

## Be Gentle 321

Chapter 321 Old Mr. Norman Approves Bianca's Design!

Luke nodded, satisfied. As expected, Bianca did not disappoint him.

He had deliberately included several flaws into the skyscraper's design which could not be spotted by a cursory glance. Someone with advanced design skills could see that it was a flawed design.

Bianca was right. The biggest flaw of the design was that it was too perfect.

By exaggerating all realistic elements in the design, it had become something surreal. Human technology would not be able to realize that design in the next hundred years.

The other flaws that Bianca had pointed out were also very accurate.

Luke clapped his hands and said, "That's right. Ms. Rayne has pointed out the flaws of my design which I have deliberately included. All of you should learn from Bianca. Don't be afraid to point out my flaws, even if I'm the CEO of this company. Understand?"

Bianca was shocked, but a smile soon appeared on her face.

Luke was not only the CEO of T Corporation, but he was also a world-class designer. He could have been conceited, and no one would dare say a word.

Geniuses are usually eccentric. They would not tolerate anyone criticizing them.

However, Luke was not angry when someone pointed out the flaws of his designs. Instead, he smiled and encouraged everyone else to do the same. That showed that he was not conceited and was deserving of everyone's admiration!

expect that to come out of you. Don't tell me that the boss has already shown you the design before this?" Bella whispered jealously into Bianca's ear. "The boss doesn't usually give praise in public, but he did that to you. You must have given the boss a good time in bed,

Bianca ignored the department lead's mockery.

that if she reacted to Bella, Bella would pester her even

if she ignored Bella, Bella might eventually lose interest and

was furious when she saw that she could not get a rise out of Bianca. However, she could not lose her temper in front of the boss. She glared at Bianca resentfully and stopped

Rayne, from today onward, you'll officially be a designer of the company," Luke

you, Mr. Crawford. I will do my best," Bianca said confidently. She was overjoyed by

Her efforts had finally paid off.

his eyes and looked at Bianca. He continued, "We have a big collaborative project with Vivi Group coming up soon. You'll be in charge of the project together with Tom Lewis and Sue

Everyone was shocked by that decision.

was also a major multinational company, and T Corporation had a 25% stake in it. They shared a peculiar collaborative and competitive relationship. The upcoming project was to revamp a historic town to bring in

*Sue* and Tom nodded approvingly at Bianca.

Bianca was good-natured and humble. Many employees in the department liked her, except for those who **were envious**.

**For** example, Bella Sloan, the *department lead*.

She almost popped a vein when she heard that the boss handed the project with Vivi Group to Bianca, Sue, and *Tom*.

*It* was not out of her expectations for Tom and Sue to take on the project, but what right did Bianca have to be involved? Was she, the department lead, going to be ignored?

**Bella tried** to keep her temper down as she spoke, "Mr. Crawford, Bianca is still a new employee, and her experience is lacking. I don't think that she will be able to take on the responsibility. **Instead, I...**"

*Luke glared* at Bella. "Why, are you questioning my decision?"

Bella's knees instantly went weak!

*She realized* that she had challenged the CEO's authority. What a stupid thing **to do...**

*She* knew that Luke never went back on his decisions, and no one would be able to change his mind after he had decided on something. Bella knew better than to agitate him at this point.

pressed her lips and said sheepishly, "I didn't mean that, Mr.

indeed talented. I think it's a good idea to work in a

other designers looked at Bianca with mixed

had reached their current position in the company over many years of blood, sweat, and dead

Corporation's strict structure, a design assistant would take almost a year to become a

lucky was Bianca? Not only had she become a designer in a few months' time, but she also got to handle a major project with other

That was incredibly lucky!

Other people might be envious of her, but she felt as though a hot potato was forced into

not understand why Luke had made her, a new recruit to the company, in charge of such a major

have been handled by the department lead in an old mansion somewhere in the

low-profile luxury car stopped at the entrance, and a middle-aged couple walked

Chapter 322 Let's Wait for the Designer to Come

Jack was stunned when he saw the beautiful and exquisite design of the new house.

When Jack saw the signature of the designer, a certain "B. Rayne," he said, "I'm glad that you like the design, Father. If you are satisfied by this designer, then we'll get them to furnish the rooms after the house is built." "Mm. I've never been so satisfied by a designer before. I like what this boy does!" Old Mr. Norman said happily. He seemed to be at the peak of his health because of his mood.

Jack smiled at his mischievous father. "I believe B. Rayne is female."

Old Mr. Norman glared at him. "No, I'm sure that he's a boy."

Queenie smiled when she saw how the father and son were quibbling over a name. "Why don't we wait until the designer comes over to survey the place? By then, you'd know if they're male or female."

Queenie felt that the designer was female.

Only a woman would submit such a meticulous and romantic design.

'B. Rayne...'

Queenie memorized that name. She suddenly felt something strange in her heart. It ached a little.

"Why isn't Leia here today?" Old Mrs. Norman held Queenie's hand and asked.

beautiful and had a charming way with her words. The old woman was quite fond

is busy with her work lately, and her schedule is packed. That's why she's not here today. We'll bring her over again in a few days when she's less busy,"

unhappy at once. "When is Leia planning to retire from the entertainment industry? How can a daughter of the Norman family have such a public profile?

