

Be Gentle 341

Chapter 341 Warming Each Other with Their Bodies

In the middle of the field was a T-shaped stage. Perhaps there was an event in the school.

It was already almost midnight. No one was on the field except for the couple.

It was a snow-white world.

Luke and Bianca walked hand-in-hand toward the stage, leaving behind two pairs of footsteps.

He carried Bianca onto the stage and climbed up himself.

From his jacket, he took out the fireworks they bought from the convenience store, crouched down, and lit them with his lighter.

Bianca stood next to him, watching the spark travel down the fuse. Soon, the fireworks shot high into the air.

Boom! A beautiful tree of fire appeared in the sky with a thousand expanding blooms.

The dark sky was instantly illuminated with a brilliant display of colors.

Bianca reflexively closed her eyes. Luke took her hand and stepped backward.

The brilliant flames shone vividly, illuminating them as well as the sky.

Bianca felt extremely happy.

cheap fireworks only worth several dollars could create such a

I will remember this scene for the rest of my life. These are our shared memories..." Bianca scrunched her red nose, stood on tiptoe, and tightly hugged Luke's

her cheek against Luke's neck like a cute little

though it was cold all around her, Luke's presence gave her

happy as long as you're happy. I'll even pluck the stars from the sky for you." Luke kissed her

the snow, Luke was handsome and noble. The sparkle in his eyes was the most dazzling light in

he smiled, the snowflakes around him seem to have come to life, dancing on his brows

moment, he was elegant and charming like an ice spirit. Bianca's heart thumped wildly in her chest, and her infatuation for Luke reached

their eyes were transfixed on each other, they heard an angry shout coming from the security

security guard in a dark green coat was walking toward them, holding a

"Hey, you students, why aren't you sleeping so late at night? Don't you know that you shouldn't play with fireworks in school? Which class are you in?" He *said sternly*.

"Ah, we're discovered." Bianca was flustered.

"Don't worry. Take my hand, and we'll run together!" Luke took her soft, petite hand. Under the illumination of the fireworks, they ran across the **field**.

Soon, they arrived at the road outside of the **school**.

They panted heavily as they ran while the security guard was left far behind.

When they were several hundred feet away from the school, Luke and Bianca hid behind a tall evergreen **tree**.

"Don't be afraid. We'll just pretend that we're jogging at night. He can't do anything to us," Luke said gently to *Bianca*.

"**Phew...** that was tiring but so fun!" Bianca was drenched **in sweat**.

She felt pain in her chest, but that was totally worth *it*.

Luke's warm palm held Bianca's hand. That made her believe that he would never let her **go**.

Bianca turned around. That flaming tree seemed to linger in the **air**.

sparks fell like shooting stars. It was a breathtakingly beautiful

security guard looked around but did not see them. He turned around and went back to his

now." Luke and Bianca walked out from behind

watched as the remnants of the fireworks lost their glow and disappeared in the night, then walked hand in hand on the snowy

the wall, they saw a tall and slightly thin figure standing there, covered in

thought that it was someone leaning against the

got nearer, she noticed that there were two people tightly hugging

seemed young. Perhaps they were college students. The couple seemed to be arguing. The girl sobbed weakly in the boy's embrace, while occasionally waving her fists and punching

boy spoke to her softly and patiently, apologizing to the girl while letting her punch him all she

between young people seemed so pure. Even when they were arguing, they seemed so happy with

Luke smiled and held each other's hands more

Chapter 342 Calling His Name Again and Again

Bianca did not want to anger Luke by telling him about her encounter with Queenie, but she would feel uneasy if she did not.

It was not easy for her to be where she was now. She was afraid that she would lose this blissful scene.

After all, she was too unremarkable.

The other women who coveted the man came from powerful and influential families.

"Luke, I'll strive to become a world-renowned designer so that I can stand shoulder to shoulder with you. That way, there won't be as many rumors and negative remarks even if we're together." Bianca whispered into his ear. Her warm breath had traces of melancholy.

"I believe in your capabilities, and you should believe in yourself more. Success isn't achieved overnight, and there is much room for you to grow. You'll have to take it slow, but I believe that my Bianca will one day stand on the pinnacle of the world, living the life that you want... Perhaps even I might find it difficult to reach that height," Luke said as he carried Bianca

on her back and walked along the snowy ground. 1

The man's tread was firm even though the ground was slippery.

Their whispers were like the snow on the tips of branches, disappearing as soon as the sun rose.

However, those words were imprinted deep in Bianca's heart. She would remember his encouragement for years to come.

