

Be Gentle 391

Chapter 391 The Incident That Shattered Bianca's Peaceful Life!

Sue had been in the workplace for many years and was used to all the fighting and scheming. It was rare to see a colleague like Bianca who distanced herself from politics. That was why Sue had a good impression of her.

While they were talking, the design department lead walked over.

At that moment, Bella looked cheerfully into Bianca's eyes. Bianca could not tell what she was thinking.

"Sue, since you're not in good shape, it's better if you stayed in the office in the future. Bianca, I'll be replacing Sue's position in the project. I hope that we'll work well together," Bella said triumphantly.

After Sue volunteered to leave the collaboration project with Vivi Group, Bella was selected as her replacement.

Bianca forced a smile at Bella. "It's an honor to work with the design department lead in this project."

The truth was that she did not want to work with Bella, who was always acting against her.

However, there were many things not under her control.

Bella grunted and said, 'How's the proposal and estimated budget report coming along? Be sure to send it to my work mailbox before I get off work today.'

Bianca frowned and said, 'Madam, The proposal and budget report cover a lot of areas, including the executive summary, preliminary design plans, required equipment, estimated capital budget, material estimates, and even the construction schedules. It's not something that can be done in a short period.

"With all the sensitive data, I'll need a few days to get everything correct.

"Also, if the report is rushed, what should we do if an accident happens during the middle of the construction? Are you going to bear the consequences, Madam?"

Bella was left speechless. She stared at Bianca fiercely. "Just make sure you get the proposal done as soon as possible. Otherwise, everyone will think that you're just a useless decoration!"

left, Sue rolled the office chair over to Bianca. She whispered, "Bianca, this is your chance to shine. If this project is successful, the best performer will have an opportunity for promotion. Don't miss out on it. That Bella is crazy. She's just a department lead. You must take her down a notch! I heard that the total bonus for this project alone is around a million! The best performer will get five hundred thousand dollars, the second place gets three hundred thousand dollars, and the third place gets two hundred thousand dollars..." "One million dollars? The best performer gets five hundred thousand dollars?"

Bianca

tell anyone. I'm close to the people in the finance department. At the karaoke party, that guy drank too much and accidentally said it. The company has not made it public yet. You must keep it as a secret."

"Got it, Sue." Bianca was

be great if she could get the

was rich, she rarely spent his

modern age woman, her thinking had always been very independent and forward-looking. She did not want to be a morning glory that could only leech to and climb up Luke's

to be a cotton tree, standing side by side with him with the roots and stems intertwining with each other, their branches and leaves touching, living interdependently with him for the rest of her

Bianca thought of that, she suddenly felt a surge of fighting spirit and strength in her entire to Bianca, Sue got up and went to the

she got out of the toilet and passed by the men's washroom, Sue accidentally bumped

man's chest was very wide and hard, making Sue stagger

she was about to fall, she subconsciously protected

she found herself being held steadily by a

didn't mean to..." Sue said awkwardly and looked up.

superficially behind his gold-framed glasses. "What's the rush, Ms. Carter? Is a monster

For some reason, when Jason saw Sue again, he felt that she somehow **looked familiar**.

Even so, he could not tell where that feeling came from... 1 'Right. I drank a little too much that night, and I made out with a woman in bed. I didn't even see her face clearly.'

He was still asleep the next morning when the woman left.

He thought that the woman was an escort or someone who was looking for a one-night stand, but before he left, he unexpectedly saw a red stain on the sheets.

Jason did not expect that the woman was actually a *virgin*.

Later, he tried to find out who she was but could not find *anything*.

The woman seemed to have disappeared without a trace, and he was unable to find the slightest *clue*...

When he saw Sue that day, the smell of her body was so similar to the woman from that night. When he realized how similar they were, Jason was lost in thought for *a while*.

"Can you let go of me, Mr. Doyle?" Sue **said candidly**.

She hated the touch of any **man**.

"..." Her hostility caused Jason's eyes to widen slightly and he had no choice but to let go **of her**.

Sue walked toward her office, knocking into his shoulder along the way.

The man was left speechless.

is very feminine, but she likes to pretend that she's an aloof and independent strong woman. That makes her really

getting off work, Bianca went to the kindergarten to pick up Lanie and

soon as she arrived at the front gate of the kindergarten, a little girl in a white dress threw herself into her

girl's clear and melodious voice was very pleasing to the ear. ' Mommy, I have good news for you today. Do you want to hear

crouched down and pinched her daughter's tender little face. 'Of course I want to hear it. What good news do you bring? Tell me and make

sweetly. "Mommy, I got into the finals for the city's children's drawing

kissed Rainie on the forehead. 'Is that so? I have such an amazing daughter! But remember to be humble, you mustn't be too proud." "Got it, Mommy! But Lanie is even better. He joined the drawing, public speaking, and piano competitions... He gets first place in every competition, and our teacher is asking him to represent our kindergarten in the city finals. That nasty Simon is in the finals too. Hmph! He's such a

Rainie did not mention was that Simon and her brother had tied for first place in all the preliminary eyes of the little girl, Simon, who always liked to pull her braids, was a wicked naughty boy, and her brother Lanie was still the

you so angry about that? Rainie, Simon is very sensible and smart. The two of you are competing fairly. You can't call him a meanie, OK?" Bianca stroked Rainie's little head full of fluffy hair and patiently educated

little girl reluctantly stretched her words. "I knooooow,

to look at her son

wearing a backpack. He stood straight, and he was tall and strong like a thriving poplar

little boy's handsome face and posture looked dazzling in the sunset, which attracted the attention of the parents who came to pick up their children from

Chapter 392 Something Happened To The Company!

