

Be Gentle 421

Chapter 421 He Became Normal After Meeting Bianca

A chill went down Bianca's spine when she heard Luke's angry voice.

Oops! She was so busy with work that she ignored his direct orders to not put too much pressure on herself. He also forbade her to stay in the company and work overtime.

Bianca's voice was clear as day at the other line. "I'll be done in a while..."

Luke kept quiet for a moment. Suddenly, his voice became louder by a notch as he said, "I remember that the tasks that I asked Bella to assign to you were relatively easy. Did she go against my instructions and increase your workload?"

"No..."

Bianca said embarrassedly, "The other colleagues are all busy, and it doesn't look good if I'm the only idle one. Besides, this urban reconstruction project is so important, and I can't take it lightly..."

Looking at the thick stacks of documents, she held her phone with her left hand while her right hand moved the cursor reflexively. She continued working on the design.

"If I didn't call you, how long are you planning to stay?" Luke asked coldly.

"Uh... I'll work for another half an hour or so." Bianca looked at the time on the bottom of the screen and she replied softly, "Time flies when I'm working."

Recently, Lowry would drive Bianca home. Luke was a workaholic that usually worked late. Occasionally, when he was not working overtime, Bianca would go home with Luke.

sighed and said, "What should I do with

hung up the call without any

taken aback when she heard his sigh, but then, she shook her head and told herself to stop

at the stacks of documents on the desk and the unfinished work on the computer, Bianca

grabbed her facial mist, sprayed it on her face a few times, rubbed her face to keep herself awake, and started working on the

the huge office, only the clicks of a mouse were

Bianca worked without distractions, she was very focused and efficient. In a blink of an eye, half an hour passed, and her work was

wanted to finish her work and then go to the CEO's office to find Luke, but thinking of how stubborn he was, he would be angry if she did not leave the office before nine

the unfinished design, copied them to the flash drive, and started to pack up so that she could bring her work home to be

was busy packing up, she heard footsteps from

The office was supposed to be empty at that time. She should be the only one *there*.

She instantly thought of a video about the supernatural that she accidentally clicked on yesterday titled "Haunted Office."

Suddenly, Bianca panicked and grabbed a pen holder on the desk and threw it toward the source of the sound!

"Are you trying to murder your husband?" A man's deep voice said **that. Then**,

Bianca, who was in a state of shock, was hugged by a strong and warm male **body**.

Bianca looked up in astonishment and saw Luke. He was holding her with his left arm, and his right hand held onto the pen holder that she had just thrown at him. She felt **very embarrassed**.

"*Sorry*, I thought someone broke into the office, I don't know it was you..." Bianca hurriedly grabbed the pen holder in his hand and placed it on the desk. Her face started blushing with *embarrassment*.

"*Let's go*, it's the Light Festival today, I want to bring you somewhere." Luke did not blame her. Instead, his eyes were filled with endless love for *her*.

Under the bright office lights, his handsome side face was highlighted, making his jawline much more three-dimensional **and charming**.

Bianca nodded obediently. She quickly sorted out her documents and put them into her *handbag*.

When she was done, she grinned at him like a cute little girl and said, "I'm ready."

rubbed her head and left the company

to a town near

BMW, Luke turned on some light-hearted music. It was classical violin music, Bianca's favorite

took an hour. With the intoxicating music in the background and the ongoing chit-chatting, they

was overcrowded because it was the

stood to reason that they should not even be able to find a parking space, but before their arrival, Luke had contacted a friend who owned a high-end hotel

drove the car to the hotel parking lot, where a parking space was reserved

parked the car, Luke took Bianca's hand and strolled on the stone path

Town was a well-known historical town in the North with almost a thousand years of history. It was once rated as one of the "Top Ten Charming Towns" and boasted a beautiful night

household in the town had lanterns hanging high. Tourists walked under the lanterns, which illuminated their beaming faces. It felt as though they were transported back into the

Chapter 422 His Crush In His Younger Days Was Now By His Side

In the alley, many tourists were carrying various kinds of lanterns with happy smiles on their faces.

It was the first time that Luke had taken the time to enjoy the festivities.

Thousands of lanterns were strung under the eaves. They represented 'reunion.'

Seeing that other tourists were carrying lanterns in their hands, Luke bought one for Bianca.

The oval-shaped lantern was unique and had bright red roses wrapped around it. When the candle in the lantern was lit, it was as though the roses were brought to life.

Outside the lantern, there were two mighty and domineering golden dragons wrapped around it.

Under the candlelight, the golden dragons seemed to move. Bianca loved it!

Luke smiled when he saw how happy Bianca was walking around with the lantern.

'I never knew that the Light Festival is so lively.'

