

## Be Gentle 451

Chapter 451 How Could She Miss Out On the Opportunity?

Charmaine frowned and looked at the CD in Leia's hand. She did not ask any questions and grabbed it.

She chuckled and said, "I'll go through hell and high water for you."

Giving a woman a CD was a small matter for Charmaine.

The most important thing to her was appeasing Leia so that they would maintain a friendly relationship.

If she did not have Leia in her corner, she would not be accepted that easily among the socialites.

Leia whispered something in Charmaine's ear again to tell her what to do.

Before Leia left, she gave Charmaine a threatening look as she said, 'Remember, don't mess this up. Otherwise, I'll make sure that you're shunned by all your friends!'

Charmaine was intimidated by Leia's words.

She was a nobody. If Leia wanted to find fault with her, she would not know how to keep her foothold within the circle.

to fawn over Leia. She gestured her two thumbs up and swore, "Trust me on this, Leia. I will do this for you! How dare that woman snatch your crush? Your love rival is my enemy... Give me some time, you'll definitely be satisfied with the

got Charmaine's assurance, she gave a

that Leia was not as angry, Charmaine continued to ask, "By the way, Leia, who do you want me to seduce?" "Wayne Blatt, the youngest son of the Blatt family!" Leia felt a pang of hatred when she mentioned his

tried her best to recall the names of the

if flipping through a phone book, after a few minutes, her eyes suddenly brightened and she remembered who Wayne Blatt

Blatts were an extraordinary family who held high positions in the military and political circles. The eldest son was a politician and the second son was a businessman. The youngest son was in special forces all year round, and he was rarely seen

was one time that she was fortunate enough to have met Wayne. He appeared tall and mighty. His rugged image left a deep impression

thought of Wayne's sturdy body and bulging muscles, Charmaine

it was hard to be close with the Blatts. If she managed to seduce the youngest son of the Blatt

combed her bangs and said, "Don't worry about it, leave everything to me. I promise to deliver on my promise to

Seeing how she readily agreed to her request, Leia thought to herself, 'Charmaine is such a sl\*t!' "But what?" She asked.

**Charmaine said** embarrassingly, "The third son of the Blatt family is not home all year round and his whereabouts are fairly uncertain. Even if I wanted to seduce him, where can I find him?"

*Leia* herself was not sure about Wayne's whereabouts. She thought about it for a moment and said, "You don't have to worry about it. I'll let you know when Wayne returns to A City. Charmaine, the Blatt family is one of the best in A City. I've created this opportunity for you, but it's all up to you whether you can captivate Wayne's heart and become the daughter-in-law of the Blatt family."

*Charmaine* nodded ecstatically and said, 'If I can become a member of the Blatt family, I will never forget your kindness toward me, **Leia.**'

*Leia looked* at how hard Charmaine tried to flatter her. She felt disgusted in her heart. "That's it for today. I have something else to do, I will contact you in a few days. Remember, you must give the CD to *Bianca.*"

*After* Charmaine gave her assurance again, *Leia left.*

**When Charmaine** could no longer see her, Leia **sneered.**

The CD would fall into Bianca's hands through Charmaine. Even if something happened, all the blame would be directed at Charmaine, and it would have nothing to do **with Leia.**

In the corridor, Charmaine looked at Leia's haughty back, her previous flattery turned into disdain. She spat in Leia's direction.

she think she is?! She's just an orphan fortunate enough to be adopted by Mr. Norman. How precious and noble does she think she

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who had always been very efficient, felt restless at work today. She had a bad

a daze, she handed over the design drafts that she had been working on over the last two days

her eyes and sighed softly. She felt that her body had gotten much weaker after she

sat opposite of her, saw that Bianca did not look too well. She put down her work and asked caringly, "You don't look too good Bea. Are you okay? Maybe you should take the day

endured the uncomfortable feeling she felt and smiled at her reluctantly.

she could finish her words, she heard a pair of high heels walking

followed by Bella's angry voice. "Bianca, is this the design draft that

Chapter 452 Luke's Questioning!

