

Be Gentle 301

Chapter 301 Luke Could Instantly Guess the Reason

CEO's office, T Corporation.

"Mr. Crawford, I cannot be Ms. Rayne's defense lawyer in her divorce case.

I'm sorry." Walter stood in front of Luke's desk. His face was scrunched up.

He was wracked with guilt for having declined Luke's request. After all, he enjoyed his current fame because of Luke.

Walter carefully glanced at Luke.

Luke was sitting casually on his chair. The sunlight that shone into the office from the floor-to-ceiling window highlighted his sculpted features.

He took a puff from a cigarette. Amid the swirling clouds of smoke, his slightly furrowed brows indicated his displeasure.

"Reason?" Luke flicked his cigarette. His harsh face showed no emotion.

"Shandra is back." Walter's expression was unreadable. "I've owed her too much. She even... removed her womb because of me. I didn't know that I'd caused her so much damage. I've always wanted to repay the debt, but she never lets me. She's too prideful to ask for anything from me, except this time..." "Shandra Cullen is Xavier's defense lawyer?" Luke instantly got to the point.

Walter clenched his right

about what happened between Walter and

a prideful individual. She was an outstanding lawyer, and she had made a name for herself for her penchant for engaging in

was never particular about her cases. She accepted any case for the right price, even if her client was a notorious criminal. That was why she had a mixed reputation

"Mr. Crawford, I have already contacted Mr. Irving Scott of Viva Law Firm. He usually handled international cases and is renowned inside and outside of the country. I know him quite well, and he has agreed to take over Ms. Rayne's divorce case. This is his

a folder containing information about Irving Scott

not read it immediately. He furrowed his brows, seeming to ponder

Mr. Scott shall handle the divorce case," he

Walter breathed a sigh of relief.

However, Luke's next words made Walter nervous again. "You should find some closure between you and Shandra. You might accept her demands this time, but what about next time, or after that? The rules of this world are harsh. No one would unconditionally comply with her, *unlike you.*"

Walter was on his way out of the office. He paused in his footsteps for a brief moment, let out a sigh, and went out through *the door*.

Leia was having dinner with her parents when she received the call from the **detective agency**.

She glanced nervously at her parents, saw that they were having small talk with each other, and went to the balcony before she answered the *call*.

Queenie handed a chicken wing to Jack while she noticed her daughter was acting secretly. "I say, Jack, do you see that? Our daughter has her little secrets now. She must be answering a call from her crush." "Leia isn't young anymore," Jack replied, "She should be already finding a partner in marriage and leave the entertainment industry as soon as possible. A woman should stay at home and take care of the children.

Jack was a chauvinist. He could not understand the mind of a woman. To him, he pursued whatever he liked without beating around the bush.

That was how he had courted Queenie.

Their relationship bloomed without any incident. In fact, their courtship did not last for long before they *married*.

Queenie was intelligent, considerate, and gentle. It was Jack's ideal personality, and he had devoted everything **to her**.

might be an important politician, but he was also loving toward his

did not fully agree with what Jack said. If not for him, she would have fulfilled her dreams by venturing into the

did not offer a retort. Instead, she said, "You've seen our daughter's crush before, and I've also seen his photo on the magazines she bought. He looks handsome in the photos. How does he look like in real life? He should be an outstanding individual for being able to manage a

worried that Luke in the magazine might look different in real

all, it was not surprising if the photos

visibly excited when Luke was mentioned. "Doni worry about that. Luke is indeed as handsome as our Leia is pretty. The only thing is that he has two five-year-old children..." "The children won't be an obstacle if he has an eye for our Leia. In fact, the children might become a catalyst to deepen their affection toward each other. Leia is a gentle girl, and I believe she should adore children. If she can't take care of them, she can send the children here. I'm very willing to take care of them

suffered heavy bleeding when she was in labor. Not only had she lost her child in her womb, but it had also caused her to be infertile. That had always been a psychological burden to

knew how eager she was to bear a child. Every time she walked on the street, she would have the urge to hug every cute child she

they chatted, Leia ended the call and returned from the

Chapter 302 Queenie's Birth Daughter Is Still Alive!

Leia was disguised in a thick woolen cap, a wide scarf, a mask, and a pair of sunglasses. No one could tell that the woman dressed up in bulky clothes was the slender and beautiful female celebrity on television.

She went into a private room. A man in his thirties with high cheekbones was already waiting for her inside.

He had a full beard on his face, and though he might seem hostile, one could tell that he was not a bad guy from the sparkle in his eyes.

Leia sat down on a chair and asked, "Did you find anything? Are there any updates?"

She had been extremely worried over the past few days. What if her adopted mother's birth daughter appeared out of nowhere and took over her position in the Norman family?

The bearded man pushed a stack of documents in front of her. "We've found something. There are records from the hospital when your mother was giving birth, as well as the name lists and current statuses of the doctors and nurses that were working during the delivery. Your mother's birth daughter... is still alive." i

That final sentence was like a thunderbolt out of the blue that split Leia into two!