In the past, he had always spent the Light Festival working in the office.

he would go to the clubhouse with a few friends to have a drink and relax a little. He had never enjoyed the Festival so

held the lantern in one hand and Luke's hand in the other. She said with a big smile on her face, "The Light Festival has been around for more than two thousand years. Many festivals are passed down from ancient times. Although these festivals have a long history, I think they came about because the ancients found life too boring, so they invented various traditional festivals to enrich their spare time and have fun. You see, even the ancients knew how to enjoy life. How can we, as modern people, not fully enjoy these

Bianca looked great.

an indescribable and somewhat seductive charm, especially when

his head to look at her and suddenly thought of the first time

time, his class had an event outside of the classroom. She was in physical education class. Her classmates were laughing and playing on the playground. She was the only one that quietly sat under a tree. No one knew what she was

where he was standing, he could just see her gentle side

while, her classmates whispered something to her, and she pursed her lips

still remembered her kind smile, which lit up the

time, he knew that this girl had a

was right. After he got to know her, he found that Bianca's character was tender. Even a piece of cold steel could be turned soft with her

Now, his crush in her younger days was by her side. Luke embraced her contentedly and enjoyed the night **scene**.

He bought a variety of specialty snacks for Bianca. He did not want her to eat so food. After all, she was pregnant with a child.

When the two of them passed by a beautiful and quaint arch bridge, Luke took her on a *sightseeing boat*.

Luke was not a fan of being in crowds, so he booked the entire **boat**.

He did it to ensure the safety of Bianca and their unborn **child**.

His overbearing behavior provoked the other tourists. However, he paid several times the normal price. The tourists could tell at first glance that the man was dressed in branded clothes, and the watch on his hand was worth millions. Everyone knew that they could not afford to offend him, so they could only keep their mouth *shut*.

The sightseeing boat took off.

Luke wrapped his arms around Bianca. She was sitting on the woven bamboo chair on the boat and looked at the lights on the riverside. She frowned and said, "You shouldn't book the entire boat. There are only three or four sightseeing boats here.

If you do this, it will cause dissatisfaction among *other tourists*."

Luke brushed Bianca's soft hair and replied, "It's inconvenient with too many tourists around. Some like it quiet, and some like it noisy. No one can predict if there will be any unexpected accidents on the way. I have to be responsible for your safety. It will be much quieter with only two of us on board."

Bianca stopped talking. She was very touched.

boat was going at the perfect pace. Bianca looked at the lanterns on the riverbanks, which were strung red and yellow lights that glowed from the lanterns looked like meteors flying in front

beautiful scenery made Bianca

the opposite side of the river, people were setting off fireworks, which they could see from the boat. They could even hear the sound of the fireworks going off. The whole experience was like in a

she was clearly in a prosperous and lively environment. The night scene of the South in front of her was real, and the big thick hands she was holding were also

eyes focused on the brilliant lights. The fireworks looked beautiful and gorgeous like they were fiery blooms in the

not sure what Luke was thinking about at the moment, but she felt content and happy knowing that they were together admiring the lights, even if they were not

was a very talkative young

setting up the autopilot, he chatted with Luke and Bianca about everything

smiled and flashed his canines. "Guests, you should go to Gentle Brook to see the lanterns there. The view is extraordinarily beautiful, and I heard that it even made it to the

really should go and see it." Luke was afraid that Bianca's hand would be cold, so he wrapped her hands in his palm to keep

Chapter 423 She Immediately Felt Like She Had Fallen Into An Ice

Hole! 1

Bianca and Luke were still immersed in the sweetness of love.

On the other hand, Leia spent the day miserably.

In a hotel.

Leia was naked as she looked at the man next to her on the big bed, also naked and fast asleep. Her eyes slowly blazed with hatred!

Wayne Blatt!

The man's sudden appearance disrupted all her plans, and he used her nude photos to blackmail her, forcing her to suffer all kinds of unmentionable pleasure.

She dared not and could not refuse.

Once Wayne published those unflattering nude photos, she would become the laughing stock of A City's socialite circle, and her career in the entertainment industry would come to an abrupt end.

Even though her adoptive father was the Provincial Committee Secretary, Leia dared not risk her future.

Leia silently slipped out of bed and instantly felt a searing pain in a certain part of her body.

a curse under her breath, hating Wayne a little more. The man was a lunatic who knew nothing of tenderness or restraint in making love. He had always knocked her unconscious, yet he was still insatiable and did not even spare her when she was in

taking a quick shower in the bathroom, Leia came out wrapped in a towel. She was about to put on her clothes when she suddenly saw a fruit knife in the fruit basket on the coffee

caused Leia's heart to race, and a bold idea rose in her

hid the fruit knife in her towel and stepped on the thick carpet. She silently approached Wayne with the daintiness of a cat, staring intently at his vulnerable, defenseless

Heinous hate made her irrational.

walked to the big bed and secretly hid the fruit knife under the pillow. Then she undid her bath towel. For the first time, she took the initiative to hug Wayne, who was half

delicate kisses snaked down his collarbone

Wayne had always been alert.

had woken up as soon as Leia started moving, but he was too lazy to open

had done it too many times last night, which consumed a lot of energy. He needed to replenish his energy, but he had never thought that the woman, who had always been forced, would take the initiative to make love

he was befuddled by desire. Wayne was gradually aroused by her and started

However, Leia's eyes had been as cold as frost from the start. Did it show any glimmer *of affection*?

As *Wayne* thrust into her body, Leia clenched the knife under the pillow and stabbed him without hesitation, using all **her strength!**

Leia thought she was going to see blood spattered on **the scene...**

There was indeed a harsh, bright red liquid flowing, but the blood was **not his**.