The pure white snow danced in the air like tiny fairies.

plum blossoms were in full bloom on the side of the road, unafraid of the terrible

came to look for me

down jacket seemed to have melded with her snowy surroundings. "She came to tell me to leave you. She said that we're not a good match for

thinking through it, she decided to tell Luke about

they were going to trust each other, then she should not hide any secrets from him.

was observant. If he found out that she was hiding something from him, she might regret

smile on Luke's face froze, and his expression suddenly turned cold." Mrs. Norman said that

was colder than the winter wind, which was made even more bitter in the

was behind him and did not see the change in his expression. "Mrs. Norman said that I'm not a good match for you. She said that her daughter likes you, and the two of you are made for each other. Not only does your family oppose our relationship, but even my love rival's family is interrogating

laughed gently, but her heart

around to look at her. His black irises flashed

"Let me handle this."

Bianca ruffled his short hair with her icy fingers. "Let's ignore them. You should know that businessmen and politicians don't mingle well."

Luke continued to walk forward. "You are the most important person to me. Don't worry. I'll **protect you.**"

Tears welled in Bianca's eyes. "Luke..." "Yes, my dear..." "Luke..." "Yes, my *dear*..."

Bianca called Luke's name time **after time**.

Her worries disappeared as Luke answered her **every call**.

She rubbed his ears that were red from the cold to warm him up. "I trust you. You must be tired after carrying me for so long. You can put *me down*..."

Bianca turned around and looked behind her.

She could only see one set of footprints. Those footprints seemed slightly larger and deeper than usual, perhaps because the man was carrying her on his back.

Those footprints were like the happiness they were experiencing. She could not see where they started, and she did not know where they would end. However, she could clearly see their journey together thus *far*.

Bianca believed that if they did not let go of each other, they would create splendid vistas even in the most **barren landscapes**.

Under her insistence, Luke placed Bianca on **the ground**.

They stood side by side under a plum tree in full *bloom*.

accumulated a thin layer of snow on their

gust of wind blew past them, and several plum blossoms fell gently on

handsome face was breath-taking, while her beautiful charms were awe

at Bianca standing in front of him. Even though she did not move or speak a word, she was as gentle as the moonlight and as delicate and dazzling as a snowflake. He was willing to do anything for her, even if it meant the entire world opposed their

reached into his coat and took out an exquisite

was in the shape of a flower petal, and it was made from the finest quality jade. However, its edges were slightly worn because of its

took Bianca's hand and placed the pendant in her

Bianca looked at him, surprised.

in her hand was heavy and had an impeccable luster. She could tell that it was very

was about to decline the expensive present when his palm enveloped her petite hand together with

my grandmother's heirloom, Bianca. She told me that when I meet the girl I truly love, I should give it to her. My grandmother is a gentle and loving woman, she..."

at him and listened to his

Chapter 343 Mommy, Did Daddy Bully You?

Later, Luke took Bianca back to Crawford Manor in his car.

At first, Bianca did not agree to it. With so many negative news reports revolving around her, Old Master Crawford and Allison must not want to see her.

However, Luke insisted on bringing her home.

He wanted to announce to the rest of his family that Bianca was his woman and that she would soon become Mrs. Crawford.

Bianca had no other choice but to follow him back.

She gingerly followed behind Luke, afraid that Allison or Old Master Crawford would see her and humiliate her.

Fortunately, it was already past midnight, and everyone was fast asleep. No one noticed her going into the house.

Bianca first went to Lanie and Rainie's room.

The two young children slept in the same room because Rainie was timid. Seeing that her two angelic children were sleeping soundly, she left kisses on their foreheads.

Then, she went to take a hot water shower, which comforted her cold and tired body.

stepped out of the bathroom wrapped in a large towel, Luke had finished brushing his teeth. He carried her in his arms into

should have a guest room here, right? I'll sleep there, or maybe in Lanie and Rainie's room..." Bianca felt uneasy. After all, she could not let her guard down while in Old Master

why she felt that it was more appropriate to sleep in the guest

the other members of the Crawford family knew who she was, the two people were not a married couple yet, and those family members that hated her would hate her

in this room tonight!" Luke hugged her waist dominantly. "I'm here. You have nothing to be afraid of."
"But I..." Bianca

believe that I can handle this? You are my children's mother, and soon, you will be my wife. My family members need to get used to

worry, we won't stay in Crawford Manor after we're married." Luke pecked Bianca's

that the children had to stay there, Luke would not want to stay in Crawford Manor

The atmosphere there was too oppressive.

fought with his mother every day, and there was no end

breathed a sigh of relief when she heard

If they remained in Crawford Manor after they were married, she did not know how she would face Allison every day.

That was Luke's birth mother and not any **other woman**.

If she fought with Allison, Luke would be the one caught in between.

"**We'll** be together forever, Bianca. The only troublesome one here is my mother. My grandfather might look stern, but he can be reasoned with. You can ignore Susan. You've met Louis, and he likes you as his sister-in-law. That's why you don't have to be worried about the other family members." Luke smiled **jokingly**.

Bianca nodded determinedly. 'I know. I'll try to change my attitude toward your family members.'