Bella screamed at Bianca mercilessly.

Bianca was flushed red, but she could do nothing but endure Bella's screaming. After all, she did make a mistake.

She wanted to give herself a few tight slaps when she thought of the potentially fatal mistake that she made.

'Why didn't I pay attention when I was working? How can I make such a stupid mistake after working for so long?'

With both her fists clenched, Bianca assured Bella, "I'm sorry, Bella, I swear this kind of mistake will never happen again, please trust me."

Bella continued screaming at her, "You are nothing but a pretty face! Don't be so smug just because of your minor achievements. Do you think you can do whatever you want just because you have someone behind you? An irresponsible employee like you should resign voluntarily. My department is not a place for good-for-nothings!"

Seeing that Bianca was beaten down to nothing, Sue immediately got fired up.

She stood up from her seat and defended Bianca, "Bella, I trust that our colleagues are well aware of Bianca's capabilities. She has been giving her all since she joined our department. In the past six months or so, she has never made any mistakes. Instead, because of her outstanding and innovative designs, we have received endless orders. How can you deny her of her efforts?"

Nina stood up too. "Bella, the management is well aware of the revenue that Bianca has created for the corporation, but you verbally tear her down just because she made a single mistake. Don't you think that you've gone overboard? Many newcomers have made more mistakes than Bianca, some even more serious than this one, and I have never seen you embarrass them like this.'

Nina's words were somewhat ironic.

was true that every newcomer to T Corporation's design department would eventually make a mistake, no matter how careful they might

Bella would criticize them, she had never been so rude

people who witnessed the scene did not know that they had a superior and subordinate relationship, they might think that they were

and Nina rattled on and on like two

honest, they knew that it was unwise to call out their superior in the workplace. If Bella wanted to make their lives hard, she could have deducted their bonuses and allowances. In serious cases, they would even lose their

Sue and Nina were

reason was that they were Bianca's friends, and Bianca had backing in top management. On top of that, they genuinely thought that Bianca was doing a great job. Just because she made a mistake, she was ridiculed and insulted by Bella in public. They would not let it

employees of the design department stopped their work and watched the  
that Bianca was romantically involved with

dare Bella scream at Bianca like this? Was she not afraid that Bianca would complain to the CEO and have her

*Bella* was furious that her subordinates spoke out against her in front of so many people. She sneered as he said, "Well done, all of you! Bianca made a mistake, and you chose to be on her side instead of correcting her!"

After she said that, Bella threw the folder in her hand on the desk and went to Mavis's office.

**However**, to her annoyance, Ms. Laviere was not in her office.

Bella hated Bianca and disliked Sue and Nina, Bianca's best friends at work. Now that they were united against her, Bella hated all **of them**.

After Bella left, everyone went back to their work.

"**Bianca**, why are you swallowing your anger? Why didn't you say anything when Bella screamed at you like that? You are making yourself an *easy*

**target.**" **Nina** did not understand why Bianca behaved *as such*.

**Bianca smiled** bitterly as she said, "I did make a mistake and I should be criticized. I don't have any grounds to retaliate."

*Sue* wanted to tell Bianca to stand up for herself, but after seeing how pliant she was, she thought maybe Bianca was uncomfortable because she was just scolded. So, she patted Nina on the shoulder and signaled her to *be quiet*.

*The two of them* gave Bianca space to *calm down*.

Bianca was not sure why, but she had an ominous feeling that something was going to happen. Therefore, she was careless when she was working, which led to the mistake that *she made*.

that, Bianca put aside her anxious thoughts and forced herself to not overthink. She continued her drawing, but she continued to make mistakes on

mind was not on the task at hand. For the first time in forever, Bianca had the idea of going to the CEO's office to look for

Luke would be the one taking the initiative to call her whenever he wanted to

wondered if she should

Bianca decided to send him a

a cute emoticon package. She chose a cute GIF with the words "Love and Kisses" and sent it to

that did not improve

In the CEO's office.

stood by Luke's desk and reported on her work in

Crawford, the projects in Western Europe have been completed. Last month, the team that I led successfully signed a \$700 million deal with the British AC Design Group. It's a good way to start the new year." "Not bad. How do you want to be rewarded? As long as I can do it, I will definitely

Chapter 453 You Can Kiss and Hug Me All You Want Once I'm Home

Mavis was mentally strong.