Norman had never been fond of

Leia was first brought to the household, she seemed to be a sweet and obedient

Mr. Norman, in his many years of experience, was an accurate judge of character. He knew that Leia was not as innocent as she

was insistent on adopting her, and he could only heed his son's

lived apart from their parents, and Chris had seldom

three people would come and visit them for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and Chris was ambivalent toward the adopted granddaughter that he was not very fond

did not expect that Leia would enter the entertainment industry after she grew

industry was a chaotic place. No one could enter the industry and

*All the* celebrities might look glamorous, but who knew how many unspeakable secrets did they **hide?**

**The Normans** were a family of politicians. Old Mr. Norman regarded the family reputation very highly, and he could not forgive Leia for becoming an actress.

*Leia had* tried to gain the old man's favor every time she visited but with little *effect*.

**Queenie lowered** her head and said **nothing**.

She knew that the old man would be irritated if she tried to speak up for her **daughter**.

**She** was once discovered by a talent scout and was offered a spot in the industry, but her in-laws had strongly protested against it, and that was why she had to abandon her dream and go **into business**.

Queenie might have made a name for herself in the business world, but her unfulfilled wishes carried on with her. That was why when Leia thought of becoming an actress, she had nothing but encouragement and support **for her**.

"Father, I'll arrange a marriage for Leia soon. She'll have to retire from the industry after that," Jack **replied**.

"**That will** be the best!" Old Mr. Norman said.

"**Alright**, that's enough. It's rare that Jack and Queenie come and visit us," Old Mrs. Norman shot a glance at her husband, then turned to speak to Queenie, "I'll see if lunch is ready. Follow me, *Queenie*."

nodded and followed Old Mrs. Norman into the

lunch, Jack and his father went to the study to discuss something, while Queenie and Old Mrs. Norman sat in the living room

huge frame was placed on one of the walls. Various classic photos were framed

an old family photo in one corner of

front of a red backdrop, Chris and his wife sat on the chairs with peaceful expressions on their faces. Behind them were Jack and the then- pregnant Queenie. Her right hand gently rested on her round stomach, and she smiled sweetly as she leaned on her

"Looking at old photos again, Queenie?"

Norman saw that Queenie's eyes were transfixed on the photo in the frame. She seemed sad as her fingers stroked the photo in which she

Mrs. Norman gently patted her daughter-in-law's hand and comforted her, "It's been so long, and you should let it go. Some things just aren't meant to be. If not that Jack was injured and became sterile, you won't have to... Leia is grown-up anyway, and she's an intelligent and

There's still hope for you."

his wife did not know that Queenie had lost a lot of blood when she went into labor. Jack and Queenie had hidden the real reason

loved Queenie, and he was afraid that his parents might treat Queenie unfavorably if they knew the truth and even force them to divorce. That was why he had lied to his parents, saying that Queenie's infertility was caused by

Chapter 323 Bianca and Xavier at the Civil Registry Office, Divorce!

Monday, 10 am, in front of the Civil Registry Office.

Bianca did not expect that Xavier gave her a call, telling her to wait at the entrance of the Civil Registry Office. He would proceed with the divorce.

At first, she did not believe it.

She thought that there would be a long and arduous legal battle before she could end that marriage. She did not expect that Xavier would change his mind that easily.

Bianca knew that her workplace attendance was sporadic, and she knew that people would be talking behind her if she was absent from work again. However, she was anxious to be free from that marriage, and she braced herself before she requested another day of leave from the department lead.

Then, she rushed to the Civil Registry Office.

Standing at the crossroads, she anxiously glanced at the time on her phone. It was getting close to the appointed time. Was Xavier going to change his mind?

Just when she was about to give Xavier a call, she saw him walking over toward the building.

The man was as devilishly handsome as ever, and his eyes carried that usual seductive charm. Many young women turned their heads toward him and smiled as he walked past, which made Bianca shake her head.

Those young women could only see Xavier's handsome looks, but they did not know the evil that was hidden beneath his skin...

felt the temperature drop as Xavier

limbs turned stiff, and she could

that night had hurt her too much. She could not forget the scene where he had almost violated

looked at Bianca. He was caught in

as beautiful and charming as ever. Her long eyelashes seemed to be tipped with frost, perhaps because of the cold weather. As they trembled, tiny snowflakes seemed to fall like microscopic butterflies. The sight took his breath away and shook him to the

that he had killed all feelings for that woman, but at the moment he saw her, he could not help but be moved by

only she would treat him a little better and pay him a little more attention, he would not let her go even if Luke would send him to

Bianca's words shattered that fantasy. "Now that you're here, let's get this

were transfixed on

her elbow, and he could not control the anger in his voice. "Do you want the divorce that much, Bianca? You can't wait to fall into Luke's arms, hmm?" "What are you doing, Xavier? We're in public!" Bianca was shocked by his sudden

*She* wanted to shove him away, but his grip on her became tighter, and he pulled her into *his embrace*.

*Bianca pushed* against his chest and tried to stay calm. "Don't be like that, Xavier. I've said that we're not meant for each other. You'll eventually find the woman for you..."