The story went like this.

Two years ago, a subsidiary of T Corporation developed a high-end residential complex called Greenvue Regalia. A fire happened in the high- end apartment complex unit owned by a business owner named Mr. Sonny, and his wife and their six-year-old son perished.

The arsonist was quickly arrested and turned out to be a nanny working at the owner's house.

The nanny became greedy and was tempted whenever she saw valuables. At first, she stole Mrs. Sonny's belongings again and again without being noticed. Later, when she stole again, she was caught red-handed.

Mrs. Sonny was hot-tempered and threatened to send her to the police station.

The nanny was afraid that she would be sent to prison, so she set a fire to the place and tried to burn down all the evidence to cover up her crime...

The terrible incident quickly garnered a lot of attention from the media.

Almost all major news networks and mainstream media outlets condemned the nanny's actions and called for her punishment, while public opinion severely criticized the T Corporation subsidiary.

According to unverified reports, the fire trucks had been hindered in the process of putting out the fire. The path was restricted by illegal green belts, and the building was too high. Moreover, there were serious problems in the building's fire prevention facilities and property management which resulted in the firefighters not being able to reach the mother and child in time, which directly led to their deaths.

If the incident was dealt with promptly at the beginning, it could be suppressed without much fuss with T Corporation's influence and network of connections.

did they know, the manager of the subsidiary company was afraid of being implicated. They thought that they could handle the matter by themselves, so they made their own press release and postponed the report to the head office. However, it was a futile effort to stop the scandal, and every broadcasting media ended up reporting

was in the public interest, and so the news spread very quickly. It became trending online, and in the end, the situation spread beyond

the incident happened, countless self-righteous netizens on Mr. Sonny's side ganged up against

house owners of Greenview Regalia began to panic. Everyone was worried about the safety measures in the apartment. In the news, requests for refunds and owners' rights rallies could be seen from time to

stock prices had been severely affected and

Bianca came out of the bathroom after a shower and found that the light in the study was

Luke was still busy with work.

and felt very sorry for

work was enough to give her a headache. Luke, on the other hand, ran a multinational company, which was already exhausting by itself, but now had the added stress of the

Bianca understood his current mood.

did not get an easy start in his life. As the child born out of wedlock in the Crawford family, his life had

Even though his parents were alive, they sent him to an orphanage, and he suffered **from depression**.

When he grew up and was taken back to Crawford Manor, he had to deal with the multiple scandals in the family. Through his own strength, he transformed a company on the verge of bankruptcy to its current state in just a few years. Nobody knew what hardships he had to endure to achieve it.

Before Bianca knew him, she remembered reading a report about him in a financial magazine that introduced some of the country's most impressive revivals. T Corporation was ranked **first**.

At that time, Luke was not even thirty years old yet, but he had become one of the richest people on the continent.

Bianca looked at Luke's back broken-heartedly and walked to the living room. She poured a glass of milk for Luke and planned to bring it to him in *the study*.

Ring ring...

Suddenly, the landline telephone in the living *room rang*.

When she saw that it was an unfamiliar number, Bianca hesitated but answered it **anyway**.

"*Luke?*" Allison's voice sounded over the phone.

"Aunt..." Bianca went against her will and greeted her.

When Allison heard Bianca's voice, she suppressed her anger and said, "Get Luke to answer *the phone!*"

did not think that Allison would call at that time because she was concerned about

did not want Luke to be distracted from work because of

a shower now. Something serious happened in his company, so he's been very tired recently. Can you call again tomorrow?" "Who do you think you are? Why won't you let me talk to my son? Bianca, don't think that you can be so rude to your elder because you have Luke protecting you! Let me talk to my son!" Allison shouted

nothing important, I'll hang up now. You can call him again tomorrow." Bianca completely ignored Allison's insults and hung up because she did not want to think about

knew that Allison did not like her, nor did the older woman's impression of her change after so long. Bianca never harbored any hope for Allison's opinion to

forced herself not to think about the upsetting things and went to the study with the glass of door of the study was

that Luke was working seriously. His phone screen was lit; Leia was calling

pressed the answer button but did not say

but anxious voice came from the other end of the phone, "Mr. Crawford, are you

waiting for a while, Leia heard no response except for gentle breathing. She thought it was Luke and said softly, 'I went through all the reports of the incident in detail. The nanny is at fault. The public should not point their fingers at T Corporation. Do you need... any help over there? If you need help, I can speak to my dad. With my dad's help, things should be much

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Leia was so angry that she hung up the phone.

On the other end, after Leia just hung up, Allison called again, that time directly to Luke's phone.

Luke answered the call and said tiredly, "What is it, Mom? Why are you calling so late?"

Allison said, "Did Leia call you just now? Listen to me, with Leia's help, it'll be much easier to deal with the arson incident. Be nicer to Leia. She's a good girl. Not only does she have a good family background, but she's also beautiful, but the point is that she likes you. She's more suitable for you than that Bianca. Son, you have to cherish her..."

Luke frowned. "Mother, I thought I made it clear! I don't like Leia, and I'll never be with her! I don't need Leia's family's help on the Greenview Regalia incident. I'll be able to handle it myself. If that's all you want to tell me, I'm going to hang up now. I need some rest. Next time, don't talk to me about how other women are more suitable for me. My wife will be upset."

After that, Luke hung up the phone.

On the other end, Allison felt awkward because of Luke.