In the face of Luke's piercing gaze, she kept a cold smile on her face, even though her chest felt tense.

She knew how shrewd Luke was.

She dared not lie to him, so she admitted it graciously. "Yes, Mr. Crawford. When I sat in your car the last time, I went to the convenience store and bought some lingerie, but when I got home, one piece was missing. I didn't dare to ask you about it. After all, it is lingerie, and I felt awkward..."

The always capable and cold Mavis showed a rare feminine look of embarrassment when she spoke of it.

Seeing Mavis admitting it generously without the slightest concealment, Luke was less suspicious.

If there had been any seed of doubt, it was now gone.

He even thought it was funny that Bianca had made such a fuss about an unidentified piece of women's clothing.

His woman was good in everything but possessive in her feelings.

However, he loved her and doted on her. He could let her have her way and tolerate everything about her. i

Mavis had worked for him for years. Luke knew how good she was at her job.

Ms. Laviere was one of the top executives in the company who had generated the most wealth for the company with her dedication to work. However, she did not seem interested in men and was very deferential to him.

never occurred to Luke that his female subordinate had any other thoughts

So it was an oversight.<sup>1</sup> Luke nodded in an enlightened

felt relieved when she heard him say

hope you don't make the same mistake again, Ms. Laviere. I hate having other people's personal belongings in my car, especially women's lingerie. That can

Mavis's body and nerves tensed up.

Mavis, who knew his character well, knew that the CEO would not pursue the matter further and breathed a sigh of relief.

Crawford."

she was, she would only use such a dirty trick once. She would not allow the same thing stopped looking at her and went back to his did not leave immediately but looked at him with fascination as he worked reviewed the documents, his phone suddenly beeped, indicating that a message had arrived. Seeing that it was a message from Bianca, he unprecedentedly put away the work at hand and opened the saw the cute GIF that Bianca sent him, a gentle smile appeared on the corners of the man's stiff Then he replied to Bianca's message.

*Luke: [Okay, you can kiss and hug me all you want once I'm home.]*

After thinking about it, Luke sent a smirking emoticon. Luke's expression softened as he thought of Bianca's expression upon receiving the message. 1

*Mavis* was shocked by Luke's sudden change in expression.

*In* her eyes, Luke was incisive, cold, fierce, resolute, and decisive. He had never shown an expression *like that...*

Mavis tilted her head a little to stealthily see who Luke was talking to, but she saw a cute profile photo with the remark "Darling".

'Darling?'

**As** if a bolt of thunder had struck her heart, Mavis was frightened and panicked!

When did Luke get so close to that woman that he even called **her" Darling?"**

*Mavis's* eyes suddenly became blurred. Her heart seemed to be weighed down by a thousand pounds of stone that left her breathless.

She froze in front of Luke's desk, just like a wooden sculpture, unable to **move**.

Her eyes misted up as if tears would fall in the blink of *an eye*.

looked up and saw Mavis standing in front of his desk. He asked aloud, "Ms. Laviere? Is there anything deep, magnetic voice woke Mavis, who realized her

her sad eyes, Mavis smiled like usual. "Sorry, Mr. Crawford. I'm good, bye

to leave, she dared not look at his handsome face that was indifferent to

was a face that doted on another woman but bore no gentleness for

was time to get off work. Luke had to work overtime. He wanted the driver to take Bianca home, but she insisted on waiting for him to go home

was afraid that the pregnant Bianca would be hungry, so he sent her to a famous dessert cafe near the company and asked her to wait

cafe was large and crowded. The environment was very

had a variety of desserts that were unique and beautiful. Their food had an appetizing

sat on a window seat and savored their

stroopwafel had a hard and crispy exterior. The outside was roasted with a layer of snow-colored syrup, while the inside was filled with caramel and honey. It tasted sweet but not

Bianca ate her dessert, Charmaine walked in with her shades

Chapter 454 Bianca Felt Sweet And Intoxicated

Bianca stared at Charmaine and did not let herself lose her cool. Her gentle eyes were cold.