Luke laid Bianca on the bed and hugged her tightly. The woman's feminine and soft body contrasted with the man's masculine and solid body.

Luke gently caressed Bianca's hair and reminded her softly, "The day after tomorrow is Jennifer and Marie's *trial*..."

Bianca suddenly remembered that.

She had been very busy with work and other incidents lately, and she almost forgot that the despicable mother and daughter had caused her father's death!

"I will go to court myself and see that they are justly punished..." The memory of her father gasping for air and twitching surfaced in **her mind**.

The hatred in her heart burst forth like a *broken dam*.

did not sleep well that night because she was troubled by those memories. She only managed to sleep when it was

woke up, Luke was already not by her

cute little children stood next to the bed, looking at Bianca with their big and animated

poked Lanie's arm and said happily, "Big Bro, Daddy didn't lie to us! Mommy is really here to visit us. Why isn't Mommy awake yet? Does she like to sleep in

lifted his index finger to his lips and shushed his sister. 'Mommy is very tired from work, and she needs a lot of rest. Let's not disturb her and let her sleep for a while

when he finished speaking, he saw Bianca's fingers move and her

surprised when she saw the two cute faces. She suddenly remembered that she was in

what time is it now?" Bianca could not find her phone and had to ask

her boots off and climbed onto

at Bianca with her misty, round eyes and mumbled softly, "It's nine o'clock, Mommy. It was snowing heavily earlier. I had a snowball fight with Big Bro while you were asleep. Daddy said that we're already big children, and he doesn't let us sleep in, but he lets you sleep in. That's not fair..." "I was quite tired from work last night, and I didn't see the time..." Bianca felt

had embarrassed herself in front of the

Chapter 344 An Incident at the Breakfast Table

The Crawford family had many rules. Old Master Crawford placed a lot of emphasis on having breakfast as a family.

One unbreakable rule was that on the 15th of every month, the entire family had to gather for breakfast, no matter how busy or unwilling everyone might be.

Today was the 15th of the month, and it was the day of the breakfast gathering. Moreover, the day was extra special because Luke was about to announce to the family that he had brought his future wife home.

It was also an indirect challenge from Luke to the family members that did not favor the relationship.

On the breakfast table was an array of different breakfast items served on lavish plates. There was something suitable for every taste.

The meats were lightly seasoned because it was breakfast.

Every dish was exquisitely prepared, as though it was the morning of a festival.

Old Master Crawford sat on the lead position at the breakfast table with a stern expression.

He might be old, but his bearing was as authoritative as usual, especially his eyes, which were gentle but commanding.

her son Louis sat on Old Master Crawford's right side, while on the left were Allison

Allison were dressed up immaculately, decked in all sorts of luxury brand fashion items and accessories as though they

there, not saying a word. He might seem calm, but he gave off a

was transfixed on the staircase. No one knew what he was

looked as carefree as usual. His face was similar to Luke's, having inherited the Crawford

one could tell from the way he sat that he was

the dishes were served, the dining hall fell

not take it anymore, and she complained to Luke. "What's going on with that Bianca, Luke? Look, we're all here, and we have to wait for her. How could she let her senior wait for her? This girl from a poor family doesn't know etiquette at all!" "Take a look at yourself before you speak! No wonder your son is attracted to that kind of woman," Susan

are you talking about, Susan?" Allison was about to blow

Can't we have some peace in the morning?" Old Master Crawford furrowed his brows and

His voice was soft but authoritative. The two women immediately **shut up**.

His daughters-in-law have been arguing since more than twenty years ago. Zachary could have kept them in check, but ever since he passed away, no one could stop the two from fighting, even Old Master Crawford. That had made him very *annoyed*.

He had suggested that the two women remarry, but they did not want that. They claimed that they remained devoted to Zachary, but Old Master Crawford knew their secret plans.

If Susan remained in the Crawford family, she would have a stake in T Corporation. If she remarried, things would be totally *different*.

Her stake in the company would be withdrawn, and Louis was not much of a fighter or a businessman. She would not want to see Allison and her son completely control T Corporation.

She would rather die single in the Crawford family than let Allison win!

Allison had a simpler viewpoint. She knew that Luke hated her. If she remarried, her son would not give away T Corporation's resources to the other family.

If that were the case, Allison would not be able to maintain her current *lavish lifestyle*.

As a woman who became Mrs. Crawford, she was intelligent enough to rationalize her decision.

Old Master Crawford looked around the table and landed his gaze on Luke. "Luke, go and get Bianca here for *breakfast*."

up from his seat.

he was about to walk up the stairs, he saw Bianca walking down holding the two

the twins next to her, Bianca was full of

not afraid of the Crawfords anymore, even though the people there were hostile

stepped down the classic spiral staircase, she seemed modest and even a little

might look calm, but her back was straightened stiffly, and her grip on her children's hands

did not expect that everyone was waiting

than Louis, who was smiling at her, the other people did not look too pleasant. The air was thick with

Bianca's hand and sat her down next to

two cute children greeted their great-grandfather and sat down next to

Chapter 345 Bianca Was Embarrassed by What Luke Said

Meanwhile, Leia woke up from a deep sleep. She opened her eyes and found herself in a luxurious but otherwise vacant hotel suite.