Wayne's eyes were cold with fury. He stared intently at the woman beneath him, whose neck he could have broken with the slightest effort. His eyes were wolflike as he stared at her face, which was almost fainting with **pain**.

Word by word, he said coldly, "Since birth, I've never believed in God, and I've never trusted women. From the moment you hid the dagger under your pillow, I prayed that you won't use it on me, but my prayers **didn't work!**"

From the moment she raised the dagger to stab him, years of vigilance had told him that there was *danger*.

Wayne loved beautiful women, but he valued his life more. Even amid passion, he retained some degree of sanity. That was why he had been engaged in dangerous missions for so many years but was able to get *away everytime*.

When Leia's dagger fell on him, Wayne twisted it around, and the sharp dagger went straight through her *left hand!*

Then, Wayne laughed sarcastically and treated her roughly. "Ms. Norman, there are so many terrorists and mercenaries who tried to kill me, but I killed them all. You're not so naive as to think that you can kill me with your delicate body, are you? You'd better behave, or I'll ruin your reputation right away. Even Mr. Norman won't be able to save *you!*"

The severe pain in her left hand and her lower body was killing **Leia**.

Leia closed her eyes in despair, hiding the vengeful intent in *her eyes*.

she could not kill him now, she would make him regret it

leaving the hotel, Leia wrapped herself up like a burrito, hiding the dense love bites all over her

along the bustling streets like a ghost, tears wetting her scarf over and over

world was so vast, but there was no place she

adoptive parents knew about it, would they stand up

her adoptive father would come forward and ask the Blatt family

the Blatt family was almost as powerful as the Norman family. Even if it were revealed to the public, the best they could do was let Wayne marry her. However, she would lose her pure and innocent reputation, and she would probably be called a tramp, which was not what

Besides, she hated Wayne.

man was rough, wild, vulgar in speech, possessed a brute strength, and extremely chauvinistic. Above all, he was coarse in appearance and manner. He was the polar opposite of her idea of a

she loved was as knowledgeable, handsome, and charming

particular, she was fascinated by Luke's elegant and extraordinary

Chapter 424 Bianca's Little Face Was Blushing Slightly

Leia stared intently at the unkempt homeless man. Even though he was dirty and looked very haggard, there was something strangely familiar about his face.

She felt as if she knew him...

Leia's hands trembled as she met his clouded and sordid eyes.

She suddenly remembered her long-buried past!

The man, who drank all day long, gambled and beat her and her mother when he lost - her biological father!

Dexter Shaw!

Her mother lost an eye and broke an arm under Dexter's prolonged domestic abuse, and Leia's tender back was horribly scarred by the beating.

It all started because of the brutal Dexter.

The man was worse than scum. He forced his wife to sell her body so he could gamble. He even wanted to sell his daughter for ten or twenty thousand dollars.

She would have been sold if she had not been clever enough to escape.

As scenes of her dark past emerged, Leia felt cold all over, and every cell in her body raised a defensive bramble against the homeless man.

recognizing who the man was, Leia remained calm and

put on her shades, and her voice was fiercely cold. "I don't know who you are. Don't just grab any girl and call her your daughter. Watch out. I'll report you to the police for intending to

that, she tried to walk around the homeless man and head to the

Leia, don't leave. You're my daughter. I won't confuse you for someone else! You can't go. I've had a hard time finding you. You're so ill-mannered you won't even call me dad. I raised you for

man spread his arms and blocked

soon as he opened his mouth, Leia covered her nose in disgust and turned to run to the security booth, she undid her scarf and asked the two security guards for help with a sad look on her face. "Gentlemen, I'm Leia Norman. A pervert has been following me. I'm so scared. Can you help me

Leia was not an A-lister in the entertainment industry, she had starred in so many movies

little face was also recognizable, so the two security guards naturally

security guards held lowly positions, and they were used to being looked down upon. Now, a beautiful actress was asking them for help. In particular, a pitiful, innocent beauty like Leia immediately aroused the two security guard's strong desire

in unison, "Don't worry, Ms. Norman. We'll take care of that

The two security guards on duty had stun batons. They stopped the homeless man who was chasing Leia. "Hey, what are you doing here? Unkempt people are not welcome here. Get out if you know what's good **for you!**"

The homeless man rubbed his dirty hands, pointed to Leia's figure, and said with a smile, "That's my daughter. There's something I need to talk to *her about...*"

The two security guards looked at each other. They thought that the homeless man was out of his *mind!*

The taller security guard looked at him scornfully and said, "Ms. Norman's your daughter? You're dreaming. Are you suffering from delusional paranoia? Ms. Norman's the Provincial Committee Secretary's daughter and has a high status... Get out of here, or we won't go easy **on you!**"

The homeless man ignored them, waving at Leia and shouting, "Leia, I'm your father. I'm your father, Dexter. Have you forgotten how good I was to you? When you were five years old, I took you to the park and bought you cotton candy! Leia, come home with me. I've been looking for you for **years!**

Leia leaned weakly on a wall of the booth and looked as if she was about to cry. "Gentlemen, he's a madman. He keeps calling me his daughter.

Hurry and drive him away. I'm so *scared...*"

Beautiful women, especially those in tears, easily touched *men's hearts*.