She said all those things to Luke precisely because she knew that he was with Bianca, but she did not expect him to embarrass her like that.

On the other end of the phone, Bianca also did not expect Luke to speak that way to Allison.

Even so, Bianca was comforted by the thought that Allison was helpless against Luke.

handed the glass of milk to Luke. "You've worked long enough. Have some milk. No matter how busy you are, you have to take care of your health. About Leia, I think that you should find the Greenview Regalia incident much easier to handle if you have her

about to take the glass of milk when he heard what Bianca said. Instantly, his expression became expression was as gloomy as the weather before a

eyes narrowed slightly and he leaned toward

heart beat faster when she sensed his dangerous aura. She looked into the man's eyes, dark and profound like a lake, as if they could draw her soul

cringed and put the glass on

continued to stare at her and wrapped his arms around her waist. He pressed her against the wall.

"Don't you believe in your

man's hot breath intertwined with her helpless breathing and for a while, the air in the room was hot

of course I believe in you." Bianca looked at him earnestly. Her eyes bore the weight of her belief

nodded with satisfaction. "Mmhmm. That's more like it. Don't say such silly things to make me angry again next time." "Okay." "Since you're repentant, you should apologize sincerely too." "Sincerely? How?" Bianca looked

"Kiss me!"

Bianca blinked. She was too short that even if she tried her best to stand on her toes, she could barely reach his thin **lips**.

She tried her best to reach his lips and gave him a *hard kiss*.

Luke frowned with dissatisfaction. "That won't do. Haven't you learned anything from what I taught **you?**"

Bianca could only put her arms around his neck and close in again with her lips. Recalling what he taught her, she gently opened his jaw and slipped her tongue inside.

In an instant, Luke turned from passive **to active**.

In the heat of the moment, the loving couple temporarily forgot their worries.

The next day, Luke went to the office before sunrise.

Bianca's biological clock had always been on time, and she woke up right before the alarm clock rang at eight o'clock. When she woke up, she found that the man beside her was already gone.

After washing up, she went downstairs and found an uninvited guest sitting in the **living room**.

was very upset when she saw Bianca come downstairs. After all, she never had a kind word for the young woman. "Did you just wake up? Don't you know what time it is? I can't believe you can sleep so soundly when something so serious happened to Luke's company! You don't care about my son at all! Thank goodness you don't live in Crawford Manor. If I had a daughter-in-law like you, Susan would mock me to death. My son doesn't deserve a conceited woman like

unreasonable reprimand placed Bianca in a

a smile and responded, "I'm going to

glanced at Bianca contemptuously. "Look how hard-working my son is. He went to his office early in the morning. If I knew he had gone to his office, I wouldn't have to come here to look for him. When you meet Luke at the company, tell Luke to go back to the manor after work. Old Master Crawford wants to meet

never knew what to do about her extremely stubborn

was proud that her son was so talented and capable, but on the other hand, she was annoyed that she could not control

that her son had never obeyed her. All she could do was use Old Master Crawford's name to make him do her

it. I'll let him know," Bianca

I almost forgot. You're an employee of my son's company. Did Luke sneak you in through the back

at Bianca mockingly and started dressing her down. "You'll be a lowly employee for the rest of your life. Look at Leia. Not only is she a big celebrity, but she also learned how to invest and manage money at a young age. She even said that she would help her mother run her business after she retires from the entertainment industry. My boy Luke is usually busy with business and is always exhausted. What he needs is someone like Leia who can help him, not a good-for-nothing person

Chapter 394 He Had Always Hated Being Threatened!

As soon as Bianca arrived at T Corporation, she heard someone shouting anxiously in the lobby on the first floor. "Oh no! Someone is going to jump off the rooftop of Building C! It's Giovan Sonny, that business owner! Someone, help!"

Bianca's face turned pale in an instant. She wanted to follow the person out, but she noticed Luke.

"Mr. Sonny, that business owner, he's trying to kill himself at the rooftop of Building C now..." Bianca blurted. Her mind was blank.

Luke grabbed Bianca's wrist and said resolutely. "I know the whole story, don't worry. I'll deal with it. Don't go there."

He was afraid that Giovan, in his panic, would hurt innocent people, including Bianca.

"I promise I won't be in the way. Let's go over there now. It'll be bad if the situation worsens," Bianca said.

Luke saw that time was running out. He had no choice but to take Bianca with him.

T Corporation had four buildings, A, B, C, and D.

office was in Building A, and Giovan was going to jump off Building C. Fortunately, the two buildings were not too far

C, countless reporters were taking pictures with their long lenses and DSLRs, police officers were maintaining order, and there was a huge crowd of

The firefighters had deployed an airbag.

Bianca into the CEO's personal elevator, went all the way to the top floor, and stepped out of the rooftop

a middle-aged man with an elegant face. He had lost his beloved wife and child in

moment, he looked very sad. His unshaved beard made him look

dangled both of his legs beyond the ledge. One wrong move, and he would be a pancake on the

yelled out loud, "Get Luke Crawford here! Where is Luke? Get him out right

Bianca saw Giovan might topple over anytime, she got anxious and wanted to go forward to persuade him. However, Luke held her back. "Did you forget what you promised me? Leave this to me. Don't

Bianca was so anxious that she was beading cold sweat. "We don't have time to reason with him! He's very emotional right now, and if he accidentally falls, another life will be lost in this tragedy. Let me go over to persuade him and get him to come down from the terrace before we continue talking..."

Til go!' Luke said imperiously.

Bianca could only take a step back and give some space for Luke.