Her entire body was in pain as though it had been ripped apart, and her waist was so worn that she could not straighten it.

Down there, she felt nothing but searing pain.

She pressed on her throbbing temples, and memories of last night's lovemaking surfaced.

The bed was a mess, her evening gown had been torn into shreds, and there were signs of intimacy all over her body.

Leia could vaguely remember the warmth of the man's body. That man's figure overlapped with Luke's handsome face.

Leia's face blushed shyly.

Not only the man that she loved had a handsome face, but his prowess in bed made her crave for more.

Her desire for claiming Luke became even stronger.

'Why is Luke so rough though? He didn't seem to care that it's my first time!'

Leia could not remember how many times he had hugged her the night before. Even after her voice was hoarse after crying and begging, he did not stop or even slow down...

that had allowed her to taste a wonderful experience that she had never

reminisced about those sensations, she felt so happy that she could

the happiness had worn her out, Leia began to feel angry

can Luke leave me alone in the hotel just like that, after he claimed my virginity? He didn't even prepare a change of clothes

she thought about it, the angrier

fought against the soreness and pushed herself off the bed. Her phone started ringing; it was

fit of rage, she rejected

that, she received a call from

saw that her mother was calling her, Leia braced herself and answered it. "Mom..." "Where are you, Leia?" Queenie

of guilt struck Leia's heart. "I'm here with my agent, Mom. We ran into some problems while shooting the new movie. The investor, producer, director, and actors are all here for a meeting. I'm here too..."

"You've always been a considerate girl, Leia. You knew that yesterday was your grandfather's 70th birthday, so why did you leave halfway when you could've taken the opportunity to close the gap with him? You didn't even tell us that you left, and you didn't come home last night. Your father is very angry." Queenie's tone of voice was calm, but she sounded disappointed with what Leia

Leia's heart skipped a beat.

adopted father was her biggest support, and she did not want to

"**Something** happened last night, Mom, and I'm very sorry. I'll explain it to Dad when I get back. I love you the most, Mom. Please put in a good word for me!" Leia said coyly.

Queenie could sense her daughter's coy demeanor over the **phone**.

"Sigh, I wouldn't want to reprimand you if not that your behavior was out of line; you're my only daughter. Don't do that again next time." "Mm, thank you, Mom. I won't do it again."

Leia felt uneasy after she ended the call.

However, the disagreement with her parents was worth it if it meant that she could claim *Luke's affection*.

She gave a call to room service and requested a change of *clothes*.

After she dressed up and went down to the lobby, she asked the receptionist about the man who had booked the room for her.

She was sure that the man was Luke Crawford, but she wanted to confirm **it**.

The receptionist said that the man preferred to keep his identity secret. Furthermore, the hotel was not at liberty to divulge its **customers' identities**.

Leia felt slightly at ease when she heard that.

Even though the receptionist did not tell her the identity of the man, that made her even more sure that he *was Luke*.

she was in was the most expensive in A City, and the suite she was in cost an astronomical sum. Not only that, one needed to have a certain social status to reserve a

was sure that the man last night was the Luke

decided to go to Crawford Manor

all, Luke was the one who had claimed her virginity, and he had to bear

was fond of her. If she knew that *Leia* had carnal relations with her son, she would

thought in mind, *Leia* summoned her driver and went to

had been snowing heavily the night before. Even though it was not snowing the next morning and the roads had been cleared, traffic

was extremely anxious. She wanted to reach Crawford Manor as soon as she

the atmosphere at the breakfast table in Crawford Manor

had the urge to dash out of the door if not that Luke was holding her hand

at the apprehensive Bianca. Her disdain was evident. ' You're already putting on airs even before you're officially a Crawford. What makes you think that we accept you if you don't even know basic

her head and did not say a

Chapter 346 I'm Pregnant...

Susan pointed a finger at Louis's face. "Look at your brother. He already has two children, so when is your turn to settle down? Quickly go and get yourself married! You'd better stay at home tomorrow. I'll arrange several matchmaking sessions for you so we can get this done as soon as possible."

Louis wailed. "That can't be, Mom! I'm still young, and I don't want to get married..." "Enough excuses. If you don't want to get married, be like your brother and give me a baby," Susan said.

"I can consider that." Louis rubbed his chin and gave that a serious thought.

That seemed to be a good idea. If he gave his mother a baby, she would not bug him anymore about getting married.

Old Master Crawford whacked Louis's leg with his walking stick, breaking his train of thought. "Over my dead body, you rascal!"