Xavier pressed his lips together. His expression was *unbelievably sullen!*

He did not want to hear that they were not meant for *each other!*

**He** wanted to curse out loud, but he stopped *himself*.

Xavier's ice-cold fingertips touched her delicate face. The face was beautiful, but right now, it showed him nothing but disdain and rejection. He fell into despair.

**He had** done so much for her, including opposing his own parents and leaving the family. Even if Bianca's heart was as cold as ice, she should still have felt his **warmth**.

**Unfortunately**, the woman's heart was colder than ice.

Bianca clenched her fists and stomped on Xavier's foot with her high heels. "No matter what happens, I want this divorce!" She said coldly, "If you don't plan to go through with the divorce today, you can go home, and I'll see you again in court. If that happens, that won't end well **for you!**"

Bianca was determined to divorce Xavier.

to be out of that joyless marriage no matter what it took. To be forced together with him was nothing but endless torment and pain. Xavier's heart ached when he heard those

her resolute expression, he suddenly let go of her. "Let's go in. We'll proceed with

no feelings for him, and forcing her would only invite more hate. Was that

walked toward the Civil Registry Office in large strides. From the back, he seemed

stood there in a daze. When she came to her senses, she quickly followed behind

the Civil Registry Office, more people were applying for divorce

of them were

couple in the front was middle-aged. The man was short and plump with an unremarkable face, while the woman was gaunt and miserable. She was probably in her forties, but her sideburns were

of the Civil Registry tried to mediate and asked the couple the reason for

was in a bad mood. He slammed the table impatiently and said, "I want a divorce! Do I need a reason? Can't I say that I don't like this crone anymore? Look at her, she doesn't wear makeup, and she doesn't know how to dress up. She brings me nothing but shame! I don't mind if she stays at home and shuts up, but she's tried to meddle whenever I have to stay out late for work. What use do I have for

Chapter 324 Finally Divorced; The Price for Flirting with Bianca!

The second couple in line looked young. They should be in their twenties.

The man looked somewhat handsome, though his neon-green hair was extremely eye-catching. The thick gold chain that he wore around his neck was dazzlingly shiny, and his lanky legs were covered by a pair of hole-filled jeans.

He stuck his hands into his jeans pockets, and he looked like a hooligan.

The woman next to him had the face of an Internet celebrity. She wore a pair of cosmetic contact lenses that made her irises shockingly big. Her sharp chin had obviously undergone plastic surgery, and her face was slathered in thick make-up. She held a cigarette in between her fingers and casually took a drag from it, which seemed at odds with the rest of her personality.

"Reason for divorce?" The female staff member frowned and said angrily to the woman, "Smoking is prohibited here. Please leave the building if you want to smoke!" "Why are you so nosy? Am I disturbing you by smoking? Enough nonsense and get that divorce done immediately!" The woman seemed gentle, but one could tell that she was rude when she opened her mouth.

The female staff member was red with anger.

She was about to lose her temper when the male staff member next to her tugged her shirt sleeve to remind her that she should not get angry. After all, they would meet all types of people in their line of work.

The female staff member calmed down and continued her questioning. "Can I have a reason for your divorce? Are you sure that you don't need any mediation?"

Internet Celebrity Girl pouted and looked disdainfully at Green-Haired Cool Guy with an emasculating gaze. "Mediation? This idiot goes on Tinder and finds dates without my knowledge, and he makes out with a different girl every day too! If not that I accidentally saw the chat records in his phone, I wouldn't have known that he's made out with so many women! I don't

if he might catch a disease from somewhere, and I don't want to live with

Cool Guy did not want to be outdone. He pointed at his wife and yelled, "Do you think that you're in any position to criticize me? You post all sorts of revealing photos and videos on Instagram, so why don't you just take off everything and flirt with other men? When I went to a hotel for a delivery a few days ago, I saw you going into a room with a balding middle-aged man. I wanted to rip you apart right there... I've had enough of you anyway, and I don't care what you do with your body. Let's just get this over

couple started spitting at each other as though they

they started kicking and punching at each other as though they were in a fight to the

the first time Bianca saw a couple that hated each other

Civil Registry Office was indeed a scary

Allison was nowhere as rude or violent as either of the two

eventually received their divorce certificate. Internet Celebrity Girl turned around and walked away without looking at Green-Haired Cool

Green-Haired Cool Guy was on his way out, he happened to see Bianca, who was queuing in the saw that Bianca was beautiful and had an excellent figure. Ignoring Xavier next to her, he winked at Bianca and whistled at

**Xavier was** already in a terrible mood because he was forced to divorce Bianca. When he saw the young hooligan flirting with Bianca, he found a release for **his anger**.

He took a step forward and grabbed the young man's collar. With bloodshot eyes, he asked the young man, "Were you flirting with someone? Hmm?" "I..." Green-Haired Cool Guy was shocked by Xavier's violent temper. He could not finish a complete sentence.

"Are you blind? Didn't you see me standing next to her? How dare you flirt with my wife!" As Xavier raised his voice, he also lifted the young man off his feet.