Her hands that were holding the document started trembling. 'What... what did you say? My mother's birth daughter is still alive? Where is she?'

eyes were filled with viciousness, which shocked the

was startled when she saw how shocked the bearded man was. She calmed down and said, "My adopted parents have missed their daughter for very long. They'll be very happy if they find out that their birth daughter is still alive. Please find my sister for me, and let me know as soon as you find her. I wonder how much she has suffered over these years. If we can find her, we can make it up

man seemed to be moved by her speech, but he did not say

earnest flashed eyes flashed with cunning, and he said, "Do you know how hard it is to investigate something from more than twenty years ago, Ms. Norman? My agency has expended a lot of time, money, and energy to find the information that you're reading now. We don't have any news about your sister yet, but we should be able to find her whereabouts if

man rubbed the thumb and index finger of his right hand back

knew what the man was trying to imply. "Don't worry. If you can find my adopted parents' birth daughter, you will be very

that celebrities in the entertainment industry made a lot of money. Even an endorsement deal could earn them far more money than a normal person would make in their

not the most famous celebrity, but she had an influential father, and she had made a lot of money from various film shoots and

Leia took out her phone and transferred a sum of money to the **bearded man**.

The bearded man smiled. "You're very generous, Ms. Norman. Your sister would be very happy if she knew that she has a sister as kind **as you.**"

Leia smiled but did not say *anything*.

Her parents' birth daughter had disappeared for so many years. Why would she suddenly appear? She could not let that woman appear in front of her parents' eyes, much less snatch her position in the **family away!**

Bianca, Lanie, and Rainie nestled on the couch, looking through the photo prints from the theme park excursion.

The two children were more excited than Bianca. As they looked through the album, they picked out each other's funny faces captured **on film.**

Rainie pointed at one of the photos featuring Lanie and said to *Bianca*,

Look at Big Bro's ugly face here, Mommy. He's surrounded by so many little girls, but he's not smiling at all! See, isn't he **ugly?**"

glanced at the photo

son was surrounded by a crowd of cute little girls. They were tugging his shirt, and some were even reaching out for his hands. Lanie seemed to be disgusted by their presence and wanted to push them away. That was when the photo was

camera had perfectly captured the sneer on

was slightly worried. If her son was already so attractive when he was so young, would he be constantly swamped by women when he

was worried that her son might be too

was not happy when his mother and sister were laughing at him. He skimmed through the album and found several photos of Rainie. One was of her sobbing because she was afraid of heights, another was when she was pulling a funny face, and another was when she

Rainie is so ugly in these photos!" He started to make fun of his sister with his childish voice. "She's already five years old, but she's still afraid of heights! Looks, she's pulling an ugly face here..." "Hmph! I might be ugly, but you're my brother, and so you're ugly too!" Rainie pulled her cheeks and stuck out her

a different sort of bliss when she observed her

Chapter 303 Daddy, Why Are You Eating Mommy's Mouth?

Luke did not know how to answer those questions.

Since when was there a pair of lace panties in his car?

Luke wracked his mind, but he could not think of anything.

Had was a clean freak, so no stray article of clothing should have appeared in his car. Moreover, not many women traveled in his car. He could only think of his mother, Bianca, and Rainie.

Rainie was still a child, and she would not be wearing lace panties.

Bianca could see that he was confused. "I found it under a car seat in the black Bentley when I was looking for Rainie's English textbook... it was a pair of black lace panties."

Bianca stood up, went to the room, and retrieved the evidence.

The existence of the black lace panties had always been a thorn on Bianca's side.

If she did not ask him, she would always be suspicious of him.

Luke remained confused. "Aren't those panties yours? Did you buy them and leave them in the car?" "Would I have asked you the question if the panties are mine?" Bianca asked.

Luke sank deep in thought.

'Also, when you were in Western Europe dealing with the Regal PR crisis, I called you that night, but a woman answered the call. She said that you were taking a shower and asked me who I

Luke furrowed his brows slightly.

he remembered that Mavis had asked him to stop at a convenience store on the way back from the dinner. She rushed inside and bought some toiletries. Did she stuff the lace panties under the seat

thought of that possibility, his dark irises flashed with a

were the case, then Ms. Laviere would have disappointed

only that, no one should have touched his phone or answered calls on his behalf without

was in Western Europe, only Ms. Laviere had entered his room. However, the position of his phone and the call records did not indicate that anyone had picked up his

tell from Bianca's eyes that she was not lying. He also believed that Bianca would not joke about such a serious matter. If either one of the two incidents happened, it might only be an accident. However, if both incidents happened not too far apart from each other, there was reasonable ground for suspicion. Someone must be behind

Ms. Laviere was a workaholic. She was focused on her work, and even though many outstanding men tried to court her, she had rejected all their

Luke did not think that Mavis would be interested in a man that did not show any interest in *her*.

After all, he did not show any interest in anything other than work or Bianca.

If Mavis was indeed the person behind both incidents, what was her motivation for doing **so**?

Of course, if that were part of Mavis's schemes, Luke would be sending her overseas for a long **time**.

Luke hugged Bianca's waist while she was not paying attention and pulled her into his arms.