"Don't worry, Ms. Norman. We'll get rid of this madman immediately!" The two security guards hit the homeless man with their stun **batons**.

The electric current made a sizzling sound, and the homeless man groaned "Ah!" and fell slowly as he **twitched**.

Leia did not feel a trace of sympathy when she saw that. She was even secretly *pleased*.

A sneer appeared on the corners of her lips. She wished the security guards would kill the man!

Leia left the scene as if nothing had happened. She found her luxury car, got in, started the engine, and Phoenix Town.

night deepened, Luke and Bianca took a sightseeing boat to enjoy the night view of the town, and he took her to see a

avenue was covered with colorful lanterns in different

were the charmingly silly red fish, the mischievous rabbit, the colorful rooster with its head held high...

a brilliant and colorful large lantern in every short

was also a beautiful lantern made up of the twelve horoscopes, a dragon and phoenix lantern, and so combination of large and small lanterns was

large lotus lanterns were floating on the river, looking very lifelike. The lake surface was also rippling with artificial smoke. The wind blew a little and the lotus lanterns swayed with the lake waves and the mist. The scenery was as beautiful as

like an innocent child, praising how beautiful a lantern was whenever she

took her hand and answered behind her. His cold yet handsome face was smiling

Chapter 425 The Sacred Moment When Bianca Puts On A Wedding Dress For Him

The night was as dark as ink and was enchanting.

The next room became silent after a long torment.

Luke was aroused by those sounds. He gently washed Bianca's body. His hands were at first well-behaved when he started washing, but gradually, his urges got out of control.

Bianca's body had a light fragrance. It was like blooming violets-fragrant and clean, affecting his senses all the time.

He felt the temperature of his body rising with the water in the bathtub...

Luke's restless hands began to wander around Bianca's body.

Bianca was exhausted, but she retained some rationality.

"No, the doctor said it's forbidden for the first three months of pregnancy.

Otherwise, it can easily lead to miscarriage..."

Luke had not touched Bianca for days since he learned she was pregnant.

Even though he could control his impulses very well, he was nonetheless a straight man.

However, his rationality seemed to become zero every time it came to her.

I won't hurt you, let alone our baby." Luke held Bianca so tightly that he almost embedded her into

into her eyes that were brighter than the night, trying to control the

tried so hard to endure it, cold sweat seemed to ooze from his forehead. Even the veins in his temple were visibly

were full of pain to see him suffer from

and said, "If... If you're suffering, I'll... I'll... use some other

Bianca reached downward without looking at Luke's

did not expect Bianca to use such a way to help him

deep eyes stared at Bianca's cheeks that were flushed with embarrassment. Looking at her eyes that were brighter than the stars in the sky, he naturally recalled the wonderful evening when they first met

hour later, Bianca's hands were sore, but Luke finally got his

a contented sigh and gently cleaned their bodies. Then he gently carried Bianca to the

Pregnant people got tired easily.

was already sleepy, but as soon as she touched the soft bed, she rolled over and sank into the warm quilt, quickly

Luke's big warm hands brushed over her wonderfully glossy hair, his mind wandering as he gazed at her peaceful *sleeping face*.

They had already consummated their marriage and had given birth to two adorable children. Now, there was a new bun in the **oven**.

It seemed his wedding, which was originally planned for the end of the year, had to be brought forward to *May 1st*.

Luke knew that every woman loved beautiful things, romance, and leaving their most beautiful moment at their wedding. Bianca was naturally no exception.

The May wedding seemed just in time. Bianca's belly would not be very *visible*.

He was looking forward to the sacred moment when Bianca put on a wedding dress for **him**.

Daybreak.

Leia had been up almost all night. Yesterday's events played back in her mind like a movie. The physical pain and the mental torment caused her to have recurring nightmares that she nearly had a mental breakdown until the ringing of her phone woke *her up*.

Seeing it was a call from the doctor, she pressed the answer *button*.

She was told to go to the hospital today. The DNA test results *were out*.

Leia hung up the phone, sat up, and pulled back the curtains. The harsh sunlight almost made her eyes **water**.

Looking at the time, it was only *half-past seven*.

She had been tossing and turning since she got home last night. She had less than three hours of sleep, and her eyes rested on her bandaged left palm. The look in Leia's eyes was resentful and complex.

was a holiday, which was supposed to be a day for a family reunion. However, her adoptive parents were busy spending time with her grandparents in the old house, completely ignoring the fact that they had

bitterly that Queenie and Jack did not really love her

how could they not even call her on such an important

angered her the most was that she thought she had given Luke her virginity, but she never expected it to be a vulgar man instead. He even had some dirt on her.

the years, she was proud of her identity as the heiress of the Norman family and thought highly of herself, turning her nose up

had to force herself to commit to such a

went straight down the stairs in her pajamas. She saw Queenie arranging flowers in the living

the elegant woman, Leia's expression was somber, and her eyes were indelible with

naturally saw Leia. She put down her scissors and said gently: "Leia, you're awake. Your grandfather had a heart attack yesterday, so your father and I rushed over. We wanted to ask you to come along, but we can't get through your phone because it was off, so we went over first. Go and see Grandpa if you have time today. He was asking

sneered to herself. 'The old man was asking for me? Are you kidding me? He only wants me

she was disdainful, she pretended to look concerned and said, "Oh, I'm sorry, Mom. My phone was out of battery yesterday. Is Grandpa all

to help Queenie arrange the flowers as she spoke and deliberately exposed her left hand, covered in

Chapter 426 A Bold And Shocking Idea...