Luke walked onto the terrace. The T Corporation employees around him were relieved to see **him**.

They shouted at Giovan, "Mr. Sonny, Mr. Crawford is here! If you have anything to say, you can tell him! Mr. Crawford will help you!" "Yes, Mr. Sonny, come down quickly! It's too dangerous there!"

When Giovan saw Luke coming, he became even more agitated and his legs moved a little closer to the edge. Everyone there was scared.

Giovan cried in abject despair as if he was abandoned by the *whole world*.

While crying, he cursed Luke, "Luke Crawford! You heartless developer! I've spent tens of millions to buy the high-end residence, Greenview Regalia, developed by your company, T Corporation! Who knew that the fire protection facilities and the property management were so bad. My wife and children were killed in the fire... Now they're all gone! Since you ruined my family, I also want to ruin your reputation!" "Mr. Sonny, all the media and reporters are under the office building right now. If you want to be tomorrow's news headline and jump down, I won't stop you! Do you think that if you threaten me with death now, you'll be able to get what you want?" Luke said cold.

you jump down, you will definitely die, and you'll be so disfigured beyond recognition. That indeed will be troublesome and enough to keep me busy for a while, but then what? I just need to pull some strings and this whole issue will blow over. This incident will barely leave a dent in the reputation of T Corporation. And you? Not only your wife and children will not be avenged, but you'll also even lose your life! If you want to jump,

could not believe what she just

did not show any sympathy to that person. Instead, he provoked him with such cruel words! Bianca had on the brink of a breakdown. Does Luke really want to provoke him to

cautiously and softly persuaded, "Don't listen to him, Mr. Sonny. If you jump from here, you'll die. Your body won't even be intact. Just come down from the ledge first, okay? You have hope as long as you live. Don't you want to avenge your wife and child? Don't you want to see the murderer who killed them brought to justice? Let Mr. Crawford know if you have any conditions. Please come off the

at Bianca. Before he could speak, he heard Luke speak indifferently, "Who do you think you are, Ms. Rayne? Do you think that you can make decisions for T Corporation's top

persuasion might have worked better than direct provocation on a man who was about to

never allowed anyone to threaten him through words. He wanted to start a negotiation with Giovan so that both parties would be

that did not mean that Giovan could take the opportunity to threaten

Chapter 395 How It Feels When His Heart Stops Beating!

"Bianca!" Luke yelled hoarsely with all his might.

The man's pupils shrunk from fear.

At the most critical moment, in a wild stroke of luck, Luke reached out and grabbed Bianca's ankle!

Bianca's entire body was hanging upside down in the air. Her long hair was flowing with the wind.

Her black hair covered her petite face, visibly pale due to the fright.

She glanced downward and saw the ground almost a thousand feet below her. She had a fear of heights, and she almost passed out.

Although she was trembling with fright, Bianca's hand still grabbed onto Giovan's arm firmly!

"Hold on, Bianca, I'll rescue you right away!" Luke's hands were shaking as well.

The moment he saw Bianca being dragged down, his heart almost stopped beating, and he almost choked on his breath.

grabbed her ankle at the most crucial

employees of T Corporation hurried forward. Jason and Tom grabbed Bianca's other foot, and several other male colleagues grabbed Bianca's coat together in an attempt to drag her

profiteer! You killed my family! Since I'm going to die today, I don't mind dragging someone down with me as well! Hahaha..." Giovan spoke in utter

stared at Luke viciously and his eyes burst with sparks of

always maintained a calm composure. This time, Giovan's stupid behavior was driving him

at Giovan angrily, "How dare you, Giovan! I wanted to do my absolute best to satisfy whatever compensation that you request because you lost your wife and child. Of all the things that you could've done, how could you be so

emotions became even more unstable when he heard what Luke said. He was on the verge of an emotional

had never planned to bring an innocent person to die

things were out of his control. Although he was a wealthy businessman, his connections were not as powerful as Luke. Fighting against that man was undoubtedly futile. In despair, he could only choose to

his wife and children who had left this world, Giovan's emotions became even more charged. He cursed, "If karma is real, a profiteer like you will receive your due punishment sooner or later! I would rather die today and ruin you,

After that, Giovan started to peel off Bianca's fingers that were gripping his wrist one by one. Bianca could not stop him. She could only watch as Giovan's arm slid away from *her grip*.

When Bianca realized Giovan's intentions, her horrified face *turned paler*.

Bianca anxiously persuaded, 'Mr. Sonny, you must hold onto me tightly and don't let go! Life is full of ups and downs, and everyone has their fair share of bad days! Choosing death is one of the most cowardly ways! Your wife and children died unjustly and the murderer hasn't gone to trial. Don't you want to see her being punished?

"Do you think that once you die, all your problems will be solved? Think about your elderly parents and your in-laws. They are sad enough to lose your wife and child. Do you want to let the two poor old

people go through the cruelty of arranging another funeral? Mr. Sonny, only by staying alive will there be hope for everything, and you'll finally avenge the dead. Don't do anything *stupid, okay?*"

Luke saw that Giovan, who wanted to die, seemed to be moved by **Bianca's persuasion...**

His face was cold and he spoke a little louder. "Mr. Sonny, although I don't like your way of threatening me with death, since all your suffering now is caused by T Corporation, I won't shirk any responsibilities, and I assure you that you can put forward any conditions within a reasonable range!"

Giovan seemed to be thinking about the feasibility of Luke's words. He was moved, but his emotions were still unstable. He stopped peeling away Bianca's fingers.