She took a sip of milk. "I don't know who you are, Miss. I don't know if you're Luke's secret admirer or if you've had some feud with him in the past, but I can tell you this for certain. I'll never leave him unless he asks me to. Who are you to make me leave him?"

Charmaine narrowed her eyes as she looked at the calm Bianca, and her smoking hand paused.

The girl in front of her was graceful and pretty. She looked nice, but she had a sharp tongue and spoke on point. She could not be underestimated. It made Charmaine feel as powerless as if she was punching cotton.

Charmaine blew a smoke ring. She picked up a dessert from the table and unceremoniously stuffed it into her mouth. "Not bad. This caramel pudding is delicious."

The woman who appeared out of nowhere made Bianca lose her appetite.

She got up gracefully and looked down at Charmaine from a commanding position. "Take your time with these desserts if you like them. I'm leaving."

Perhaps it was her unlucky day to meet that lunatic.

It was dinner rush hour in the evening, and there were many people in the dessert cafe. However, Bianca sat alone in a remote corner with a certain distance from the other tables and was covered by green plants.

other people did not pay much attention to

Bianca grabbed her bag to leave.

out her long leg and blocked her way. "What's the matter? Are you feeling guilty that you dare not talk to me face to face? You don't have what it takes to be with Luke. Can't you look at yourself in

at Charmaine. There seemed to be a smile in her eyes, but the depths of her eyes were cold. She said sarcastically, 'I might not have what it takes, but Luke loves me anyway. You're not good enough to go after Luke either, so aren't you worse than me?' "You..." The smile on Charmaine's face froze after being

did not expect Bianca to be so stubborn, so she immediately showed her true colors. "Bianca, don't be shameless. If you're smart, leave Luke of your own accord. Otherwise, I'll submit this to the Public

fiddled with the CD in

at the CD. A sense of foreboding rising in her

tried to grab it, but Charmaine purposely dodged, and she

held the CD between her index and middle fingers and blew a large smoke ring at Bianca. 'The stuff on this CD is about Luke. I guarantee you'll be interested in the contents... Ms. Rayne, I've made more than one copy of this CD! I'll only give you two months to leave Luke before May 1st. Otherwise, if I get upset and turn it in, you should know how serious things

Charmaine threw the CD onto the table. She twisted her dainty waist and stepped away on her high

**Bianca** blankly picked up the CD. She paused for a moment and slipped it into her **handbag**.

**No** longer in the mood to savor desserts, Bianca felt a rush **of panic**.

'Who the hell is that woman? Why would she force me to leave Luke?

*'Is she his admirer? Or did someone send her? What secret does the CD hold that made the woman so confident that I'll leave Luke of my own accord?'*

**Endless questions** kept pouring out that Bianca's head felt like exploding.

**Just as** she was distraught, Luke appeared.

*The man* wore a suit and leather shoes, walking calmly and gracefully. His attire was so exquisite it was impeccable. Both his blue tie and white shirt exuded a hint of elegance. His demeanor was so elegant and mature that he caught the attention of the customers in the dessert *cafe*.

When she saw Luke, Bianca, who was always quiet and reserved in front of others, threw herself into his arms.

*"Luke..." Bianca's* voice sobbed a little. The grievance she had suffered from Charmaine went out of control.