'Luke bribed someone?'

It was hard for Leia to imagine how the gentle, proud man had bribed someone, but it was pretty shocking news to her.

Holding her breath, she continued to eavesdrop on her adoptive father's conversation with his secretary.

"Last month, Municipal Party Committee Secretary Mr. Schmidt was detained in connection with a large corruption case. In mitigation of his crime, he gave a clear account of who was involved and the inside story of how he had taken bribes in previous years. Surprisingly, one of the men involved was Luke Crawford... He's the biggest rising star in A City who contributed greatly to A City's economic development...

"Mr. Norman, this is evidence of Luke's bribery. Mr. Schmidt was a cautious and defensive man by nature, and he secretly videotaped and preserved evidence of almost everyone who had bribed him. Mr. Norman, what do you suggest we do?"

If the bribe was paid by an ordinary company executive or senior official, they could simply follow the law. However, it would not be easy to handle if Luke paid the bribe.

That man controlled nearly two-thirds of A City's economy and had a substantial influence in A City.

Once something happened to him, the whole stock market would be in turmoil. Not only A City's economy would be affected, but foreign investors would dare not invest in A City. The ensuing crisis might be too much to handle.

What Leia heard next was the sound of documents being leafed through.

Jack's mellow voice slowly rang out, as if he had been considering his words for a long time. "We can't touch Luke for the time being. This is serious. Let me think about it first. We'll have to report it if it's absolutely necessary."

shook his head, feeling a

was no doubt that Jack extremely admired the

both courage and ability. He had a unique vision for the development of business, and he was also fearlessly aggressive. That was how he had developed T Corporation from a small company on the verge of bankruptcy into a large multinational conglomerate in just a few

knew that every successful businessman would not have a spotless

have turned a blind eye to Luke if people did not have any dirt on him, but someone had intentionally taped the evidence while he bribed them. It was a stain he could not get rid of no matter

it first. Let me think it

of the possible serious consequences of taking Luke into custody, Jack hesitated for a moment before waving to his secretary and saying, "It's getting late. It's rare for you to come to my house early in the morning and report your work. Lucas, let's have breakfast at my place today. Come on, let's

politely said, "Better to obey than have respects to

shoes of both men stepped on the floor, and the door was

Leia hurriedly pretended to knock on the door, clutching her frightened chest and saying, "Dad, I was about to knock on your door and get you to come for breakfast when you came out. Uncle Lucas, you're here too... Dad, Mom told me to come upstairs and get you to go down

Jack bought it.

He had always been satisfied with the clever and sensible Leia. He said with a bright smile, "What a coincidence. Let's go down **together**."

Lucas's shrewd eyes glanced at Leia. He said nothing when he saw that she looked as though she did not hear the earlier **exchange**.

Leia appeared calm but was actually flustered from Lucas's radar-like glance. Almost all her back was covered with a fine layer of cold sweat.

Leia secretly sighed in relief when she saw him go downstairs with **her father**.

Lucas had always been smart. It was as if nothing could hide from him, but Leia thought she was mentally strong, so she probably did not give herself away for eavesdropping *earlier, right?*

Before going downstairs, Leia secretly scanned her father's study out of the corner of her eye.

As she recalled his conversation with Lucas, the shock still lingered in her mind. However, a bold and shocking idea came to her mind...

After an absent-minded breakfast, Leia hurried to a hospital.

The hospital served upper-class ladies, socialites, or celebrities. It was popular with the ladies of high society because it was highly private and secretive. It was also the main reason Leia went to the hospital for its private testing doctors.

went straight to the doctor's

woman in the white coat was average-looking and was in her thirties, but she had an exceptionally

She gave Leia a DNA report.

shook as she impatiently opened the paper bag and pulled out the test

she saw that there was a 99.99% match, Leia's face instantly turned pale, and she trembled

almost crushed the report, and her lips trembled violently. "No way, it can't be true! Doctor, could there be something wrong with the report?" "Ms. Norman, you can test again at another hospital if you don't believe it. I'm a doctor, and my reputation is on the line. I wouldn't ruin my reputation like that." The female doctor was a

quite well-known in the hospital and was considered an all-around expert. She had served a lot of socialites and upper-class ladies and had been widely acclaimed. The female doctor's expression immediately changed a little when Leia doubted

Leia's expression was icy.

in no mood to pay the doctor any attention. She stumbled weakly, then turned around

hospital bathroom, Leia pulled open a toilet door and dashed

Chapter 427 You Matter The Most To Me

Phoenix Town.

A little past seven o'clock, Luke and Bianca walked out of their room to prepare to return to A City.

When Bianca passed by the next room, she saw that the door was ajar. She casually glanced inside.

She saw a long-haired girl in a white bathrobe leaning back on a pink cushion in a daze.

A bunch of purple wind chimes tinkled above her head.