For a moment, he looked up suspiciously at Luke. "Is this true, Luke Crawford? What if I want that nanny sentenced to death?" "Okay, I promise you! As long as you're alive, I can assure you that you'll be able to see that arsonist sentenced to death!" Luke said *with certainty*.

With his assurance, Giovan gradually calmed down from his mania and no longer wanted to die.

Luke and other employees took advantage of that opportunity and pulled Bianca and Giovan from that **perilous position!**

soon as Bianca was safe on solid ground, Luke dragged her away in front

was afraid when she saw how gloomy Luke was. She looked at Jason and Sue for help, but the two of them looked at Bianca with a helpless and pitiful

desperation, Bianca could only let Luke pull herself to the nearest room on the
the door shut with a

that Luke was angry and scared over the fact that she had a brush with death. She walked over and wanted to hug

Instead, Luke shoved her away!

was sullen. He raised his arm high, intending to bring his palm down on her

Bianca closed her eyes in fear.

the man hit her because she put herself

pain she expected did not come. Instead, Bianca heard a heavy punch on the

Chapter 396 The Kiss Was More Like A Punishment

Bianca spoke softly, pressed her cheek against his solid body, and kept apologizing to him, "Luke, I'm sorry, I'm sorry... I just wanted to save Mr. Sonny. I didn't expect such a dangerous thing to happen. I'll never be so reckless again, please don't be angry." "Who do you think you are? Do you think that you're a superhero? You can't even protect yourself, and you tried to play the hero without considering the consequences. Are you a fool? Do you know how dangerous the situation was? Did you know how scared I was when you fell?" Luke turned around, his eyes bloodshot.

Only heaven knew the horror and agony he felt the moment she fell.

At that moment, he would only be able to calm down by killing Giovan!

"I didn't expect to be in danger. It was a matter of life and death. In a manner of a few seconds, an innocent life could have been lost. I didn't do it on purpose...' Bianca felt wronged and tried to explain while still in his arms. "I'll never do such silly things again. My arms hurt..."

Sure enough, Luke was distracted by that.

The man's hand was still slightly trembling. He held Bianca's arm gently, and his voice was very hoarse and stiff. "Where does it hurt? Is your arm injured? Let me see."

He rolled up Bianca's sleeve and saw that her fair wrist was red and swollen. Luke looked heartbroken when she saw it. It was most likely strained when she was grabbing onto Giovan, which made Luke's eyes full of distress.

If she could not even take care of herself, why did she try to be a hero?

was unpleasant. He carried Bianca in his arms and walked to the CEO's office in Building

secretly glanced at Luke's face and knew that her behavior had angered him. She curled up in his arms. She did not dare to speak more or refuse

soon as she arrived at the CEO's office, the female secretary hurried over and reported to Luke, "Mr. Crawford, Mr. Sonny has just been rescued. His body is fine, but his emotions remain unstable. He is clamoring to see you... ' "Get him out of here!" Luke's face was pale with anger, and he yelled at the

was the first time that the female secretary saw the president being hot-tempered. She ran out of the office in

Luke put Bianca on the sofa.

went to take the first-aid kit in the lounge, took out a band-aid, and carefully applied it to

stared at Luke's expression and saw that he seemed calmer. That was when she coughed lightly and whispered, "Luke, can you say something? You're scaring me

not say a word but forced a fierce kiss on

The kiss seemed like a punishment, and he started to bite on her lips. It was so painful that Bianca's eyes filled **with tears**.

After the kiss, Bianca's lips had traces of blood on them.

His punishments were always so sexual and **violent!**

Bianca's bloodshot eyes were filled with dissatisfaction.

Luke was disgusted with Bianca's innocent expression. It was clearly her fault. All he wanted to do was punish her, she had made him look like the *culprit*.

He wanted to tell Bianca off when he heard Jason hurriedly knocking on the door outside, "Mr. Crawford, the media reporters, the police officers, and some of Giovan's relations are all waiting downstairs..."

Luke knew that now was not the right time to make out with **Bianca**.

He did not want to make the current situation an even bigger mess.

He glanced at Bianca, who was still as pale as a sheet of paper, and felt worried. He said to Jason, "Mr. Doyle, please contact Johann and ask him to come to check if Bianca is injured **anywhere else**."

had an inexplicable repulse toward hospitals, so Luke decided to get Johann to come over to examine have been traumatized by the earlier incident. Johann was not only an outstanding doctor, but he also had a Ph.D. in psychology. Getting him to come over would be contact Dr. Johann right away," said

Bianca's forehead. "Be obedient and don't wander

me to come back, and I'll accompany you after I'm done with

obediently and watched Luke's tall figure leave. Even so, she was still

the curtains of the floor-to-ceiling windows and saw the commotion downstairs. She trusted in Luke's outstanding ability but felt

In front of T Corporation.

Chapter 397 If Jack And His Wife Knew The Truth...

At the same time, at the Norman family house.

Leia had nothing to do that day, so she just stayed at home.

Jack and Queenie had something to do elsewhere, and the caretaker went back to her hometown for the New Year. She was the only one at home.

She was too lazy to cook for herself. When she got hungry, Leia took out a pack of instant mac and cheese, tossed it into the microwave, and ate it.

While eating the mac and cheese, Leia turned on the TV, browsed through a few gossip entertainment programs, and switched to a particular channel.

That was because she starred in a period drama television series that was premiering on television that day.

The show had not started yet. Leia waited while watching the commercials.

Suddenly, the television presented a news flash of the arson case.