Luke wrapped her in his strong arms. He lowered his head and buried his angular jaw in her fragrant hair. Then he kissed her tenderly on the forehead. 'What's wrong? Is the dessert here bad? Or did their service upset you? Let's not eat here the next *time, okay?*'

Bianca's aggrieved expression, Luke thought she was bullied at the dessert cafe, and his expression

about to wave for the waiter when Bianca shook her head and snuggled quietly in his arms. "I'm fine. The desserts here are good, and the service here

Luke frowned disbelievingly. "But you're upset."

move was on his radar because he loved her. Even a frown from her worried

wanted to tell Luke that Charmaine had come to her, but on second thought, she should wait until she had seen the contents of the CD before making a

was already very busy with his work, and she would seem useless to bother him for such a trivial



many women tried to court the man. If he had to deal with each one personally, would he have enough energy for anything else? She had to learn to outsmart all kinds of

long as Luke loved her, she had nothing to fear!

was no need to give up just because of a strange

at herself at the thought of that and suddenly felt

Chapter 455 Stunned By Luke's Overbearing Words!

Seeing Luke staring at her, Bianca joked with some embarrassment, 'What's the matter? Why are you staring at me? Are there flowers on my face?'

Luke came to himself. His dark, bottomless eyes were full of tenderness." You don't have flowers on your face, but to me, you're more beautiful than flowers."

Bianca blushed.

Luke chuckled and gave her a peck on the lips.

Out of the corner of her eye, Bianca saw many customers in the dessert cafe, and among them were many children eating with their parents. That made her cheeks even hotter.

"Stop it. We're in public," said Bianca.

Luke naturally knew that this was not the occasion for intimacy. He pinched her nose; that was his favorite affectionate gesture toward her." Come on. Let's go home."

Luke accompanied Bianca as they left the dessert cafe.

A City was worthy of being an international metropolis. At night, the neon lights shone, and the heavy traffic was like the Milky Way. Everywhere was steeped in prosperity.

Luke drove Bianca back to Crawford Manor.

Today was the 15th. It was the day when the Crawford family would have dinner together again. He was going to take her home and tell his family that he was going to marry Bianca.

no idea about Luke's plans. She was a little nervous. She felt depressed and uncomfortable every time she visited

she had no choice. It was Luke's

and Rainie often

dislike of the place, she had to learn to live

dining room was

was still as depressing as ever when the family had their dinner, but it was better than in

Crawford was nicer to Bianca. Allison and Susan were just as cold toward her, but Bianca felt that she could ignore

her two children with great care as

Master Crawford, who had been secretly observing Bianca, became increasingly satisfied

Bianca is a kind and gentle woman. Although her family background is not that great, her character and appearance are

is good enough to be

Halfway through the meal, Luke suddenly put down his cutlery, wiped his hands gracefully, and made a solemn announcement to his family. "I want to tell all of you something. Bianca and I are getting married on the 1 st **of May.**"

*Other* than the excited twins, the rest of the Crawford family were *stunned*.

*Old Master* Crawford glanced at Luke and said in a deep voice, "I won't meddle in your affairs. As long as you won't regret it."

**Allison** finally came to herself and could no longer eat.

*She* put her cutlery on the table and looked at Bianca fiercely. 'No, I won't allow it." Then she turned to Luke and said, "Son, you can date this woman, but I won't allow you to marry her!"

She still could not accept the fact that Bianca was going to be her **daughter -in-law**.

*Because Bianca* was pregnant and Allison wanted grandchildren, she turned a blind eye to their mess. However, she still harbored a grudge against Bianca.

*Allison* planned to find a way to get rid of Bianca after she delivered the baby, and then she would choose a socialite with a good family background for her son to marry.

*Unexpectedly*, *her* son was going to marry her in two months. How was **that possible?**

Susan stared at Bianca's stomach and said nothing, but the schadenfreude in her eyes was hard **to conceal**.