"..." Green-Haired Cool Guy was speechless.

**The young** man struggled in Xavier's grip. He was almost crying.

**He** knew every couple who stood in line was about to divorce. They had no affection toward each other, and some of them even wanted to stab each **other**.

**He thought** of flirting with Bianca only because she looked pretty, but he did not expect that her husband was still so protective of the woman he was about to divorce.

"**Bro**, I didn't know that she's your woman. I wouldn't dare..." Green-Haired Cool Guy begged as he trembled in **fear**.

**Xavier tossed** him heavily on the floor. 'Get **lost!**'

*The young* man was scared of his wits. He scrambled to his feet and dashed out of the Civil Registry **Office**.

was finally Xavier and

two staff members saw that the man in front of them was handsome and the woman was beautiful. They seemed to be well-educated and were a good match for

would such a match made in heaven want to

staff members asked them the reason for the

staff member thought that it would be a pity if they separated." Are you two sure that you want to divorce? It's normal for couples to drift apart after an argument, but that doesn't mean that you can't work things out together. The two of you seem like a good match, and I believe that many people would be envious of you. Should you reconsider your decision?" "I don't have any feelings toward him," Bianca said without emotion." Moreover, our marriage isn't a proper one. I don't want to live with him

for a while, then leaned close to the female staff member's ear. "The man might look like a gentleman, but don't be deceived by his looks. Not only he's violent toward me, but he's also

staff member looked at Xavier with a



thought that he was a gentleman because of his looks. However, that instantly changed into  
I didn't expect that this guy is a violent bully, and he's also impotent! No wonder his wife wants to divorce

woman looks so delicate and frail. How could she withstand his

Chapter 325 His Kiss Is So Gentle and Indulgent

Outside of the Civil Registry Office.

Xavier looked intently at Bianca's pure and delicate face as though intending to imprint her face in his eyes.

Her jet-black hair was tied up in a bun behind her, and her scarf was folded into a pretty shape by her dexterous hands. She did not wear any make-up on her face except for a thin coat of pink lipstick. She looked sweet and beautiful.

Her eyes were sparkling with joy...

What should he do?

He did not want to let her go.

"Bianca, I know that I've used unethical means to obtain our previous marriage. If I can change myself and try to pursue you again with a new personality, would you accept me then?" Xavier suddenly asked.

"What?" Bianca was wholly immersed in her joy of being single again. She was not listening to what he was saying.

Xavier's tall body cast a shadow on her face. "I said, would you consider it if we start over again?"

He looked at her expectantly.

He knew what Bianca was going to say, but his heart was nevertheless incredibly nervous.

"That's impossible," Bianca said.

it directly, without giving it a

were pressed together in a straight line as he tried to restrain his turbulent emotions. "I'm serious, Bianca. I won't use any unethical means to obtain you. If you can forgive me, I'm willing to do anything to win your heart." "I've said it. It's impossible! We're no longer related, Xavier. Stop pestering me. Otherwise, I won't go easy on you!" Bianca said

turned toward the road and waved her hand. A vacant cab drove over, and Bianca sat

left, leaving behind a cloud of

choked and started to laugh

hated him to the core. She did not even look at him when she

directly went to the company after she left the Civil Registry

going to tell Luke the good news that she was

incredible coincidence, Bianca received Luke's call right as she stepped into the elevator. He asked her to meet him in

she arrived at Luke's office, she saw that Luke was perusing a document and did not notice

tiptoed behind him and suddenly covered his eyes with her hands." Hello, guess who am I?" "Hm... let me guess, who could have sneaked into my office? Tsk, these hands are so tender. It must be a sexy fairy..." Luke's hands went all over Bianca's body and even mischievously pinched her roundness several times, which made Bianca

**Bianca** could not help but let go of her hands.

'How naughty!

'*Who* would've thought that this cool and forbidding man is actually a *scoundrel*?'

**Bianca** pulled Bianca into his embrace and assaulted her with kisses. 8 "Mmh..." Bianca flapped her limbs like an **unruly bird**.

*She nervously* looked at the door in case someone would suddenly come in.

They were in the CEO's office. Anyone could have come in to report on their work. How would Bianca be able to survive in the company if someone saw *them*?

"**Don't worry**. Without my permission, no one can come in," Luke said jokingly as he looked at the charming woman in his lap. 'We haven't met for a while, Bianca. Do you miss **me**?'"

Bianca was speechless.

'**Are** you kidding? We haven't met for *a while*?

'Who was the beast that had tormented me in bed **last night**?'

**Bianca** shot an angry glare at Luke, but Luke's kiss had almost made her out of breath. Her face was turning *red*.

**A stray** strand of hair clung to Bianca's neck. Luke carefully pushed the errant strand away behind her ear and hugged her tightly in **his arms**.

close, and his sexy thin lips landed on her delicate

skin was as smooth as a peeled egg. Her unblemished face was different from those other faces that were slathered with too

gripped the back of Bianca's head so that her face looked at

thin lips went down the bridge of her nose and eventually landed on

kiss was gentle and indulgent. It had made Bianca forget her surroundings. She even forgot to tell him that the divorce was already

Luke seemed to be too

was not going to stop at just a few  
hand slowly reached into her  
fingertips were cold. Bianca shuddered when he touched her  
hand clung to Bianca's slim waist. When he was about to take off her clothes, she abruptly came to her  
grabbed his hand. "Don't do that, Luke. This is  
voice controls to lock the door, then continued to indulge in his immorality. "Don't worry, I've locked the  
door. No one can

#### Chapter 326 Let Me Be Your Shelter

"The outcome is within expectations. If Xavier doesn't proceed with the divorce, not only will his family go bankrupt, but he will be sent back to prison." Luke gently kissed the tip of Bianca's nose as he lay his gentle gaze on her.