Louis felt aggrieved. "Not fair, Grandpa. Why can Brother do that but not me? The twins..."

Luke glared at Louis with a stern gaze.

Louis noticed that the twins were looking at him with big, animated eyes.

Only then did he realize that he nearly made a big mistake.

"I'm sorry, Brother!" He said sheepishly.

"Alright, let's eat!" Old Master Crawford said authoritatively, and no one dared to say otherwise.

The family ate the meal, though for most of them, the meal was tasteless.

The two little children, on the other hand, ate with great relish.

fed them food from the dishes. From time to time, she would wipe their dirty little mouths with

Crawford was satisfied that she treated the children with kindness and care. His impression of Bianca became better by a

maintained her sullen expression. She silently cursed Bianca for putting up that

breakfast, Susan excused herself from the table, saying that she was not

after that, the

Crawford, Ms. Norman is at the door." The middle-aged female caretaker's voice came over the

startled. She looked doubtfully

not know why Leia was at Crawford Manor so early in the

Allison seemed delighted. "Father, please allow Leia to come in. It's the 15th of the month today, and she must be here to visit you. It's so cold outside, you can tell that she

Crawford glanced at Bianca's calm face and

Mm."

might be old, but he was not senile. He knew very well that Leia was there to visit his grandson Luke and might have accepted Bianca's presence in the household, but Bianca needed a reminder from time to time, she was the one who had involved his grandson in unneeded

Leia stepped into the house in her tall **boots**.

When she saw Bianca sitting next to Luke and feeding the two children, her beautiful smile nearly *vanished!*

'Damn that Luke. How dare he make out in bed with me last night, but bring Bianca back to Crawford Manor? What's the meaning of this?'

However, Leia was very good at masking her emotions.

She might be livid at the moment, but she maintained her ladylike composure and gently greeted, "Grandpa Crawford, Aunt **Allison...**"

She was dressed in the latest Dior fashion, which allowed her to flaunt her curves even though it was **winter**.

Her graceful and magnanimous behavior made her look like a **refined lady**.

Leia knew that the older generation would appreciate **her behavior**.

She shot a glance at Bianca.

Bianca was dressed in a casual T-shirt without any adornment.

She was so plain. How could she compare to the glamorous and attractive Leia?

"You're here so early, Leia. You haven't eaten anything, right? Come here, let's have breakfast together." Allison eagerly pulled Leia to the *breakfast table*.

Leia pretended to decline several times, but eventually relented and sat down at the table.

unpleasant when she saw how eager Allison was to please Leia. It was a huge contrast from how she was

with Allison and Old Master Crawford, but her resentful gaze would sometimes fall on

was uneasy when Leia was around. Her food suddenly lost all taste, and she could not take

looked at the sudden guest with

'What's wrong with Leia?

looking at me as though I've dumped her. Is she OK?' "Aunt Allison, when did Ms. Rayne come here?" Leia tried to beat around the

Allison could say anything, Lanie patted his bloated stomach and replied, "Mommy has been here since last night. She slept in the same room as Daddy. They're very nice to

was very sensitive to emotions, and he instantly disliked

face turned a shade paler. "Luke, you shouldn't be at home last night, right?" "That's impossible. Luke was making out in bed with me last night. Why would he be at home

did not give an answer. He was not going to waste his time with

could tell that Bianca disliked Leia. He stood up, took Bianca and the twins' hands, and said to Old Master Crawford, "Grandfather, Bianca and I are done with breakfast. We'll be going upstairs." "Hey, was trying to call him when Luke was already heading toward the spiral staircase holding Bianca's hand. To her, the family of four was

fists were clenched tightly. She could only suppress the anger and doubt in her heart for

is like that, Leia. You don't have to be too bothered. He'll eventually regret it." Allison comforted her while handing her a

Chapter 347 I've Never Blamed You

When Bianca hurriedly arrived at the hospital, she saw Nina sitting in a daze at the obstetrics and gynecology department.

The other women had their husbands and boyfriends with them. Nina seemed especially lonely.

Bianca had not met Nina in a while, and Nina had lost a lot of weight. Her round and plump face was now sharp, and her bangs almost covered her eyes. Her expression could not be clearly seen, though her lips that were tightly pressed together told Bianca that she was in a gloomy mood.

Nina clutched several medical reports in her hands. Bianca did not know what she was thinking.

Looking at that thin figure, Bianca could not help but feel sorry for her.

She sat down next to Nina and gently called out her name, "Nina..."

When Nina heard Bianca's voice and saw her, she fell into her arms, and tears started to fall.

"I'm... I'm pregnant, Bianca," she sobbed, "I wanted to abort it, but the doctor said that my uterine wall is very thin. If I abort this child, I might not be able to become pregnant for the rest of my life. What should I do?" "I'm sorry, I'm sorry..." Bianca kept on apologizing. She felt immensely guilty for what happened to Nina.