**Susan** was a little dismissive. She did not think Luke was so negligent that he wanted to marry such a woman with no *family background*.

going to marry a socialite of the same

himself to some food. As he ate, he said, "Congratulations, Luke. You and Bianca have finally made it. I'll be your best

Allison gave Louis a murderous look.

was too lazy to bother with Allison and

hard to persuade Luke, "Son, it's too early to get married on May 1st; it's only less than two months away. You won't have time to make all the preparations. You're my only son, and your wedding is important. If we don't make sure that it's perfect, the outsiders will laugh at us. What do you think about having the wedding after Bianca's baby is

held Bianca's hand and said firmly to everyone, "Grandfather, Mother, the reason for my presence today is to tell everyone the fact that I am going to marry Bianca. The wedding date is May 1st, and it will proceed with or without your consent. I welcome you with open arms if you're attending, and I won't hold it against you if you don't want to come. I'll hold a press conference to announce our

velvety voice rang in the cavernous dining room. Everyone had different opinions when they family was stunned by Luke's overbearing words, and there was a momentary silence in the

and Rainie looked at their father with admiration and thought he was so cool. Even Great-grandpa, Grandma, and the others were afraid

two kids happily ate a few more mouthfuls of pasta at the thought of their parents

Crawford sighed. Unlike Luke's useless father, the boy had been strong-minded and overbearing since he was a child. Even he could not influence Luke's

Chapter 456 Already A Wife-Doting Maniac

Bianca was embarrassed to see Old Master Crawford, Luke, and Louis staring at her.

She apologized to the old man. "Sorry, Old Master Crawford, I was thinking about something. I'll go home over the weekend to ask my grandpa and aunt what they think and see when they're free. I'll let you know then, okay?"

Old Master Crawford laughed loudly, "Okay, I'll have dinner with my in-laws and go through the calendar for the best date for the engagement and send the invitation. We still have to go through the formalities."

The old man was superstitious about picking the perfect date. Luke naturally understood.

His grandfather was supportive of his and Bianca's marriage, so he was naturally happy. "We'll do whatever you say, Grandfather. Bianca and I will get engaged as soon as possible and start on the preparations. Bea's two months pregnant. We can wait, but your great-grandchild can't wait."

Old Master Crawford raised his walking stick and tapped his favorite grandson. "Jerk. You know they can't wait, yet you still knocked her up before getting married. Take good care of Bea. I think she's lost weight. She hasn't been nourishing her body properly, has she?"

Bianca was a little embarrassed. She had rounded out a lot since she was pregnant.

With a sweet tooth and extra meals every day, she gained nearly thirteen pounds in just two months of pregnancy.

she had always been thin so it was not that

was a little worried. Would she become a plump penguin in her third trimester if she did not control her

Luke was accused by his grandfather, Bianca said shyly, 'Grandpa, Luke takes good care of me. I eat a lot every day, which is enough to nourish the baby in my belly. Pregnant women can't eat too much, or they'll give the baby too much nourishment, which may lead to

Crawford's eyes widened. "Really? My other old friends kept asking the caretakers to make all kinds of nutritious stews when their granddaughters-in-law were pregnant so that their babies would be smart and healthy. Oh, I just started my business when your grandmother got pregnant. We weren't rich, and she suffered a lot with me, but I still managed to save money to buy her various supplements. Later, as expected, she gave me a

deep nostalgia appeared on Old Master Crawford's imposing face at the mention of

the thought of his useless only son Zachary, who had unfortunately died young, he sighed and said, "It's a pity that Zach had a brilliant brain but didn't use it in the right way and got into a lot of affairs. Fortunately, that ingrate gave me a wonderful grandson like you, Luke... Oh, it's all a long time ago. Why did this old geezer bring it up? Luke, you have to protect and dote on a woman when she's pregnant. You can't let

stared at Bianca with his long, narrow black eyes and smiled

grabbed Bianca's hand tightly. "Grandfather, Bianca is my everything. I can't love her enough, much less let her suffer. Don't worry. I'll take good care of her and

warm gaze fell on Bianca's gentle and beautiful petite face and on the twins, who were eagerly propping their cheeks and listening to

He felt that his years of waiting and keeping watch had been worth it.