The girl's pretty little face was streaked with tears, and she seemed to be in a daze as if she could not hear...

Bianca was stunned when she saw that face. It looked like Scarlett Quincy, the waitress she knew from Blue Honors.

Bianca wanted to take a closer look but heard the vintage carved door shut with an abrupt bang, immediately cutting off her curious gaze.

She could not help but tug at Luke's arm. "The girl in the next room looks like Scarlett..."

Luke looked at her in confusion. "Scarlett? Who?"

Luke was so indifferent to other women that he could not remember their faces or names.

Bianca reminded, "Don't you remember? It's the Blue Honors waitress whose Persian cat was drugged..." the incident at the mention

face darkened at the thought that the woman's cat had hurt Bianca." Her cat scratched you, and we haven't

felt that they were not on the same level

sighed. "It was just an accident. I think the girl looks nice. She didn't do it on purpose... I wonder why she's here with tears on her face. Do you think she ran into some

of the intense events in the next room last night. The girl kept crying, "No." It did not look like she was playing hard to get. She cried her eyes out as if she was

saw that the girl in the room was Scarlett, Bianca was immediately struck with

she was an acquaintance. Besides, she was strangely fond of the girl, and she wanted to see what had happened to Scarlett. Was she

held Bianca's waist as he walked out and said with a straight face, "Curiosity killed the cat. Mind your own business. Don't worry. The security here is good, and there won't be any dangerous accidents." "But..." Bianca was still a

Bianca's eyes still persistently glancing at the next room, Luke picked her up by

get back, or we'll be late for work. I have a lot of things to do today. Have you finished your quarterly performance review yet? Your department is holding a review meeting this afternoon." "Huh? There's a meeting this afternoon? But I'm only halfway through..." "Yes, so we must hurry back and finish our tasks." Luke pressed his lips with satisfaction when he saw that Bianca no longer cared about

always been cold. Other than the woman he cared for, he would not care about the

had hurt Bianca, it was a blessing that he did not give her trouble. There was no way to get him to meddle in

The car drove smoothly until it reached A City and finally stopped slowly at the T Corporation's parking lot.

Luke turned his head and saw Bianca sound asleep in the passenger seat. Her little heart-shaped face was full *of drowsiness*.

Luke never knew that pregnant women could be so **drowsy**.

He was about to wake her up, but he closed his mouth again without saying *a word*.

The man shook his head helplessly and turned up the heat in the car a little. Then, he pressed a switch, reclining Bianca's seat into a makeshift bed so that she could sleep **more comfortably**.

Then he pulled a few documents out of his briefcase in the back seat and sat back in the driver's seat to **review them**.

After an unknown amount of time, Bianca woke up in a **daze**.

She rubbed her groggy eyes and saw that she was lying in her seat while Luke was working in the *car*...

Bianca could not help but touch her nose in embarrassment and said to Luke, "Sorry, I fell asleep again. I didn't mean to..." "It's okay. How's your rest?" Luke asked *instead*.

"You should have woken me up. It's half-past nine now. It's already half an hour into the workday." Bianca looked at the time on her phone and frowned.

"**You** slept so soundly. How can I wake you up? You are the most important thing to me right now. Work comes second." Luke chuckled.

Bianca was a little stunned.

not expected those words to come out of the workaholic's mouth. She was touched, but she also felt guilty. He had been too nice to her, and she had no way to repay

into her formal clothes in the ladies' dressing room. After returning to the office, she worked on

been busy all morning, and the results were remarkable. Bianca was relieved when she finished all her reports before two

review meeting of the design department was held at two

sat in the head seat, with Louis on his left and Mavis on his

colleagues in the design department were also seated according to their positions, so the conference room

was a little nervous, even though she had presented to a

her first time formally attending such a work review

she heard Mavis, Sue, Tom, and even Bella speak so incisively and brilliantly, it made her feel butterflies in

it's your turn." Nina, who sat next to Bianca, discreetly touched her arm. Bianca snapped out her distraction and came to her

voice rang at the same time. 'Go

a deep breath to calm herself down. She walked to the projector, inserted her flash drive into the laptop, opened the folder, and started her

Chapter 428 Queenie's Timeline

The meeting ended at half-past three.

The employees of the design department returned to their office and continued their work.

Bianca opened her work mailbox and noticed an email from Old Mr.

Norman. In the email, he wrote about his feedback on Bianca's design.

He said that it was not easy to meet a talented architectural designer, and he wanted Bianca to visit him at his house. He even included several embarrassed emojis, as though he were a child.

Bianca grinned. She thought that the picky and unreasonable Old Mr.

Norman had an adorable side to him.

After reviewing her mailbox, she received a notification in her messenger app. Someone wanted to add her as a friend.

Bianca tapped on the notification curiously. The account name was "ElegantQueen."