Nina suffered so much because of her.

"Bianca, do you know that when I found out that I was pregnant, my mind went blank... I didn't want to tell you, but I really don't know what I should do. I'm losing my mind. I don't want this lifeform within me. It is a shameful reminder of what happened to me. But if I abort it, I might never get the chance of becoming a mother...' Nina helplessly stared at Bianca. She did not know what to do.

She nearly suffered a mental breakdown after she was violated. She did not think of taking a contraceptive.

she thought of that later, she ran to the pharmacy, bought a morning- after pill, and instantly swallowed. However, that was already too late.

did not expect that she was so unlucky to become pregnant the first time she had intercourse with a Bianca the medical report with

the results of the ultrasound, complete blood count, electrocardiogram, and all other

made Bianca surprised was that Nina might look healthy, but her constitution was worse than body was weak, and it could not withstand

only that, even if she tried to carry the pregnancy to term, there was a chance that she would suffer a miscarriage if she

do you know who's the father of the baby in your womb?" Bianca sighed as she held the medical reports in her hand and tried to hold back

seem carefree and liberal, but Bianca knew that Nina was very conservative, even more so than her. She would not be willingly involved in an affair out of

to say, it must have something to do with that time Xavier kept her in

Nina shook her head with tears in her eyes.

She did not want to say the father's identity.

Every reminder of that shameful day was like a scourge whipping on her heart, leaving nothing but pain **and fear**.

Bianca stopped asking questions. She could see that it was a sore spot for Nina.

Suppressing the heart-wrenching emotions in her heart, Bianca draped her arm over Nina's shoulder and promised her, 'Listen to me. I'm the one who's at fault. You can blame me if you want... but the child is innocent. Don't abort it. I'll raise it for you. I'll be its godmother, alright?'

A hint of life seemed to return to Nina's hollow gaze. "I've never thought of blaming you, Bianca. I was careless. This wouldn't have happened if I took the pill in time... If I have to blame someone else, it'll be the man who caused all this and how fate is so cruel to me. It's a lot to take in, but I'll be fine in a few days. Don't worry..."

She did not know she was comforting Bianca or **herself**.

Bianca helped Nina walk out of the *hospital*.

Nina seemed to feel better after Bianca talked to *her*.

Bianca was about to hail a cab at the entrance when they saw an unpleasant scene!

A bright red convertible was parked at the hospital **entrance**.

the back seat was a brown-haired man with a sinister and scoundrelly face and a

hugged a woman with each arm. The one on his left was seductive, while the one on his right

the day was cold, the women dressed skimpily. They wore crop tops that bared their stomachs, and miniskirts that bared their

man hugged the seductive woman's waist tightly, but his head was turned to the other side, kissing the pure woman's lips. His lecherous behavior was

has released a new diamond ring design, Brother Pierre. I want it..." The seductive woman said want an emerald necklace and an LV handbag, Brother Pierre...' The pure woman also flaunted her brown-haired man hugged and kissed them and said generously, ' Alright, my babies. I'll buy you whatever

two beautiful women cheered and clung to him even

"How degenerate!" Bianca mumbled.

want to stay away as far as possible from playboys like that

Nina's eyes were transfixed on the

Chapter 348 This Is My last Warning to You

Regal Capital.

"You can live here for now, Nina. I've paid a year's rent in advance, and the lease wont be up for more than half a year. It's non-refundable, and it'll be vacant anyway," Bianca said as she held Nina's hand.

"Thank you, Bianca. Without you, I don't know what I should do if I'm alone. " Nina looked around the one-bedroom house with homely furnishings. She was extremely grateful for Bianca.

Right now, her mother's full attention was on her brother Jean. Anna was running up and down different prison departments to help Jean and ignored what Nina was doing.

Moreover, if her conservative mother found out that she was pregnant, she would be forced to abort the baby.

"I'm the one who has to apologize to you.' Bianca's gaze was once again suffused with guilt.

"Stop saying that. What happened has happened, and there's no use regretting it. You're my best friend, and I don't want to see you living in the guilt. What we should do now is to think positively. I believe we'll get through this even if it's difficult. I should be at the child-bearing age.

this child is a gift from heaven," Nina said gently as she caressed her

an optimistic and cheerful young woman. It was easy for her to come round to certain

I believe that your baby will be the cutest child in the world. It'll look like you!" "I hope that it'll look like me

smiled when she imagined that she would soon have a baby that would call her Mama. It would look like her and be as cute as Lanie and

looked forward to giving birth to

Nina down on the couch and went to clean the bedroom. "It's been some time since I last lived here, Nina. The room is quite messy. Rest for a bit while I clean

wanted to help. "I'm pregnant, not disabled. Must you treat me like a child? Let me help with the cleanup as

Bianca stubbornly held Nina down. "You saw your medical report too. Your constitution is weaker than normal people, and you might suffer a miscarriage if you're careless. You should rest as much as you can. When I was pregnant with Lanie and **Rainie...**"

Nina helplessly listened to Bianca tell her precautions and pointers while bearing a child. She might say that Bianca was annoying, but she felt very warm in her heart.