*When the* naughty and mischievous Louis saw his eldest brother looking at his sister-in-law with great affection, he could not help joking, "Tsk, ts, ts. Grandpa, look. Luke's already a wife-doting maniac before marrying Bianca. Will he become a hen-pecked husband after getting married?"

**When Old** Master Crawford heard what Louis said and saw the cheeky grin on his second grandson, he suddenly raised his walking stick high and hit him on the instep. "Your brother's second child is two months along, and you're still single. You can't even find a wife. Aren't you embarrassing the Crawford family?" "Oh, Grandpa. I'm only in my twenties. Can't you show me mercy? Can you stop lecturing me in front of everyone every time? How *embarrassing...*"

*Louis yelled* as his grandfather's "execution staff" hit him. He jumped up from his seat like a monkey and fled *far away*.

'Jeez. The old man may be old, but he shows no mercy in hitting people with his walking stick.' "Mommy, are you really marrying Daddy?" Rainie pulled Bianca by the hem of her shirt and asked again in disbelief.

Bianca gently wiped the corner of her daughter's lips with a tissue. "Yes, I'm marrying Daddy. When the time comes, why don't you and your brother be our flower girl and ring bearer?" "*Of course!*"

Rainie nestled in Bianca's arms like a little **squirrel**.

She gave her brother a gesture of victory, and her cutesy voice was full of expectation. "Big Bro, we're gonna be the flower girl and ring bearer for Mommy and Daddy. I'm so happy."

snuggled up beside Bianca. The little guy did not say anything, but the grin on his handsome little face, showing a row of white teeth, revealed his happy

is marrying Daddy. Nothing makes me happier

had gotten Old Master Crawford's approval, and Bianca was in a good

family of four returned to their private mansion. Bianca put her handbag down as she tidied

she went to work the next day, Bianca had to carry a larger document in her bag, so she changed to a larger

at her watch, it was a little late, so she hurried to the company, even forgetting the CD she had put in her

flew by leisurely. Bianca's work this week went well because she was in a good mood, and her relationship with Luke was getting sweeter and

was Saturday in the blink of an

Luke went to Old Master Rayne's house with their two

Chapter 457 Luke's Forceful Oath! Leaving The Marriage With Nothing

"May 1st? So soon?" Old Master Rayne and Wanda said in unison.

Even though he knew that Bianca was going to marry someday, Old Master Rayne was nonetheless overcome with emotion.

His favorite granddaughter, who used to live with him and depended on him, was about to get married. He was so reluctant.

The old man raised his trembling old hand and wiped the tears that had somehow appeared in the corner of his eyes. Bea, I know you're going to get married sooner or later, and I've been looking forward to this day for a long time. But I'm reluctant when you do get married!

Old Master Rayne's old eyes and those uncontrollable tears made Bianca's heart as heavy as a rock. The tip of her nose twinged, and she felt a lump in her throat.

However, over the years, she had learned to control her emotions, so she did not cry in front of her grandfather.

Bianca pulled out a tissue to wipe Old Master Rayne's tears and comforted him. "Grandpa, it doesn't matter whether I'm married. We're in the same city and not far from each other. I'll come to visit you whenever I'm free. Don't be sad."

Bianca had seen her grandfather suffer so much since she was little that she vowed to be filial to him.

Wanda was holding Lanie as she tried to comfort her father. "Dad, Bea's old enough to get married. Even if she doesn't get married now, she'll be married in a few years anyway. Besides, there are not many good men like Luke, so we should be happy that Bea is marrying him."