Bianca felt uneasy when she did not know the truth yet. She was just about to protest, but her eyes met with Luke's profound *gaze*...

"What... are you doing? The children are *here*."

Luke's lips were pressed on Bianca's sensitive earlobes, which made her *tremble uncontrollably*.

She stole a glance at Lanie and Rainie. The children were focused on building a castle with building blocks and did not pay attention to what was happening between their parents. However, she remained *embarrassed*.

"**Don't be** like that, Luke..." Bianca spoke, but her voice was low and *hoarse*.

Luke pinched her chin harder and looked at her as though he was going to draw her into his eyes. "Do you trust me, Bianca? I really have no idea that those things happened, but I'll investigate it thoroughly and give you a satisfactory answer. You should know that I don't need much from you other than your truth. Do you **understand**?"

stared at Luke's earnest,

in his eyes was like a pool of water. She could not help but soften

Was that love?

Luke. When she was with him, she hoped that she could be a sloth, so that she could cling onto Luke at all times. However, if she lost her identity in the pursuit of love, she would only become a

tried to change herself so that she did not have to cling to Luke

took a deep breath and looked into Luke's eyes. "I trust you. I don't regret the things I've done with you, including what we're doing now. However, I only hope that we can support each other. I won't hurt you, and I expect that you don't hurt me as well. It'll be hard for us to forgive

his lips tightly together when he heard those

shocked him. He finally understood that a woman's heart was frail and delicate, no matter how strong a front she might put

would not forgive him if he betrayed

gently grasped Bianca's fair wrist and squeezed it. He caressed her soft hair and said only one word,

Chapter 304 Who Knows What Luke Is Thinking?

Lanie got excited when he thought about that possibility.

He might be a boy, but like Rainie, he loved sweet stuff. Mommy's lips looked really sweet, and Daddy seemed to be enjoying them. He wanted to taste if the candy in Mommy's mouth was delicious.

Lanie was a smart boy, but he was too young to know what kissing was. The only explanation he could come up with was that Daddy was eating candy from Mommy's mouth.

"I want to eat the candy in your mouth too, Mommy. What flavor is it?" Rainie also skipped next to Bianca and stared at her lips.

"N... No, we're not eating candy." Bianca was embarrassed. She did not know how to explain it to her children.

She glared at Luke, who responded with a helpless expression.

When they were in the mood, they would not notice that their children were there!

It was not the first time that the children had interrupted their intimate moments. It was a drag having to make sure that the children were not looking before they made out.

That made Luke decide that two children were enough.

more of those precocious brats would be a

and Rainie stared curiously at their parents, wondering if their words were to be

crouched on the floor, brought her eyes to the children's level, and tried to explain to them. "Just now, Daddy was kissing Mommy, just like how I always kiss your cheeks. It's an expression of love, and it shows that Daddy loves Mommy very much. Do you

Rainie were precocious. Lanie's big eyes rolled around, and he soon understood what Mommy

Daddy kissed Mommy was different from how Mommy kissed them. However, he was nonetheless happy that Daddy loved Mommy in a

how you show your love, Mommy? When we grow older, can Big Bro and I kiss like that?" Rainie

Daddies and Mommies can...' Bianca

expression sank. He picked up Rainie like picking up a kitten and brought her to the bedroom. "You haven't finished your homework today, right? Be a good girl and stay in your room to finish your homework. Otherwise, there'll be no dinner for

wriggled in Luke's hand. "Hmph! You only know how to threaten me

nonetheless relented and obediently did

After all, she loved eating, and nothing could come in between her and food.

Lanie pulled a long face. He snuggled on Bianca's lap and looked at Luke *unhappily*.

When Luke turned around, he hugged Bianca even **more tightly**.

"*What are* you doing, Lanie Crawford?" Luke looked at the little boy in confusion.

Lanie looked at Luke with some hostility in his eyes. "Don't kiss Mommy anymore!" "Why?" Luke was curious.

Lanie glared at him angrily. "Look! Mommy's lips are all swollen now. It must be very painful."

When he saw Daddy kissing Mommy earlier, he did not notice that Mommy's lips were **swollen**.

Even if Daddy loved Mommy, he should not have made her *lips swollen!*

Luke glanced at Bianca's swollen and supple lips, then at Lanie. "It doesn't hurt. Your Mommy likes it that way."

Bianca ignored Luke's teasing and hugged Lanie more tightly. She silently swore that she would keep the kids away when they made **out**.

his foot when he saw that Mommy did not reply. "You're lying, Daddy! Shame on you for lying to children! Mommy is sad; she doesn't like you treating her so

rolled his eyes at his son, but when his gaze floated over to Bianca, he looked at her charmingly. "Do you think that Mommy is sad? The more Daddy treats Mommy that way, the more I love

that Daddy's gaze was detestable, as though he was

little boy took a deep breath and hugged Lanie's neck with his meaty arms. "I'll protect you, Mommy. Bad Daddy won't be so rude to you anymore. Your lips are swollen, and it must hurt when you eat. How do you reduce the swelling?" i "My lips don't hurt, Lanie. Daddy isn't bullying Mommy. You have to trust Daddy that he loves Mommy as much as you do." Bianca felt warmth in her heart when she saw that the little boy cared so much for

two caring and intelligent children were her most treasured gifts from

visibly relieved, but his face was still scrunched up. "Daddy, I'll forgive you this time because Mommy said so. I won't go so easy on you

at the little boy

turned to look at Bianca, and his gaze turned as gentle as a

felt a lot better when he saw that. Then, he ran into the

to have a lot to tell Mommy, so he would not disturb

Chapter 305 Ruthless Annihilation!