After cleaning up the room, Bianca went down to the grocery store in the neighborhood and bought vegetables and poultry.

While she was walking up the stairs, she met Daisy, who just got back from the *wet market*.

Daisy was walking casually with a live chicken under her arm...

The two had not met each other for some time.

Daisy could see that Bianca had become more beautiful than before, especially her pink and tender skin. Meanwhile, her daughter had to conduct outdoor interviews, and because of that, her skin had become dry and rough. Her heart was wracked *by jealousy*.

"Hey, isn't that Bianca?" She said shrilly. *1 thought you've found yourself a rich sugar daddy, and you've moved to a luxurious mansion. Why are you back here so fast? Did you get dumped? Ha, I knew that you can't rely on sugar daddies, but you don't listen. That man must've found himself a younger and more beautiful woman. If you knew that you weren't going to be so lucky, you shouldn't even have dreamed about it!"

that middle-aged woman a lot, not only because she was patronizing, but also because she was very fond of gossip. Bianca would have given her a tight slap on her face if not that she was respectful toward her

you know that you're very annoying, Aunt Daisy?" Bianca said abruptly while glaring

you say?" Daisy opened her clouded eyes wide. She could not believe that Bianca was talking to her like that,

was taller than Daisy, even when she was

towered over Daisy imposingly. "Some elders have kind hearts and mind their manners. Those elders deserve my respect. However, there are many elders like you who not only are unreasonable and ignorant but also indulge in gossip... I'd like to ask you, Aunt Daisy, what's the point of you degrading me? Would your gossip and insults make you a better person? Or would it advance your daughter's career?" "You... How dare you speak to me like that, you wench? If you're guilty of some misdeeds, why shouldn't I say it? Stop pretending to

but a mistress!" Daisy was livid. She wanted to throw eggs at Bianca and claw

say this one last time, Aunt Daisy, I'm not

Chapter 349 Luke and Bianca Appear In Court!

Bianca made a sumptuous lunch for Nina.

After lunch, Bianca did the dishes and thoroughly cleaned the kitchen.

Then, she returned to the grocery store and replenished the supplies in the fridge. She had said that the roads were slippery from the snow, and she did not want Nina to step outside. With the fridge stocked full of vegetables and poultry, it would be convenient for Nina to cook for herself.

Nina was grateful beyond words for what Bianca did to her.

"It's almost the end of the year, so you don't have to go to work. I'll let Luke know, and he can approve your leave until the new year," Bianca discussed with Nina before she left. 1

Nina shook her head. "It's been too long since I've skipped work, and you know that I can't sit still at home. You can let Luke know that I'll go to work when I'm ready. I'm afraid that if I stay for too long at home, I'll start imagining things..."

Bianca could only agree. "You should just rest at home, and we'll talk after you're ready to come back to work. You can call me if you need anything. My phone is always on for you."

After Bianca left, Nina sank deep in thought.

Now that she had decided that she would give birth to the child in her womb, she would have to contemplate her future.

about to be graced by the presence of a new life, and she would not be alone anymore. She would have to make plans for

The next day.

was a sunny day, and the world was coated in silvery-white

glittering sun shone down on A

mood was a stark contrast to the

was Jennifer and Marie's trial

not wear any makeup, and there was no expression on her

with Bianca in the front row of the spectator area, wearing a pair of sunglasses. His expression was as somber as hers, and his ice-cold aura was hard to

Marie, dressed in prison clothes, stood listlessly at

being locked up for some time, Jennifer seemed to have aged ten years. Gray hair appeared on her sideburns, and her back was slightly

Marie's long hair was cut short. Her hair was disheveled, her face was sickly, her eyes were sunken, and she seemed to have lost a lot of weight.

They probably had suffered greatly in jail.

However, Bianca did not have any sympathy *for them*.

They were the ones who had caused Kevin's death, and they were getting what **they deserve**.

When the two women saw Bianca, their eyes were about to spew fire. If not that bailiffs were restraining them, they would have rushed to Bianca and tore her into pieces.

Walter's crisp voice rang in the courtroom. "The alleged, Jennifer Lee and Marie Rayne, knew that Kevin Rayne was suffering from ill health, yet they provoked him with harsh language. Not only was that behavior immoral, but it was also illegal. Moreover, when they saw that the patient's condition was worsening, they did not immediately call for the doctor but instead watched him deteriorate. Their words and actions have directly caused Mr. Rayne's death, and as such, they need to bear full responsibility! Your Honor, please grant them the maximum sentence!" **"Objection!"**

Shandra was dressed in a dark-colored lawyer's robe, and her hair was tied up in a bun behind her head. Her expression was cold. "Kevin Rayne has suffered from cancer for many years. Even without Jennifer and Marie's provocation, he would not have lasted for very long. Why must the alleged bear full responsibility? Moreover, what they said to Mr. Rayne was the truth. He is the one who could not accept it. Even if the alleged need to bear legal responsibility for his death, it is not as serious as you say. Their words might be harsh when they argued with Mr. Rayne, but that was because they were in the heat of the moment. If anything, this should be a civil case..."