She was surprised, but soon she remembered that Mrs. Norman had asked for her contact.

thought that Mrs. Norman asked for her contact in the heat of the moment, but she did not expect that Mrs. Norman would add her as

approved the request. She thought that Queenie would say something, but nothing happened. Perhaps she was

did not take the initiative to say hi to her. She did not want to let Mrs. Norman think that she was sucking up to her, and she was not very good

tapped on Queenie's profile page and carefully looked through the

not have any selfies. Instead, she posted some of her thoughts on life and shared some articles on well-being. There were also several side profiles of her face when she was in

beautiful pictures and refreshing captions told Bianca that Queenie was a refined woman who knew how to

could tell from Queenie's photos that the woman was interested in painting, flower arrangement, playing the piano, and yoga. There were even photos of her in extreme endurance events. Bianca thought that Mrs. Norman was the most extraordinary woman

Bianca was engrossed in browsing Queenie's profile, Bella came and threw a thick stack of documents on

daring to browse on your phone during work hours!" She

was surprised. She calmly put her phone away into

Then, she turned and looked at Bella impassively. "Can I help you, **Madam?**"

Bella glanced at her and pointed at the documents. "I want a copy of these reports and spreadsheets." "OK." Bianca prepared to go to the **copy room**.

Bella had tormented her with menial tasks out of her job scope ever since Bianca joined the *company*.

However, Bianca did not complain. It did not waste too much of her energy or **time**.

When Bianca walked past Nina, Nina tugged her arm and said indignantly, "I say, Bianca, you're too much of a pushover. You're already in the company for more than half a year, but Granny Sloan keeps on giving you these unrelated tasks. I can still understand it if you're a design assistant, but you're a formal designer now. Why are you **still complying?**"

Bianca smiled. "It's nothing. These tasks are easy, and I can get them done in no time."

Nina was furious. "You can't let her run rampant over you! None of the other employees get treated the same way. There's something wrong with her!" "It's nothing serious. You should focus on your work. I'll be going to the copy room," Bianca walked away as she *said that*.

Nina shook her head as she saw Bianca walk away. She felt a little disappointed.

Bianca was too kind and pliant. Perhaps that was why she was so easily **bullied**.

Nina thought that if she had the CEO behind her back, she would not have allowed Bella to put on airs in front of her!

the entrance to the copy room, Bianca noticed that Luke was talking to Jason

Crawford," she nodded and greeted

top two buttons of Luke's shirt were unbuttoned, perhaps because the heater in the building was on full blast. The healthy skin on the man's chest was bared for all to see, which reminded Bianca of how she had laid lazily on his chest the

even remember the heat of his skin as their bodies touched. That made her blush

noticed Bianca's wine-red face and nodded slightly. His gaze fell on the documents in

document on top was a financial report. That was out of Bianca's usual job scope. He furrowed his

Bianca. "Are you copying some documents, Ms. Rayne?" "Yes." "The one on the side is out of service, and the technician has been called over. You can use machine number 3." "Alright, thanks, Mr.

three people parted ways. Bianca went into the copy room and used machine number 3 to copy

she returned to the office, Ms. Fuller from Vivi Group was there with her team. There was a mixed-race young man whom she had never seen before. He was the newest addition to

ladies and gentlemen, nice to meet you. My name is

Chapter 429 She Had Never Seen Such a Shameless Man Before

After Bianca sat down, Yanis swept her penetrating gaze around the office and said sternly, "Now that the urban reconstruction project has already begun, I hope that all of you can complete your tasks to the best of your abilities! Not only that, everyone here has to cooperate with each other. No one can attempt to sabotage another. If I discover it, your name will be instantly removed from the list!" "Yes." Everyone nodded, though a hint of disdain flashed past Bella's face.

When it was almost time to go off work, Yanis told everyone that there would be a joint meeting between T Corporation and Vivi Group the next day. The main agenda would be about everyone's progress in the urban reconstruction project. She emphasized that higher management from both companies, including the CEO of T Corporation and chairman of Vivi Group, would be present at the meeting of unprecedented scale.

Bianca felt immense pressure after hearing Yanis's announcement.

Would she be able to maintain her composure when facing the higher management of both companies?

Bianca wanted to remain in the company to prepare the required information for tomorrow. However, Yanis said that it was a good opportunity for the combined team to have dinner at Blue Honors. Not only could they welcome the new member, but they could also get to know each other better.

"Let's go to dinner. It's at Blue Honors, so the food must be good. My baby will get to enjoy the food too!" Sue said cheerfully as she tidied up her desk.

Nina glanced at Sue and suggested, "Don't you watch the news? Some women tend to overeat after they get pregnant, and their babies end up getting too much nutrition and grow too big. They could only deliver their babies through C-Section. You shouldn't eat too much." "Ah... that can't be!" Sue was shocked.

Her appetite had been very good since she got pregnant, and she had never controlled her intake of food.

rolled her eyes at Sue. "It's true. Why would I deceive you?" "Boo hoo... looks like I have to watch what her stomach sorrowfully and said, "Did you hear that, my to watch what I eat because of you.

Bianca looked at each other and smiled when they saw Sue's smile was gentle as she discreetly touched

It was still flat.

tickled Bianca when she saw that Bianca was lost in thought." Hey, Bea, I notice that you've been distracted often, and you tend to smile for no reason. Tell me, will there be good news between you and shut down her computer and said, "...You think too much. There's no such thing. Let's go. The people from Vivi Group have

was going to the dinner. Bianca did not have any reason to

She sent a message to Luke, saying that she would be having dinner with her colleagues at Blue Honors and she would be back late. He did not have to wait for her, and she would take a cab home after dinner.