Hilton Hotel.

He knew from his sister Allison that his nephew Luke was in a business meeting at the hotel and rushed there instantly.

He waited patiently until the meeting was over and instantly saw Luke in his business suit walking out of the hotel escorted by a group of elites.

Every one of those people was outstanding, but Luke's dominating presence and impeccable face made him stand out from the crowd.

"Luke," Daniel called out to him.

Luke noticed his uncle and waved at the elites.

The other people knew that it was their time to disperse. Only Luke and Daniel were left in the lobby.

"Is there something, Uncle Daniel?" Luke asked, even though he knew why his uncle was there.

"Can you tell me where I have offended you, Luke? Are you planning to ruin my company? What can I do to make you spare Tanner Corporation?" Daniel spoke humbly to Luke so that he could save his life's work.

In only a few days, Daniel's elderly countenance became more haggard than ever.

was facing a life-and-death crisis. He would bow to his junior if that was what it took to save his company. However, he could not understand why T Corporation would be attacking

"You shouldn't be looking for me today, Uncle Daniel. If you want to know the reason why, you should ask that precious son

Xavier signed the divorce agreement and promised that he would not bother Bianca anymore, he might have forgiven Tanner Corporation because they were

would have annihilated Tanner Corporation if not that Daniel was

had overstepped his boundaries this time, and Luke acted at the fastest speed to cripple

popped a vein when he heard that his son was the cause." Xavier? What did that good-for-nothing scoundrel do

had always caused

hired someone to spread false information on the internet and had severely damaged mine and Bianca's reputation. More than that, he had involved Lanie and Rainie in it. The children are still young, and they are innocent. If you don't want Xavier to make any more mistakes, I would advise that you discipline him before I do that

burned out by the information he received from

It was his son again.

He leaned against a Roman column and barely managed to stay upright." You're attacking Tanner Corporation because of Bianca Rayne?"

Luke nodded.

"*How* can you treat your uncle like that, Luke? Why would you attack your relative just because of an outsider?" Daniel was in *disbelief*.

Daniel had always been impressed by Luke's outstanding capabilities.

However, why would the usually reasonable Luke be so stubborn about a woman?

More than that, why would he attack his uncle's company just because of a *woman*?

Daniel did not expect that his junior had defeated his decades of experience running a **business**.

It had been almost thirty years since he started Tanner Corporation. How could it be crippled by Luke, the rising star of the business world, in a matter *of days*?

"I'll give you twenty-four hours, Uncle Daniel. You might be able to save your company if Xavier signs the divorce agreement. Otherwise, you can't blame me for being ruthless." After saying that, Luke walked around Xavier and went away, i

With trembling hands, Daniel made a phone call *to Allison*.

Old Master Crawford went to play chess with his friends, Susan went to visit her parents, and Louis was having fun somewhere. Only Allison, her son, and a middle-aged female caretaker remained in *Crawford Manor, i*

sitting on an antique rosewood stool. Her expression was extremely

front of her was a cup of tea, and opposite the coffee table

Luke knew that his mother had summoned him back home to reprimand him. He ignored her

almost losing her temper. "Don't call me Mother. I don't have an ingrate for a son! Daniel is your uncle. Why would you attack his company?" "Uncle Daniel's management style is old-fashioned, and he has made many bad decisions. He is stubborn and doesn't listen to

Corporation has been losing money, and its internal accounts are a mess. Even if I don't do anything to them, they won't last for a few more years..." Luke

furious. "I don't want to hear all that. In any case, I don't want you laying a finger on your uncle's

did not quite understand what her son was talking about, but she was quite protective of her brother, though it was more because of

was born and raised in a small family that was neither rich nor influential. Using her seductive looks and relying on Zachary Crawford, she found her position among society's elite and brought prosperity to the

was only when Allison entered the upper echelons of society that she found out that most socialite wives came from wealthy families. With the support from their families, they did not get bullied by

Corporation thrived with her help, but it was a small fry compared to truly wealthy corporations. Susan had always looked down upon the

Chapter 306 In An Act of Impulse, She Kissed Him

Leia's mannerisms were elegant. Each of her movements exuded charm." Long time no see, Aunt Allison."

She said gingerly when she saw that Luke was also there. "You're here too,

Mr. Crawford..."

Luke nodded at her as a courtesy.

Allison stood up and greeted her warmly. "Make yourself at home, Leia. You're not at work now, so why are you calling him Mr. Crawford? You can call him Luke." "That's not very appropriate, right?" Leia was talking to Allison, but her shy gaze drifted to Luke.