"Prison? Why would that be the case?" Bianca did not understand.

She did not know that Luke had gathered a mountain of incriminating evidence of Xavier's crimes to force the divorce.

Luke did not want her to know anyway. He felt that she would be happier that way.

He would be the one to shelter her from trouble.

The man's profound gaze seemed magical. It had made Bianca's heart thump faster uncontrollably.

She instinctively covered her eyes.

The man was a menace. Just by looking at her, he could make her heart go wild.

Luke pulled away her hands that covered her eyes and leaned closer to her. "Why are you still shy, hmm?"

The man's impeccable face was filled with a mysterious charm, which made Bianca's throat dry.

Before she could react, Luke carried her in his hands and brought her into the next room.

Luke's office was equipped with a living room, a bedroom, a bathroom, a study, and several entertainment rooms so that he could rest while he worked.

of the room was unique

was well-equipped and well-furnished, like a mini

saw Luke carry her into the bedroom and lock the

was like a hungry wolf, stripping away her clothes in

dark irises were emanating an

flipped the blanket open frantically and hid her body

was faster and pinned her under his

smiled devilishly and whispered into her ear, "Don't be afraid. I'll

Bianca's face and neck were red.

was the same thing he said the night before, but he could not control himself. Not only he had caused her intense pain, but her bones felt like they were coming

did not believe what the

face leaned close and landed gentle kisses on her neck

"It won't hurt this time. I promise..." he said hoarsely.

*Bianca* was slowly enthralled by his *gentle charm*.

To Luke, any of Bianca's poses was like a breath-taking landscape. In the thick of their passions, even the dust in the air *felt gentle*.

After the deed, they straightened **their clothes**.

*Luke* gently hugged her and rubbed his lips over her earlobes. "Go with me to a dinner party tonight, Bianca."

*If he* was going to bring her into his world, then he would have to start making public appearances with her.

*Bianca hesitated*. "But I've never been to any of those dinner parties. I'm afraid that *I...*"

She was still timid.

Luke's usual dinner parties must have many socialites. She never had any experience and was afraid that she might embarrass **herself**.

**"Don't worry.** I'll be there for you. If you are going to be my woman, then I'll have to declare your relationship to me."

**Luke** handed her a gold credit card. "Get Sue Carter to shop some clothes with you after work. You can take the card." "It's fine. I've barely used the black credit card you gave me earlier, and it's still in my handbag. I can use that one to buy clothes. Alright, I'll be going back to work." Bianca did not want to take another credit card from him.

*She* was paid a salary at work, so she felt that it was awkward to be using his **money**.

gently scraped Bianca's nose when he saw that she was determined." You're eventually going to be my wife, silly girl. Why won't you take the things I give to

blushed. She straightened her clothes and escaped back to the design

at work, Bianca giggled audibly when she thought how gentle and caring Luke was while they were

saw that Bianca was in a good mood and gently bumped her arm." Hey, focus on your work, Bianca. What could you be

to her senses and blushed. 'It's

Sue smiled mischievously. "Doni deny it!"

tossed a pen in front of Sue and pretended to sound angry. "Draw

work, the employees of T Corporation gradually left

needed to get an evening gown to join the dinner party, and so she asked Sue to go along

Bianca found it hard to make a

knew more about fashion than her, and that was why Bianca decided to bring

did not have anything urgent to do after work anyway and immediately agreed to

Chapter 327 Hating Bianca Even More

"No, this isn't genuine. I bought a bootleg." Bianca took a few steps backward. She was not too fond of being so close to strangers.

She did not expect that her scarf was a luxury brand.

Luke had given her a scarf when she was cold. The woolen scarf was light and warm, and the material was gentle on the skin. Her neck was protected from the cold when she wore the scarf, and she had accepted it.

If she had known that the scarf was so expensive, she would not have accepted it.

Xavier's cousin pouted. "I thought so. Look, all your other clothes are so cheap, so how could you afford a genuine item? Hermes is the king in the kingdom of fashion. Even I, a frequent shopper in luxury fashion stores, could not even buy it, so how could you?" "Watch your words, Melissa!" Xavier's tone of voice instantly became stern.

The short-haired woman sheepishly shut her mouth, though she mumbled, "Hmph, stupid cousin. How dare you bully me? I'll tell Uncle and Auntie when I get home later..."

Xavier ignored her. His eyes were transfixed on Bianca.

When Melissa unfurled Bianca's scarf earlier, she could clearly see a love bite on Bianca's neck.

His eyes instantly turned bloodshot, and he nearly could not control his emotions.