Luke knew that such work dinners were inevitable. Moreover, he trusted Yanis's character, and he was at ease that the dinner was at Percy's turf. He reminded Bianca that she should not take alcohol, and told her to let him know when she was done with dinner so that he could pick *her up*.

Bianca walked out of the building with Yanis and *the others*.

As they walked past a washroom, Bella suddenly clutched her stomach and said, "Ah, my stomach hurts. I'm sorry, Ms. Fuller, I'll have to go to the washroom. I'll catch up with you *all later*."

Yanis looked at Bella. Be quick!" "I know where Blue Honors is, Ms. Fuller. You can leave without me. Just let me know the room number later, and I'll go and look **for you**."

Yanis thought for a while and said, "That works too. We'll be **leaving first**."

Don't be too late." "Mm."

As Bella watched the rest of the people leave, her eyes transfixed on Bianca's back, plotting *something...*

It was not the first time Bianca was at Blue Honors. However, she was always impressed by the interior decor every time she was *there*.

atmosphere at the dinner was

first, they were slightly awkward because the usually strict Yanis was

Yanis was very different when she was not at work. Not only was she friendly, but she was even cracking jokes with everyone. Her refined speech and humorous attitude made her look like an elder sister to everyone. That was the first time Bianca had known that side

another individual who had left a strong impression. He was very fond of cracking jokes and made uneasy that Armand was looking at her with an

Yanis suggested that they go to a karaoke

entertainment facilities were on the eighth floor. The people did not have to move to another location, which was

private room at the karaoke bar was spacious enough to accommodate the entire

stayed in the room for a while before leaving. She told everyone to have a

Chapter 430 Impressed With Bianca

Anand looked at the gentle and quiet Bianca. The more he looked at her, the more he liked her.

He might be half-Indian, but he was not interested in women of his race.

Instead, he was drawn to Caucasian features like his father. 1

He loved Bianca's petite and delicate features.

Anand was not worried when he saw that Bianca was uninterested in him.

He knew that it would not be that easy to win a woman's heart.

He did not want a one-night stand; he was in for the long game.

saw that the women were purposely ignoring him, he diverted the conversation topic and said courteously, "I've only arrived in the country not too long ago, Bianca, and I'm not too familiar with the local customs... Do you think that I'll blend in better if I have an English name? I can't think of a

and Nina were eating peanuts while looking interestedly at Anand trying to hook up with

Our boss has a love rival

like Bianca's charm knows no bounds!' 'That passionate young man seems to have taken an instant liking for Bianca, and he wants to court her too. I wonder what would our boss think after he finds

Anand was so courteously asking for her opinion, Bianca did not want to reject him just

of name do you like?" She

spread his arms wide. "Hmm, those names have such deep meanings with rich histories. I don't

Sue looked at Anand while cracking a peanut. "Deep meanings and rich histories? But your English is so fluent! You're too humble, **Anand!**"

Nina took a piece of watermelon from the fruit plate and said, "That's a very old-fashioned pickup line, Anand. I think your English is good enough to come up with a name for yourself. How about I make one up for you? Hm ... what do you think of Godfrey or Orcus?" "Pfft!" Sue nearly burst *out laughing*.

Anand scratched his head. He did not know what the two women were *laughing about*.

"Are those names very funny? Why are you two laughing?" He asked.

Sue patted her chest to calm herself down, then slowly explained it to him. "General Godfrey Wellington is a famous politician in our country's history. He brought the country prosperity and wealth, but he died after he was sentenced to *quartering*...

"**Oh**, I don't think you know what's quartering? It's a cruel punishment that involves tearing a criminal's limbs and head apart with horses or oxen while they're alive..." "... Anand **was speechless**.

When he thought of Sue's vivid description, he nearly threw up the wine in his *stomach*.

quickly gulped a glass of water to calm himself down. "How about Hellinger? Did he get

slowly and gently. "Viscount Orcus Hellinger is an ambitious individual from medieval times. He used his influence to get what he wanted, and he even tried to usurp the throne. Eventually, he was sentenced to death by slicing. Do you know what's death by slicing? It's one of the cruelest capital punishment methods in history. The executioner will inflict a total of 3,357 cuts on the body of the condemned. If the executioner misses by one cut, he'll be punished heavily. The execution lasted for a total of three days. At the end of the execution, his victims rushed to the scene, picked up ribbons of flesh from his

body, and brought it home so that they could eat it..." "Urk..." Anand could not hold it in anymore. As soon as Bianca finished her description, he picked up the trash can next to him and threw

and Nina covered their mouths and giggled, while Bianca calmly stuffed a juicy strawberry into her mouth. Mmm,

did not eat too many, in case it affected her

at the trash can for a whole three

his mouth with a wet towel, then looked weakly at three women who seemed to be gloating at his

you be a little more compassionate? Why do you talk about such disgusting things on this fun night?

Don't you have any better names, like a king or a famous war general?" "Of course there are! There are many famous heroes in the history of the Western world. There's one particular leader who conquered many lands and set up his empire, and his name even starts with the same letter as yours. Do you want to use his