A female reporter held a microphone and reported to the camera, "We are now located at the headquarters of T Corporation in A City. Hundreds of reporters are gathered here right now. Everyone is very dissatisfied with T Corporation's official explanation, and they want to get to the bottom of the Greenview Regalia arson case. Earlier this morning, Mr. Giovan Sonny, the victim, attempted to commit suicide by jumping off the building. From our sources, we were told that it was related to the secret persecution by T Corporation. I hope Mr. Crawford can give us a clear explanation..."

were glued to the screen. She forgot to eat her mac

were too many people on screen, and it was almost impossible to see who was who, but Leia could instantly see at a glance the man that was in the center of

He was too dazzling.

was bright outside, but he even outshone the

healthy skin was pearlescent in the light. His high nose bridge was glowing like a

quietly among the noise, noble and indifferent, as if he was detached from the mortal

Leia looked at him obsessively.

was looking forward to how the man would answer those incisive

to see T Corporation get in trouble, trapped in the quagmire of scandal, unable to extricate themselves. That way, she would be able to get close to

Everyone held their breath for **Luke's answer**.

The reporters kept filming and taking pictures, lest they missed any of Luke's words.

Luke stood in front of everyone, handsome and tall. His indifferent temperament kept him apart, and he carried himself with a mature **elegance**.

He looked at the camera and said calmly, "Mr. Giovan's incident today is purely an accident. I can empathize with Mr. Sonny's grief of losing his wife and child. I am very sorry that he was disturbed by the incident and chose to end his life. On behalf of T Corporation, let me apologize profusely to his **family!**"

He had placed the blame on himself. The people at the scene were silent for *a moment*.

Only Giovan's brother and sister-in-law continued to make a scene. "That's nonsense! My brother was obviously threatened by T Corporation, and that was why he wanted to commit suicide! Luke, you bastard! You should take full responsibility for what happened to him! After the tragedy, you and the developers disappeared collectively. Instead of apologizing to my brother and his family immediately, they tampered with the fire and rescue department records afterward in an attempt to destroy the evidence. What's your explanation for such underhanded behavior?"

"I pity my brother who lost his wife and child as well as his home that he had toiled for more than ten years **to earn...**"

"We thought of seeking compensation through legal means, but we are nobody and our words don't carry much weight. Even our posts on the Internet get deleted in a matter of seconds. Any sane man would be driven mad by such oppression. That's why my brother chose to die!" "Mr. Crawford, is that true? Has the fire records ever been tampered with?" "Mr. Crawford, have you manipulated public opinion to completely block information negative to T Corporation, thus depriving the victims a voice?" "Mr. Crawford, are you *really...*"

Countless reporters rushed forward, raising their microphones high and pointing all of them to Luke. All of them tried to get the juiciest information out of him first so that they could also help the victims to build up *public opinion*.

T Corporation had always been cautious for all those years, and its corporate image had always been good with almost no negative news. In addition to that, their company had always been trusted by the negative news, their competitors would not let go of the opportunity to kick them while they

them, many reporters were bought over by their

glanced at the reporters tightly surrounding him. The man's dark gaze

solemnly, "When T Corporation received the news of the arson incident, it was immediately prioritized. We went to Greenview Regalia right away to verify the actual situation and actively cooperated with the fire department in their work. Since the establishment of T Corporation, its subsidiaries have always placed the utmost importance on the people's safety. The accident was indeed caused by unfavorable supervision. I once again apologize to

and elegant man bowed deeply

"As for the tampering of fire records you mentioned, I will set up a special task force to investigate the matter thoroughly. If we found that T Corporation's subsidiaries indeed, against their conscience, have committed such actions, I will most definitely strictly punish all parties involved and resolutely safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of

addition, T Corporation has always acted openly and honestly. There is no secret operation that deprives owners of their rights, and we do not curtail

has its own set of standard operating procedures. If something goes wrong, we always follow legal procedures. Whether how much responsibility each party, which are the Greenview Regalia, the nanny, the property management, the fire protection contractor, or the developer, should take on for the arson case, all of it shall be up to the discretion of the court. Other than that, T Corporation will also give the victim 25% more compensation according to the compensation result determined by the court. Everything will be done in an open and transparent manner! If the media continues to take matters out of context and influence public opinion, T Corporation vows to take legal measures to enforce accountability to

Chapter 398 Luke Fed Her Medicine By Pinning Her Against the Wall!

Leia's eyes were suffused with an intense feeling of hatred.

She got up from the couch and decided to go to Crawford Manor to look for Allison.

That woman was shallow and materialistic. If Leia could appease her and impress Old Master Crawford through her, in addition to the help from her parents, Leia was sure that Luke would have no choice but to accede to their wishes.

T Corporation.

After Johann performed an examination on Leia, he found that aside from the sprain on her wrist, there were no other injuries. 7

On the other hand, her mental condition was not in a good state.

After all, anyone would have been traumatized if they almost fell down from the 88th floor. 1

Next, Johann did a psychological counseling session with Bianca and gave her some herbal remedies.

After Luke confirmed that Bianca was calm, he allowed Johann to leave.

Bianca had suffered from a shock. Luke did not allow her to go back to work but instead made her rest in the lounge of the CEO's office.