Xavier knew that Luke had left that love bite on Bianca's neck, and that mark reminded him that the woman was no longer his.

However, he could not let her go just like that.

The sensation was pure agony.

when she saw how dejected Xavier was. She wanted to walk around him and toward the shopping mall entrance,

grabbed her hand. "Can I say a few more words to you, Bianca?" "There is nothing between us, Xavier. We don't have anything more to say between us. Let's not meet each other. Even if we do, we'll treat each other

should know that Luke is very possessive. He doesn't have a good temper, and I don't want you to anger him again,"

promise that he'll take you as his wife, Bianca? Did he say when you'll get your marriage certificate? A man's promise is like a passing gust of wind. You cannot believe what he says before he proves himself with actions. Don't be deceived by him," Xavier

what? I don't mind it if he deceives me."

she was dressed in woolen clothes, the curves on her body could

Xavier lowered his head dejectedly.

must be mad. She doesn't mind Luke deceiving

that he was in no position to give her any advice, but he was not going to take it

there anything else, Mr. Tanner?" Bianca asked, "If there's nothing else, then I'll take my leave." "I've never wanted to hurt you that way, Bianca. I apologize for what I've done to you. Can you forgive

He had used underhanded tactics to obtain her because he wanted her too much, not expecting that everything he did had hurt her and made her fear him.

**"It's all water under the bridge now."**

**Until now,** Bianca could not understand why Xavier was **so stubborn.**

*If she* could not understand it, then there was no point in struggling for an explanation. After all, she was only an insignificant episode in *his life*.

**He** might have caused her a lot of trouble, but that was all in the past.

*The* atmosphere in the parking lot became awkward. Neither of them knew what *to say*.

Bianca sighed. "I'll be leaving."

Xavier watched as Bianca's delicate body walked away. It was until very long later when Melissa stepped into his field of *vision angrily*.

**She** crossed her arms and said mockingly, "She's already gone, Xavier. Why are you still so attached to her? You have bad taste in women. I was wondering if the woman you love would be some sort of diva, but she's just so-so. Why, have your tastes changed? But don't you think that the woman is as plain as she can be? Those materialistic types are a dime a dozen..." "Get lost!" Xavier was already in a bad mood, which was exacerbated by what the short-haired woman **said.**

He shoved her away and went into the *car*.

Melissa frantically slammed the car door. "Where are you **going, Xavier?**

said that you have to go to the mall with me to buy some clothes. How can you leave me here? Get her. He started the engine and quickly drove out of the parking

Melissa stomped her foot in anger.

her heart, she cursed Xavier ten thousand times, but she was not going to leave without buying out her phone and dialed a number while trying hard not to lose her temper. "Yancy? It's me. I'm back in the country. Come quickly to XX Mall. I'll buy you two outfits. Just get over here as quickly as

feeling bored, and she went to play under the Christmas tree with several children. She saw Bianca walking in, her face all red from the

went to a cafe nearby, and Sue bought two large vanilla milk teas to go. One was for Bianca, and the other was

felt warmer when she held the piping hot tea in her hands. "Thank you, Sue." "I hope Xavier didn't give you a

Xavier was nothing more than

knew that Bianca was the woman Luke loved, but he tried to snatch her away from Luke and had done so many bad things to Bianca. Sue did not have a good impression of

"No. We're only strangers now."

Chapter 328 Bianca Annoys Her Love Rival

"Wow! Isn't that Leia Norman? I didn't expect to meet her here!" Sue whispered excitedly next to Bianca's ear.

Sue was a fan of television dramas, and she occasionally followed entertainment news. Naturally, she knew who Leia was.

Leia wore light make-up, and her hair was tied in a ponytail. She was dressed in luxury brand casual clothes that accentuated all her body curves and made her look elegant.

Bianca was not familiar with Leia. As far as she knew, Leia Norman was a celebrity, i

Leia seemed a lot more beautiful in the movies. Both of them had met in real life, but they had never interacted with each other. When Bianca saw that Leia was choosing the same gown, she smiled politely and let go.

"I'll go look at the other designs," Bianca said.

To her, she did not mind relinquishing her choice to Leia.

After all, there were so many other designs in the store.

However, Bianca did not expect that her act of courtesy was interpreted as an act of provocation.

wore high-heels, which made her taller than Bianca in flats. She stood arrogantly before Bianca and said, "All the gowns here are one-of-a-kind in the world. They're only for sale and not for rent. You shouldn't come here if you can't afford it. Not everyone deserves to step in

surprised by Leia's sudden

as she knew, she was not acquainted with the celebrity, so why would Leia single

had taken out her phone and was going to discreetly snap a few photos. Her good impression of Leia instantly vanished when she heard what Leia said. Leia's roles in the movies were always pure and gentle. Was that her

here to shop for gowns again, Ms. Norman? We've received a new shipment lately. You'll definitely find something you like," a sales clerk came up to Leia

a regular in the store. Not only she had an influential family, but she was also a celebrity. The sales clerk was very eager while serving her, while she ignored Bianca at the

was very pleased with the sales clerk's flattery. She shot a glance at Bianca and grunted disdainfully.