Walter stared at Shandra. His heart **was wrenching**.

He felt sorry that the once aloof and arrogant woman had fallen so *low*.

she hated her, she had opposed him in every case that he took on, even if it violated

she had offered her services pro bono to Jennifer and her daughter, just so that she could defeat him

had witnessed Shandra's growth in the past

was indeed witty and cunning, especially when it came to loopholes. He almost lost to her several times, if not that he was very good at quibbling

make up for her, he had allowed her to win

the case was related to Bianca, Luke's woman. He could not let her win

the alleged know that Mr. Rayne was terminally sick and would die at anytime, but they used harsh language to verbally attack him anyway, and the entire incident was recorded by the security camera. You cannot deny that, right? There is no doubt that the actions of the alleged are deliberate, and that is grounds to conclude that they have committed homicide. They need to bear criminal responsibility!"
Walter

to trade barbs in the courtroom. Neither of them wanted to let the

were the best in their field. Their arguments trumped one

heart was in her throat. She almost could

Chapter 350 Luke's Deep Kiss

Bianca stepped out of the courtroom. The sky was clear once again.

The sun was as bright as usual, and she felt as though a heavy burden was lifted from her heart.

Jennifer and Marie had received their just desserts.

Luke was hugging Bianca's waist. He saw that her brows were tightly knotted, and he could not guess what she was thinking. "You seem to be lost in thought. What are you thinking?" He asked softly.

"I was thinking whether the judgment would be different if Jennifer and Marie appealed." Bianca sighed.

Luke's gaze turned cold. "It won't. If they appeal, I can guarantee that their sentence will be even more severe."

He had ways to make those despicable characters' lives a living hell.

Bianca leaned gently on Luke's shoulder.

His strong and rhythmic heartbeat calmed her down. "Thank you for all that you do for me."

Bianca understood that without him, putting Jennifer and Marie to justice would be a long and arduous ordeal, if that were even possible in the first place.

Luke held her wrist and stuffed her into the passenger seat of his car. Then, he sat in the driver's seat.

are we going..." Just when Bianca opened her mouth, the man's hand gripped her delicate lower jaw, and he kissed her on

Bianca's breathing and heartbeat became faster!

did not give her a chance to take a break. His warm breath filled the air around her

felt like she was being punished by

man ravaged her oral cavity with his tongue and excited

losing her strength from the kiss. She felt as though she was floating in the air, and she

Her reaction made Luke even wilder.

have claimed her if not that they were still in

going to be so formal with me next time, hmm?" Luke had to let go of Bianca. His lower abdomen was feeling

afraid that if he continued kissing her, his restraint would reduce

gasped for fresh air. She understood why he was punishing her with

out that the man did not want her to be so formal

Bianca blushed and answered softly, "I won't do that again..." "Good girl," the man said softly with a smile. "If you make this mistake again, I won't go so easy on you."

The man's covetous gaze seemed to have stripped her clothes away.

Bianca blushed. All his "punishments" involved sex. She could not take it *anymore...*

Luke started the car.

Bianca looked at Luke's clean hand that was holding the steering **wheel**.

She coughed gently and asked, "Are we going back to **the company?**"

Luke smiled. 'Mm. I'll finish up my business, then we'll go on a **date**."

T Corporation.

Bianca and Luke stepped into the CEO's personal *elevator*.

The couple's reflection was seen in the mirror of the elevator. One was tall and handsome, while the other was petite and *delicate*.

Bianca suddenly realized that she had skipped work again to attend Jennifer and Marie's *trial*.

embarrassed by the fact that in the few months she had been working at T Corporation, she was the employee who had been absent for the most

lead would lose her

spirited eyes stared at Bianca. He thought that her ever-changing expression was

staring at me!" Bianca became nervous when she noticed that Luke was staring at

was afraid that Luke might morph into a thirsty beast in the cramped space of the

patted her hair and kissed her forehead, and that was all

the top floor, Luke walked out of the elevator while Bianca

to keep her distance in the company. Being too intimate with him would

not the first time that Bianca was in the CEO's office. However, they had made out in the office's bedroom, and that had made her feel awkward being

Didn't you take the day off? Why are you here?" Louis said lazily as he walked

sneaking out again, Louis?" Luke glared at

I thought I'd step outside for a while to get some fresh air and smoke a cigarette..." Louis answered