Allison held Leia's slender hand and said excitedly, "It's just a name. I don't think he's so petty that he wouldn't want someone else to call him by his first name! I was wondering why haven't you come to visit me for more than a week, and now you're here."

Luke subconsciously frowned.

He did not know that Leia had become so close with his mother.

Leia's impeccable face blushed when she heard Allison's words. "I'm here to deliver you a present, Aunt Allison. Do you remember the ruby tiara that we saw at the jeweler's the last time we went shopping, and it was out of stock? I was there two days ago, and they've brought in some new designs. I saw one that was similar to the one that you like, and so I bought it for you."

took out an intricate wooden box and handed it to

opened it and saw that it was the exact ruby tiara that she

tiara had a flower-and-leaf motif and was adorned with pearls and rhinestones. Every gem was sparkling and clear while the pearls were gleaming. It looked extravagant but

Allison adored the tiara.

not be too well-versed with manners and etiquette, but she knew how to dress up. If she did not open her mouth, she would pass for a

stroked the tiara and said emotionally, "You're so considerate, Leia. I'd die happy if Luke were half as considerate as

smiled sweetly. 'I'm sure that Luke loves you very much, Aunt Allison. He's probably busy with his work, and he doesn't have that much time to accompany

relieved when she

the tiara on her immaculately permed hair and asked Leia, "How do I look,

Allison was currently wearing a dark-blue handmade gown at that moment. She might be in her fifties, but her entire get-up made her look classic and noble. One could see how beautiful she was in her **younger days**.

"The tiara looks very good on you, Aunt Allison. Your gown looks fabulous too..." **Leia praised**.

Allison could not stop grinning. "You have a silver tongue, Leia. I'd be overjoyed if I have a daughter like you. Luke bought this gown for my birthday a few months ago." "Luke has good taste, Aunt Allison," Leia continued to heap on the flattery. "I wouldn't have been able to pick a gown that would match **your personality**."

"If you like it, I'll get Luke to buy another gown for you," Allison *said*.

Leia shyly lowered her head and said **nothing**.

Allison did not stop dressing down Luke. "I'd rather give birth to a daughter. See how considerate Leia can be? She remembers what I like and came here to give it to me. What can you do other than make **me angry?**"

Luke did not reply. He leaned back on the couch and silently watched the financial news on *the television*.

While Leia chatted with Allison, her eyes occasionally stole glances at Luke. The infatuation in her eyes was *evident*.

Allison knew what the young woman was thinking, and she did not call her out. They continued chatting for a long *time*.

that it was getting late, Leia got up and

drizzling outside, and the north wind was blowing. Stepping out of the warm house, Leia was suddenly plunged into a bone-chilling cold. Allison wanted Leia to stay the night, but Leia knew that her father would not be happy if she did not

tried to create an opportunity for her son. "I won't be at ease if Leia has to go home in such terrible weather. Why don't you send her

might be cold, but the city remained bustling. Many cars traveled on the expressway, though the traffic was slightly lighter than

Manor was at the east of the city. It was about an hour's drive away from Leia's

very excited as she sat in the heated

looked at the noble gentleman at the wheel and said softly, "Thank you for sending me home." "Don't mention it," Luke

expression darkened when he saw the heavy traffic in front of

wrong with everyone? Why is everyone out on the road despite the terrible

Chapter 307 Luke Is Ruthless When He's Angry!

Late at night.

Xavier called Pierre and asked him, 'You've released Nina?' "My brother called to tell me to let her go, and I can't disobey him. Don't worry, I've already taken her nude photos. Just let me know if you need any help," Pierre said lazily.

"Whatever. We'll talk later.' Xavier hung up the call unhappily.

Nina was an important pawn in his plan. He could use her to threaten Bianca. Now that he had lost a pawn, his power over Bianca decreased.

Luke was closing in on his family business as though he wanted to raze Tanner Corporation to the ground. That had troubled him greatly.

He had ended the call when his phone suddenly rang again.

He frowned hard when he saw the call notification. It was from his father. There could be no good news.

Xavier did not want to pick up the call, but the phone continued to ring.

With no other choice, he braced himself and answered the call. "Hello, Dad

"How many problems must you bring me, you scoundrel?" Daniel's angry voice could be heard over the phone. 'Don't you know what you have done? How dare you oppose Luke? You ought to know that he's ruthless when it comes to business!' "Why are you always scolding me, Dad? He's the one at fault,' Xavier retorted impatiently.

felt his chest tighten when he heard Xavier's retort. "I was wondering why the company is under attack later. I went to meet Luke and he told me that it's because of that Bianca woman. Cant you be a little more considerate to me, Xavier? Why must you fight with Luke over that woman?" "That's not entirely correct, Dad. I'm not fighting with him over that

to snatch her away from me. My marriage with Bianca is entirely legal and protected by law. Luke is the one who is trying to separate us. You should know who is right and who is wrong." Xavier

you stop opposing him, my son? You're not his match. Listen to your dad and divorce Bianca. You're still young, and you can find a better woman. If Luke wants that woman, let him have

sighed. "Do you really want to see the company that I've built up over the past three decades fall

on the couch as he talked to Xavier. He seemed older by ten

Lacey also sighed.

atmosphere in the cavernous mansion

looked at his son's portrait that hung on the wall. He had been handsome since he was young, and even though he could be naughty, he nevertheless listened to his father. Now that the boy had grown up and had a mind of his own, Daniel could not control

stubborn and arrogant attitude would eventually lead him to

don't have to worry about me, Dad. I'll handle it. I'll also save the company. So that's it for now. I'm busy. Bye." Xavier immediately

Daniel was so angry that he nearly had a heart *attack*.