"Why would you allow shabbily-dressed people into the

as she looked at Leia, not sure why the celebrity was being so

clerk immediately flattered Leia, "You can treat it as though they aren't here, Ms. Norman. What gown would you like? I have a catalog here. Do you want to see it?" "Do you know her, Bianca?" Sue asked. She could sense the enmity coming from Leia and the sales

**Bianca** shook her head. "I don't know **her**."

**Sue** could not understand why Leia was so hostile to Bianca if they did not know each **other**.

*Was it* because Leia treated "peasants" with disdain? How rude!

**Leia walked** in front of Bianca and sized her up from head to **toe**.

*She* sneered and looked at Bianca as though Bianca was an object put *on sale*.

*Bianca* felt uneasy when Leia looked at her that way.

"So that's all you've got," Leia chuckled and said those words that baffled *Bianca*.

*Bianca* could not tolerate Leia's arrogant attitude **anymore**.

"Do you know that you're very rude, Ms. Norman?" Bianca's expression turned cold.

gaze on Bianca seemed even more

the woman that Luke loves? She can't even withstand the

that she was better than Bianca in every aspect, so why did Luke love

at Leia, then held Bianca's hand and took her to another display rack. "Let's ignore that crazy woman, Bianca. She's a celebrity, but listen to the things she says! I thought she'd be gentle in real life, like how she is in the movies. So, that's all fake. Tsk tsk,



froze on her face. She suddenly realized that she was in the mall and nearly broke out in cold sweat. Bianca earlier and forgot that they were in a place where everyone would see them if someone had recorded.

in Xavier's bar had been caught on video, which had negatively affected her pure image. The talent company treated the PR crisis as an emergency and managed to salvage the situation before it got too late. So, for some of her fans, her image had been

#### Chapter 329 Slipped It Into Bianca's Pocket

Leia wanted to retort, but at that time, Sue picked a purple evening gown and brought it to Bianca. "You're here to pick a gown and not a fight with crazy women, Bianca. Let's go and try this on..."

Sue pushed Bianca to the dressing room. Then, she sat down and flipped through a magazine.

The luxury brand fashion store had top-notch service. Not only were the furnishings extravagant, but the customers could also get a variety of hot drinks for free. Sue enjoyed her time there. Her experience would have been perfect if not for that materialistic sales clerk and that arrogant Leia Norman!

Soon, the dressing room door opened, and Bianca stepped out.

Sue gasped when she saw Bianca, who seemed like a different person when she was dressed in the gown.

Bianca was a beautiful woman, but she was always dressed in plain clothes and no makeup. She was unremarkable, and she looked more like a college student than a working adult.

Now that she was dressed in a luxurious evening gown, she exuded a different character.

The purple evening gown was made of the most expensive silk and was incredibly attractive.

However, what was more attractive than the evening gown was the woman wearing it.

Her fair skin contrasted with the rich purple color of the evening gown, and her impeccable face made for a divine scene.

The neckline of the gown was almost hollowed out and could perfectly display Bianca's alluring curves. That made her look pure and seductive at the

same time. She looked into the mirror. She could not believe that she was looking

at herself. The saying went, "Fine feathers make

fine birds." The materialistic sales clerk nearly popped out of their sockets. She had to admit that the gown fitted that woman perfectly, as though it was specially designed for

her. The other customers could look so good in that

Even Leia was stunned.

Jealousy was brewing in her heart!

sarcastic voice came from outside. "Wow, so the saying is true, fine feathers make fine birds! I didn't expect that a country bumpkin could look so good in that dress. However, that dress won't be able to remove her

to look in the direction of the voice. It was Melissa, Xavier's

swaggered into the store. Behind her was a muscular woman with thick eyebrows who looked

**The thick-browed** woman followed Melissa like a pet dog. She carried big and small shopping bags in her hands, and some were even hung around her neck. It was quite an **impressive sight**.

*Bianca did* not like Xavier's cousin one bit.

"**Miss**, do you allow such vulgar people into your store?" Sue asked the sales clerk.

Melissa was angry because that woman had caused her to be ignored by her *cousin Xavier*.

"*Who's* the vulgar one?" She lost *her temper*.

Leia gloated as she watched the **ensuing drama**.

She did not expect that Bianca was so unpopular, but at the same time, she wondered who that woman *was*.

*No matter* who she was, Leia was happy to see Bianca being publicly humiliated.

*Bianca ignored* Melissa. She took out her black credit card and went to the cashier counter. "I'll be paying for this, please." "Wait! I want that gown!" Melissa said arrogantly as she pointed at the gown that Bianca was wearing.

"*Miss*, the gown has been reserved by the young lady in front of you. How about I recommend you several other gowns?" The sales clerk smiled and brought out the catalog.