A while later, Luke got someone to make some tea for Bianca from the herbal remedy Johann provided.

a sip and instantly scrunched up

stole a glance at Luke, pressed her lips, and furrowed her

me. The tea is too hot. I'll drink it when it's cooler," Bianca said softly as she held

narrowed his eyes and observed her unnatural reaction. He did not say anything but instead turned around and returned to his

Bianca breathed a sigh of relief.

he left, Bianca brought the bowl to the hand basin in the lounge and was about to pour away its

you doing?" Suddenly, she heard an eerie voice

nearly jumped when she heard that. She almost let go of

she turned around, she saw Luke leaning on the

bit her lip awkwardly. "It's...

ambiguous smile appeared on Luke's face as he listened to Bianca explain her way out of

blushed when Luke exposed her lie. "This tea is too bitter, and I don't like it. I only suffered a shock, and I don't think it's so serious that I have to take medicine. Moreover, there will be side effects if I take the medicine. I'll be fine in a few

Luke stared at her unblinkingly.

He could not bear to see Bianca not taking the medicine. Instantly, he grabbed the bowl in her hand, took a big gulp, pinned her on the wall, grabbed her lower jaw with his other hand, and fed her the medicine mouth- *to-mouth*.

Bianca's eyes widened. The herbal remedy that was forced into her mouth was especially bitter.

The man would pamper Bianca, but he would not let her trivialize **her health**.

Bianca's face scrunched up, but she *was helpless*.

'This is too bitter!' Bianca cursed Johann in **her heart**.

Luke made sure that Bianca drank every **last drop**.

She leaned against the bed, and her animated gaze was wavering. Luke's heart softened when he saw Bianca's adorable *face*.

"Johann's medicine is very effective," Luke said gently, "If you don't take the medicine, you'll have a splitting headache tomorrow."

Bianca knew that Luke cared for her, though she was nonetheless aggrieved. "It's really bitter."

Luke took out a piece of candy from *somewhere*.

He peeled the wrapper off the candy. Bianca thought that he would give it to her, but she did not expect that he put it in his **mouth**.

Bianca could figure out what was going on, the man pressed the back of her head and brought her lips to

pried open Bianca's lips as he had done so many times, then transferred the candy into

taste of the remedy lingered in her oral cavity, mixing with her unique scent and the sweetness of the candy. Luke thought that it was

returned to Bianca's pale complexion after the kiss. Her face was as red as an apple. Luke was relieved when he saw

for a while. Don't do any more work today. After you're done resting, you can continue your work tomorrow. It's almost Thanksgiving anyway. How about I'll put you on paid leave until after

frowned. "It's fine. I'm feeling alright. I'll just rest for today, and I'll return to my post tomorrow. There's a lot of work at the end of the year, so I should do as much as possible." "Suit yourself. I respect your decision. I'll be going back to work. Take a nap, and let me know when you wake up." Luke tucked her into the blanket and went back to

dizzy after taking the medicine. Soon, she

up around six o'clock in

light on her phone was blinking, telling her that she had new messages. She placed a pillow behind her and leaned against the headboard, then opened the messenger

messages were from several friendly colleagues. After witnessing the perilous situation, they were concerned about

moved. She replied to those messages with expressions of

Nina were the ones who sent her the most messages, and the messages were full of worry and anxiety. She created a group chat with the two other

Chapter 399 Why Did He Bring Bianca Into His Room?

Leia, immaculately dressed, was playing bridge with Allison and two of her other friends.

The caretaker brought Old Master Crawford and the twins to the nearby park, and Susan was back at her parents' house.

That was why Allison could gather her friends for a bridge session at Crawford Manor.

"I win again!" Allison seemed to be lucky that day. She won the last few rounds in a row.

She was the one who was laughing the loudest in the living room.

"You're so lucky, Aunt Allison. You've won several rounds in a row. That's amazing," Leia said.

"I'm done for the day. I haven't won a single round today." Mrs. Willow seemed unhappy.

Allison grinned even wider when she heard Mrs. Willow's complaints. "Leia is my lucky charm. I used to lose more than I win whenever I play, but when Leia is here, I have a winning streak!" "I say, Allison, Leia is always here to keep you company whenever she's free. I think she's as close to you as a birth daughter. When is Luke going to propose to her?" Mrs. King asked as she shuffled the cards.

Everyone in Allison's social circle knew who Leia was.

After all, Allison had boasted to her friends that the daughter of the Provincial Committee Secretary was in love with her son. She was very happy to see Leia becoming her daughter-in-law.

Leia was a true socialite. Not only she came from an illustrious family, but her demeanor was also noble and elegant. In the eyes of those noblewomen, she was sure to become

course, with the proliferation of information, those noblewomen knew about Luke's scandals from newspapers, magazines, and the

rumors, he had admitted that Bianca Rayne was the birth mother of his

those noblewomen did not agree that a peasant woman could marry into a

like Bianca were more suited for one-night stands, or they could even be sugar babies. Only a socialite could become

her breath when she heard Mrs.

had spent a lot of money and time on Luke's mother. She was not going to see it all go

soon. My boy Luke is focusing on his career for now, and he doesn't have the time to worry about relationships. He's not young anymore, and he'll have to marry soon! I'll talk to him after Thanksgiving, and the latest will probably be the end of next year...' Allison said

was slightly disappointed she heard that she had to wait until the end of next year, but she soon managed to

was still young. Waiting for another year was

The man would not insist on marrying Bianca if the Crawford and Norman families pressured him.

She felt a lot more relieved when she thought of that.

Perking herself up, she continued the next game of bridge with the ladies. She was smiling on the surface, but deep down inside, she was extremely irritated. She would not have played that boring game with those old ladies if not that she had to appease Allison!

Halfway through a game, Luke and Bianca **returned home**.

Bianca felt uneasy when she saw Leia in the living **room**.

Luke furrowed his handsome brows when he saw his mother playing bridge with *her friends*.