He channeled his anger to Lacey. "Look at how you've brought up your son! I've cleaned up his mess so many times since he was young. Because of him, the company is on the verge of ruin. If you hadn't spoiled him, he wouldn't have become *like this!*"

Lacey was exasperated when she saw that Daniel was blaming her for everything. She pointed at Daniel and cursed, "Do you have a heart, Daniel Tanner? I'm the one who spoiled our child. So you're innocent then? If not that..."

Her tirade was full of accusations against her husband.

Lacey behaved like a shrew, insulting Daniel and flinging things at him. In his frustration, Daniel left the house and slammed the door, leaving Lacey sitting on the floor and *crying*...

The caretaker gingerly stepped forward and helped her up.

At the same time, a man in his late twenties with an unshaven face nimbly inputted several commands on his computer and deftly surfed the periphery of the Internet.

"**This** is strange. Where have all my posts gone?" He mumbled *to himself*.

He tried to search for the posts that he had made for his client but could not find anything, whether he tried searching for the topic or any keywords. His connection was either interrupted, or a notification appeared, saying that his content was blocked for legal **reasons**.

The unshaven man's name was Gus Chalmers. He was a full-time writer on the Internet, and he had been hired by Xavier to write **those posts**.

studied programming in college, and he considered himself a hacker. Gus would sometimes infiltrate the internal network of a police station. He had never

why Xavier could trust him to carry out his

Gus had realized that all the posts he made for his client had disappeared. It was the first time that he was thumping hard, and he had an

was not a superstitious person. He opened his notepad and prepared to copy and paste what he wrote on Xeddit once more. However, he realized that he could not post it, even with his custom

to sweat. 'What's going on?' He

time, he received a call

wrong with you? Why have all the posts disappeared?" Xavier was exasperated. "You told me that you're a hacker as well as a writer, and that's why I gave you the job. All your posts have disappeared in a few days. You disappoint me,

Gus's face turned pale.

not know why that had happened. The matter was out of

Chapter 308 Singling Out Bianca

When Bianca went to work on Monday, she realized that her colleagues were looking at her in a variety of expressions, including sympathy, pity, disdain, and glee. Some people were whispering behind her back, but only Sue was the one who cared for her.

Sue could not take it anymore. She pulled Bianca to a corner and asked her about the post on Xeddit.

"Bianca, I've read the post, and I think that it's a false rumor. I know your character, and I don't think the woman in the post is you. Don't worry about it. You only have to focus on your work."

Bianca was moved.

She had a colleague who believed in her when everyone else was doubtful.

She said that she was fine and asked Sue about Nina.

"Nina was in low spirits. Her illness seemed to be quite serious, and she didn't talk much," Sue answered, not quite sure what was going on.

Nina used to be a positive and energetic young woman. No matter how sick she was, she had never been so lifeless.

Bianca felt guilty when she heard Sue's description. "It's all my fault..."

did not know how Nina's condition was related to

tapped Bianca's shoulder and said, "What do you mean? We all get sick at some point. Her sickness has nothing to do with you. She'll be fine after a few days' rest. Don't worry, her mother is taking care of her

completed the design, Bianca?" The department lead walked into the office when Bianca was lost

was dressed in a dark-colored woolen jacket with a V-neck. Her pale cleavage was vaguely visible

she walked, her breasts jiggled up and down, which made for an

"What design?" Bianca was confused.

tried to speak up for her. "So many things happened to Bianca lately. She's just returned from her leave.

Can you give her two more days?" "You're really not qualified to be an employee of T Corporation, Bianca!" The department lead said unhappily. "Do you think that your family owns the company, that you can come and go whenever you want? You might have taken a leave of absence, but I've sent all your tasks to your work email. Didn't you have time to check

did not reply. She knew that she had neglected her

had not been checking her work email for the past few days. She did not expect that the department lead would assign tasks to her because she was on

However, Bianca was not one to shirk off responsibilities. "I'm sorry, Madam," she said, "I didn't check my mailbox, and so I didn't see the tasks you've assigned me." "You're not dedicated to your job, Bianca," the department lead scolded loudly, "Don't you know that you should at least check your mailbox even if you're not in the office? As a designer, how could you ignore your mailbox for days?" "I'm sorry, it's all my fault. I promise that this won't happen again." Bianca kept on **apologizing**.

"What's the point of apologizing? You'll have to submit the design by tomorrow. The client has already asked for it several times. If we delay the submission because of your personal reasons, you'll have to bear all the responsibility," the department lead **said disdainfully**.

