years. To her, all of the riches of the Crawford family should belong to Louis, and Allison and her illegitimate son should be driven out of the

was instantly annoyed when his mother suggested that he should go into business. "I'm not meant for business, Mom. T Corporation will go up in flames in a matter of days if I take over the reins, and I don't want to singlehandedly bankrupt the family. Don't even mention me taking over T Corporation again. Otherwise, I won't come

gloated as she looked at Susan and her

what if Susan was the legitimate wife? She had a

Master Crawford knew that he had let Susan and her

was not interested in inheriting the family business, and he did not have the acumen and assertiveness to lead

man had let Louis take over several subsidiary companies. However, Louis did not have the talent in business management. As expected, those businesses went bankrupt one

not imagine what would happen if he let Louis take the helm of T Corporation. The company might eventually cease to

"Enough talk. Louis, from tomorrow on, you'll learn business management from your brother. I don't want to see you wasting your life away!" Old Master Crawford sighed and said *authoritatively*.

Louis wailed. "That can't be, Grandpa! You want me to work? I don't think I'm ready for it..." "You're twenty-seven years old, not a child! All you know is play. Should I beat some sense into you?"

Louis immediately shut his mouth when he saw that his grandfather was about to throw his walking stick **at him**.

Why does Grandpa like to get violent without provocation? He should change his bad habit!'

Luke watched the interaction impassively. He was used to watching arguments in **the household**.

Being with Bianca felt more like a family. His gaze turned gentle when he thought of *Bianca*.

"Grandfather, Mother, I will proclaim my resolve here and now. I will not marry any woman other than Bianca Rayne, regardless of what you think."

Then, Luke took the two children upstairs.

The atmosphere in the living room was stifling. He did not want to linger there for too *long*.

Master Crawford was preparing to vent his disagreement, but Luke had left the scene just like that. His body shook with

frowned. He looked at the furious Old Master Crawford, then turned to speak to Louis. "Louis, call Johann and get him to nurse Grandfather back to

was thunderously dark when Bianca

automatically rejected the repulsive thought that Bianca would be her daughter-in-law. She would not allow that to

In the cafe.

usual, Walter was dressed in a business suit, leather shoes, and a pair of gold-rimmed glasses. His gentlemanly presence attracted a lot of attention from the young women around

fingers rhythmically tapped on the table. He might look calm and composed, but deep down, he was

not believe it when he received a call from Shandra. He thought that she was pulling a prank

was only when he saw Shandra walk into the cafe, still as cold and aloof in his memories, that he believed that Shandra was

no see." Shandra sat down opposite him. Her gaze on Walter was calm and collected, hiding the hatred that she felt for