Her full attention was on Bianca's

the gown that Bianca was wearing. Moreover, that woman was one of Xavier's exes. That made her want it

did not know the relationship between her cousin Xavier and that woman, but she was alarmed by what happened at the parking

that her cousin Xavier was a playboy, but she realized that he had totally changed ever since she returned to the country. He did not have any women accompanying him. Melissa was happy for him, but she did not expect that her cousin was so devoted to that

he would not have been so agonized when the woman ignored him, so much that he would drive away and leave her behind at the

had a crush on Xavier since she was a child. If not that her family moved overseas, she would be still

she found the opportunity to return to her home country, she would want to captivate her cousin's heart so that he would marry her. 2 "There's only one of that gown, Miss. Furthermore, it's a size S, and your bone structure is slightly too big. You won't fit well in that dress... There's a white gown in our store

that will suit your body type. Would you want to take a look?" The sales clerk picked a European-style gown and handed it to

the sales clerk away and said haughtily, "No, I only want the gown that she's wearing! That gown must cost a bomb. Can a poor loser like her even

thought that the woman was

she see the black card in

Chapter 330 Luke Arrives Just In Time!

After Sue saw that Bianca was done purchasing her gown, she said, "Now that our business is done here, we'd better go. There are several skunks here stinking up the air."

She waved her hand in front of her nose as though there was really something in the air.

Leia and Melissa's expressions turned unpleasant. Was that woman talking about them?

"Hey, watch your mouth! Who are you calling a skunk?" Melissa was furious.

Bianca held Sue's hand and answered coldly, "Whoever that replies."

Melissa angrily kicked the thick-browed young woman's shin. "Go and beat up those two for me!"

Yancy was loyal like a dog. She put down the shopping bags in her hands and started to pounce at Bianca and Sue.

Before she could lay a finger on the two women, Sue stretched out her leg and tripped the woman!

Then, she grabbed Yancy's body and easily performed an over-the-shoulder toss. The tall and bulky woman lay face-up on the ground and could not get up for a long time.

all you have? You don't know that I have a black belt in karate!" Sue gestured condescendingly at go, Sue." Bianca gently tugged Sue's

when they were about to leave, Melissa shot a glance at Yancy, who immediately started yelling frantically, "Ah, Melissa, the diamond necklace you just bought is missing! It was in the shopping bag to look surprised. "How is that possible? The necklace is very expensive. I bought it for

up from the floor and waved a receipt in her hand. "The necklace is really gone, Melissa, and the box too! I only have this

sales clerk was alarmed when she saw the scene. "Miss, perhaps you might have misplaced the necklace in another bag, or might you have left it in the jewelry

all, she had to bear responsibility if the expensive necklace went missing in their placed the necklace in my handbag. I just bought

spoke, she emptied the contents of each shopping bag and rummaged around. "When I stepped in earlier, I saw the necklace in the shopping bag, but when I was talking to that woman, my necklace suddenly disappeared! I bought that necklace for my mother's

clerks crowded over and looked at the receipt. Indeed, it was bought not too long ago. They helped Melissa look through her bags, but they occasionally shot suspicious glances at Bianca and

*They did not suspect Leia because of her status. Moreover, she could have afforded the necklace, so why would she steal?*

*After a long and futile search, Melissa pointed at Bianca. "My necklace went missing after our argument. I think that she and her friend are highly suspicious!"*

**Sue was** instantly furious. "Watch what you say! Who cares about your stupid necklace? I wouldn't want it to ruin my neck!"

One of the sales clerks suggested, "Everyone is here when the necklace went missing, and so everyone is a suspect. How about if we check everyone's *bags*?" <sup>1</sup>

**Leia looked** at the surrounding chaos and shrugged. "Search all you want. It's none of my *business*."

*Earlier, she had seen Yancy slip the necklace into Bianca's coat pocket. She was not going to say anything because the matter did not involve her. Moreover, she was happy that Bianca was being framed. 1 "Are you planning to search all of us without our permission? Do you still have the law in your eyes?" Bianca said calmly.*

The sales clerk was shocked by Bianca's cold voice. However, she insisted, "A customer has lost something here, and all of us are responsible. If you're innocent, why would you be afraid of being searched?" "No one can search me. If I knew that I'd be involved in this nonsense, I wouldn't have stepped into this store even if you paid me money!" *Sue blurted.*

The sales clerk hesitantly said, "All of us will have to be searched. Please open your bags. Otherwise, if the lady calls the police, it'll be more trouble for all of us." "You can search my bag first," Leia *said cooperatively.*

One of the sales clerks searched Leia's handbag thoroughly. "The necklace isn't in Ms. Norman's handbag. Now that even the celebrity is willing to cooperate with us, can you two do the same?" "I dare you to touch my handbag!" Sue raised a fist and weaved it precariously toward the **sales clerk.**

clerk remembered how the seemingly slim woman had tossed the bigger woman over her shoulder and stepped

of us have laid a finger on that supposed necklace. What right do you have to search us? I dare you to touch my handbag without my permission!" Bianca

my necklace. I'll do the searching myself!" Melissa reached for Bianca's

was protecting her handbag. She did not notice that Melissa's hand was reaching for her coat

Melissa was about to touch Bianca's coat, a tall and strong figure brought Bianca into

missed, and she slammed into an arm that was as hard as an  
she looked upward and saw an incredibly handsome face. Even her cousin Xavier was no  
Melissa was dumbstruck.  
could there be such a handsome  
noticed the man. She quickly turned around to prevent herself from being recognized, but it was too