"Alright. I'll get to it now." Bianca understood that the department lead was making life difficult **for her**.

It was indeed her fault for not checking her mailbox when she had the **time**.

She took it as a lesson and reminded herself that she would not make the same **mistake again**.

Bianca opened her mailbox. Indeed, the department lead had sent her an email two days **ago**.

According to the company rules, an employee need not perform any work- related tasks while they were on leave, but the department lead was deliberately finding fault with Bianca. She had received some benefits from Mavis and was encouraged to make Bianca quit.

Adding on to the fact that the department lead was not fond of Bianca, she was all too eager to play the role of *the villain*.

Sue stole a glance at the contents of **Bianca's mailbox**.

the name of the client and instantly frowned. "Bianca, why did the department lead assign such a difficult task to a new employee like you? There are so many experienced designers in the company." "Is there a problem with the design?" Bianca

isn't with the design but with the client. Six famous designers in our company produced more than a dozen drafts for them, but not only had they rejected everything, but they also said that our designs are worthless... I handed in two drafts as well, but they're both rejected. I'm not sure what kind of design the client wants, but I don't think they ought to be nitpicking so much. Think about it, even the most famous designer in the company got rejected, and you're just a rookie..." Sue said

not say anything. She was lost in

department lead assigned the task to her, she would do her best no matter how difficult it might

ladies! Anyone here willing to make me a cup of coffee?" An attractive masculine voice was heard from outside. A moment later, the handsome Louis walked in through the

department lead saw him, she puffed up her chest and blushed." Good morning, Vice President Crawford. I'll get the coffee

Crawford might be the vice president of T Corporation, but he had nothing except for a title and seldom appeared in the company. Even so, many female employees of T Corporation admired him, not only because he had a substantial stake in the company because he was from

but also because he had a charming appearance and

Crawford was too distant and aloof. The female employees would rather fantasize about getting married

Chapter 309 Sending Shockwaves Across A City!

Soon, Bianca made a cup of coffee and served it to Louis. "This is the coffee that you requested, Vice President Crawford."

She returned to her desk and continued working seriously.

Louis took a few sips. Indeed, the coffee was fragrant and at the right temperature.

It was different from how other people made it.

Louis gestured a thumbs-up at Bianca and asked curiously, "Your skills are pretty good. Have you been a barista before?"

His appreciation toward Bianca was genuine. Not only was she beautiful and amiable, but she could also make the most delicious cup of coffee.

"For a while, yes," Bianca answered as her eyes were transfixed on the computer screen.

That was when she went overseas after giving birth to two children. Back then, she had to work part-time at a cafe to make a living even though she was suffering from depression. Before she knew it, it had already been five years.

Louis nodded and rubbed his chin as though thinking of something. "Do you know how to cook then?"

He wanted to get to know Bianca more so that he could help his elder brother.

was busy with work. She glanced at Louis and wondered if the vice president had nothing better to do than chat with her when everyone else was neck-deep with

be able to slack off because he was the vice president, but Bianca was only a

lead interjected, "Young women nowadays are so pampered, Vice President Crawford. Bianca wouldn't know how to cook, but my father is a chef in a restaurant, and I have been learning from him since I was young.

was bragging to Louis about her culinary skills, the man was standing behind Bianca, watching her sketch a design instead of listening to

lead's face contorted out of

female colleagues covered their mouths and giggled when they saw how the department lead could not gain the vice president's favor. That made the department lead feel more humiliated than

angrily at those female colleagues, turned around, and walked back to her office on her

observed Bianca, who was thoroughly focused on her

had a gentle face, but her jawline was taut when she was serious, which made her look more mature and attractive. However, he frowned when he saw what Bianca was doing on

Mr. Crawford!" Suddenly, Sue stood up and said loudly, which attracted the attention of everyone in the design

They saw Luke walk through the **door**.

The man was dressed in a black business suit which perfectly outlined his sculpted body. However, he seemed more inhospitable than usual and caused the employees around him to *shudder*.

Everyone greeted him, and Luke nodded slightly as a response.

"Make me a cup of coffee, Bianca."

He was unhappy when he noticed that Louis was bent over behind Bianca's back. After making that request, he told his younger brother to meet him in the CEO's office on the top floor, then turned around and went to *his elevator*.

Was the boss there to specifically ask for coffee or to look for his younger **brother**?

Either reason was ridiculous!

"Wait for me, Brother! Why are you so cold? No wonder everyone calls you the Cold-Faced Devil!" Louis shouted as he chased Luke **from behind**.