"Mother," he greeted Allison impassively. He did not greet the other ladies, nor did he cast a glance on Leia. Hugging Bianca's waist, he brought her to his *bedroom*.

Allison's expression was horrid. Her gaze flashed with disgust when she **saw Bianca**.

Compared to the graceful Leia, Bianca was like an **ugly duckling**.

The disdain in Allison's eyes was evident while her friends prepared to watch the ensuing scene with glee.

son had ignored the daughter-in-law prospect of her choice while pampering the woman she

though Bianca was dressed plainly, her appearance was quite remarkable. The lines of her face were gentle, and she looked demure and elegant. Her skin was fine, like quality porcelain. Her eyes were animated, and they sparkled whenever

could be said to be even prettier

fraught with jealousy when she saw how Luke cared for Bianca, though she had to keep a magnanimous

and Bianca went upstairs, Mrs. Willow said shrilly, 'Sigh! Young women nowadays can be indecent. How could she go into the man's room when they aren't married yet? I say, Allison, can't you disciple your Luke a little? Men can do whatever they want outside, but when they're at home... Tsk tsk, if my son were to do that, I'd break

was already unhappy. Her face flushed with dissatisfaction and embarrassment when she heard Mrs. Willow's

I can't control my adult son! Nevertheless, his grandfather will have the last say in his marriage. In my eyes, the only candidate for his wife is Leia and no

Leia to be Luke's wife, but his son did not share the

was angry that Luke had a mind of his own and that she could not control him. On the other hand, she was frustrated that Leia did not manage to charm his son, as well as hated Bianca for seducing Luke to the point that he would not hesitate to go against his family's

ladies smiled when they heard Allison's answer but

Chapter 400 The Seductress Was Pranked By the Twins...

Bianca had thought that the oil paintings in the living room of Crawford Manor and Luke's bedroom were antiques. She never thought that Luke was the one who drew everything.

Bianca loved to paint too.

She possessed talents in painting. She had studied oil painting when she was abroad, and her teacher had always praised her.

However, painting was an expensive pursuit. Moreover, she was working while she studied, and she did not have the time and effort to paint. She gave up after a while.

Whenever she walked past the art room and saw other boys and girls focusing on filling their canvases with colorful paints, she would nonetheless feel envious.

Luke's imposing demeanor translated into unrestrained brush strokes in his vibrant and moving paintings. Just like him, the paintings were noble, elegant, and carried a hint of mystery...

"If you like to paint, I can teach you when we're free."

Luke opened a box of paints, mixed several colors, and placed a brush in Bianca's hand.

Then, he enveloped her tiny hand with his calloused palm, and they continued drawing the half-finished "Diana and Cupid." "No, I'm very clumsy. I'm afraid that I'll mess up your painting..." Bianca's hand was trembling even though Luke was gripping it.

She felt that her painting skills were not worth mentioning in front of Luke. What if she accidentally ruined his masterpiece?

Oil paintings are different from watercolor paintings. You might ruin a watercolor painting with one misplaced stroke, and you'll have to start again, but you can correct oil paintings even if you made a mistake." The man's voice that was as clear as a clarinet soothed

knew that one could fix a mistake on an oil painting, but she could not stop feeling

alleviating Bianca's nervousness, Luke started teaching Bianca how to paint, like an experienced

her hand, the man added color, stroke by stroke, onto

some time, Diana's red dress began to take shape, and the bow and arrows on Cupid's back were

The couple worked together seamlessly.

their first collaboration, but they had perfectly completed "Diana and Cupid." The colors on the painting were vibrant and fused elements of classicism and impressionism. One could say that it

had done most of the work, but Bianca also felt proud that she had a hand in

Bianca's performance had surprised Luke.

paintings by novices would usually look stiff and unrealistic. Bianca's movements might be awkward, but she managed to convey her feelings in

He could not help but kiss the woman who had never stopped surprising **him**.

Just when the two were getting intimate, they heard a knock on the door.

Leia's voice was heard. 'Luke, Grandpa Crawford is asking you to go downstairs for dinner. Are you busy? May I come *in*?'"

Bianca glanced at Luke suspiciously when she heard Leia's voice. She was not happy about what Leia did.

Luke held his index finger in front of his lips.

The man spoke coldly, "Ms. Norman, my woman and I are currently indulging in an activity that we both love. It's not very appropriate for you to come in now. We'll go *downstairs soon*."

Leia's hand froze in mid-air.

She blushed intensely when Luke told her about what he was doing with Bianca in *the room*.

The next moment, hatred seized her limbs like sprouting vines, causing her to gasp for **air**!

Her pure face contorted as she bit her lip to force herself to *be calm*.

been an obstinate person since young. If she wanted something, she would have to get it. Otherwise, she would rather see it

to get the man she wanted, no matter the

Luke married Bianca, she would make sure that they divorced. Luke and Bianca were only boyfriend and girlfriend now. With some simple schemes, she could make sure that they break

a lot calmer after thinking of that. Then, she stepped down the staircase in her high heels,

In the Crawford Manor dining room.

chatting with Old Master Crawford and Allison. She told them a joke and caused them to laugh

and Rainie seemed to have

huddled on their chair at the dining table, looking innocently and pouting unhappily at that "seductress" who seemed to have gained their great-grandfather and grandmother's

into her brother's ear. "Look at her, Big Bro. She's not as pretty as Mommy, and her jokes aren't funny. I wonder why Great-Grandpa and Grandma are laughing? I don't like that auntie,

animated eyes turned around. He whispered something back to his sister, which caused her to nod