*The employees were quite impressed by how Louis had called Luke by **that nickname**.*

*In the CEO's office, Louis sat on the couch and said with a wide grin on his face, "That prospective wife of yours isn't too bad, Brother. She can even make good coffee too. I'd consider making up to her if not that she's **already yours**."*

remained cold. "If you can still be flirting around in the design department, you look like you have too much free time. Never mind, we need someone in East Africa to negotiate the contract. You can go there the day after

waited. "You can't do that to me, Brother! You know that I have no talent in business, so why are you sending me to that desolate place to negotiate a contract? What if I mess up?" "If you mess up, then don't come back. You can learn a lot from the branch headquarters there." "...“ Louis was

not be my elder brother. If he's my elder brother, he wouldn't have dispatched

they were chatting, Bianca was far away, making a cup of coffee for

entered the CEO's office, she heard Louis say, "Brother, she makes good coffee. Can I get her to make me a cup of coffee every day?" "Make your own coffee. Bianca only makes coffee for me." Luke did not want Bianca to make coffee with another man, even if that man might be his

aren't you a little too possessive of your future wife?" Louis flashed a cheeky smile on his handsome

"Shut up!" Luke interjected.

the coffee you requested, Mr.

placed the cup on the table and was about to leave when she heard Luke's distant yet caring voice, "Are you used to working here

I'll try my best to catch up with my colleagues," Bianca

Chapter 310 Is That Idiot In the Article Really Luke?

"How Envious! After Ten Years of Courting His Sweetheart, Luke Crawford of T Corporation Claims A Beautiful Woman and Two Cute Twins!" The title of the article from JK Media was incredibly eye-catching.

The contents of the article were incredibly cliched. However, Eugene had a gift for writing, and the subject was Luke Crawford of T Corporation. The article created shockwaves once it was published in newspapers and magazines!

The article was roughly like this: About ten years ago, Luke Crawford went to a school in a small town because of his ill health. There, he met with Bianca Rayne and fell in love at first sight.

The two young lovebirds dated each other in school and shared many good times together. Later, Luke was forced to return to A City because he had to take over the family business. However, he promised Bianca that he would take her as his wife.

Many years later, Luke had grown into a handsome man, and Bianca had become a beautiful lady. When they eventually met again, a real-life Cinderella story ensued. The couple rekindled their love once again, and they cohabitated for a period.

Unfortunately, Luke's family disapproved of the relationship because of Bianca's lowly status. Luke's mother opposed them the most and had even arranged a marriage for him while he was not at home. Together with a young woman from a wealthy family, they had forced Bianca to flee from A City.

When Bianca was leaving, she had given a call to Luke, who had just landed at the airport. He instantly rushed back, but unfortunately, he met with a car accident. Luke lost his memory because of that and forgot everything about the woman he had sworn to protect with his life.

A few months later, when they met again, Luke did not recognize Bianca. Bianca sank into despair, but she realized that she was pregnant. To show her love for Luke, she gave birth to twins and planned to raise them herself despite condemnation from the public.

However, when the Crawford family realized that Bianca had given birth to Luke's children, they mercilessly snatched them away and drove Bianca out of the country, in fear that Luke might regain his memory when he saw her and the twins, 1

described how Bianca had suffered while she was alone overseas, like how he would write the tragic backstory of the female lead in a romance

Luke might have lost the memory from the car accident, but he vaguely remembered a female figure. Eugene explained that it was why Luke did not have any desire for any other woman after

years later, the couple reunited

spent so long apart, but unfortunately, fate was not so kind to

had narrated the real-life Cinderella story as vividly as he could. The twists and turns in the couple's relationship were as cliched and moving as they

article not only appeared in the magazines and newspapers under JK Media but was also copied and shared in all major

to the article was a "family photo" of Luke, Bianca, and the kids at the theme park, as well as a video clip of the two angelic children calling out for their Daddy and

It was a touching scene.

from JK Media had garnered a lot of sympathy for Luke and Bianca's

JK Media was renowned for its unbiased and authoritative reporting. The article read like something from *a tabloid*.

However, that did not diminish the people's trust in *JK Media*.

Rather than believing a Xeddit post from an anonymous source, they would rather believe an article from a reputable media company.

Instantly, public opinion turned to support Luke and Bianca.

Everyone who read the article was moved by Luke and Bianca's unwavering loyalty to each other.

They understood: The mother of those two cute children is *Bianca!*

That was why Luke had never been seen with another woman. He had loved the same woman over ten years and did not even forget about her when he lost his memory! *How touching!*

No wonder the children did not have a mother. Luke's family had separated **their parents**.

Now that the family of four had reunited, it was going to be a happy **ending**

All the newspapers and magazines under JK Media sold out *that day*.

Luke resentfully gritted his teeth when he read the

idiot man in the article

nonsense is Eugene writing? It's totally different from the information I gave him. Did he make up most of the plot? Does he have a death

a call to Eugene. "What did you write? That's not what I gave

"So what do you think about my writing skills? I told you that I'd write a masterpiece that will move everyone who reads it, and it turns out that it is indeed the case. I say, Mr. Crawford, the things you write aren't going to convince anyone. It reads like a boring financial report. You should learn from me

was not sure how he could get across

he understood that JK Media was an authoritative source of information. The article might be cliched, but it nonetheless could restore Bianca's reputation. He was willing to play the idiot for

it is, thanks anyway. What do you want?"

did not hold back. "The piece of land to the west of the holiday resort in Southern A City." "The piece of land is worth billions and has a lot of potential. As long as it is developed properly, it will attract a lot of investors. Its future value is more than ten times what it's worth now. I didn't expect that you have an eye for that as well," Luke said