Old Master Rayne sighed and solemnly handed Bianca's hand over to Luke.

the two children's intimately held hands, Old Master Rayne said earnestly. "Boy, my granddaughter is a sensible girl. It's just that she's too sensitive sometimes, so you have to bear with her. You're going to be

a family. Be considerate to each other no matter what you encounter. And Bea, Luke's busy with work, so social interactions for business are unavoidable. You'll have to learn to understand. Luke, I'll hand my granddaughter over to you now. I sincerely wish you a long

went to help Old Master Rayne sit down on

old man, the man's forceful oath escaped his lips. "Grandpa, I promise to love Bianca with my life and to keep her safe forever. You can rest assured of that. After we marry, I'll transfer all my personal property to Bianca. If one day I've done her wrong, I'll leave the marriage with nothing to my name. What do you

Wanda was stunned.

never expected the young man to say such a

in charge of the entire T Corporation, so he naturally had a lot of money. Even the properties in his name were an unimaginable amount of wealth to the

did transfer them to her niece, would Bianca not become the richest woman in A

sized up the

sincere eyes were not mixed with the slightest falsehood, and in the depths of his eyes was deep affection for

that her niece was lucky for finding the right lover. Unlike herself, who got cheated by a man, lost her heart, and ended

**She** felt dejected. She stopped thinking about the unpleasant past and continued to play with the clever Lanie and **Rainie**.

*When* Old Master Rayne heard that Luke was going to transfer property to his granddaughter after they married, he was amused. "What nonsense are you talking about? My granddaughter isn't a materialistic woman. She's just a silly girl that's lucky to marry you. Tell me if she bullies you, I'll help you teach her a lesson."

Bianca looked at her grandfather resentfully.

'*Am I* not your granddaughter? Grandpa has already started favoring his grandson-in-law ever before we are married. That's a little **unfair!**'

Luke reached out to grab Bianca's fingers and wrapped them in his **palm**.

**Bianca could** feel the heat of the man's palm.

At the film studio.

Leia was wearing a gorgeous period costume on set, and her hair was tied up in *a bun*.

**The period** drama "Game of Beauty" was adapted from a popular online novel. It told the tragic love-hate story of a general and a female minister during World War 2.

*They were* shooting the sixteenth scene of the period drama today, in which the general and female minister separated due to a misunderstanding. The female lead was taken to the palace by the royal

mistress, who admired the male lead, and was slapped for revenge. The general came in time to save her life. Their feelings for each other elevated, and they started their love **affair**.

"*Action!* Silence throughout the set. All unnecessary crew in front of the camera, get out of here!" The director ordered everyone on the set with a *loudspeaker*.

was soon restored to

Shooting began.

mistress sent someone to take the female minister to the palace and commanded her lady-in-waiting and maid to slap

course, the person getting slapped was a double

was accompanied by two assistants. One holding an umbrella for her, while another peeled an

enjoyed her assistants' services as she watched the double act for

the double's acting was not bad, so the slapping scene was quickly wrapped

following scene, the male lead was heartbroken that the female lead was hurt. He took her back to his manor to take care of her and kissed

a lot more close-ups in the scene, and Leia had to

costar had recently enjoyed a boost of fame. His acting was commendable in the entertainment industry rampant with

Chapter 458 Luke and Bianca Give Mr. and Mrs. Norman the Wedding Invitation!

Leia's confidence was unfounded.

She had been preparing herself for her eventual entry into the Crawford family. She learned upper-class etiquette from Queenie and also how to play the piano, create flower arrangements, and cook simple dishes, i

She even started to learn about investing and business management from her mother.

With her talents and her abilities, she was sure to be Luke's wife...

Leia's agent walked behind her and told her, "There will be a dinner with the production crew tonight, Leia. I think you should join it. That'll strengthen your relationship with the director and producer. That way, you'll receive more roles in the future."

Leia declined without thinking. "I've been busy recently, and I don't have time for any gatherings. Maybe next time."

No matter what the agent said, Leia was not in the mood to listen. All the agent could do was to shake her head and lament Leia's stubbornness.

When they passed by another trailer, they could hear several female actresses talking inside.

Leia did not pay attention to it at first, but she stopped walking when she heard the actresses in the trailer mention her name!

One of the actresses said, "Hey, Tammy, you look quite similar to Leia, the female lead actress. Unfortunately, your fates are different. She's the female lead, but you're only a nameless double. Why are our lives so miserable?"

young woman named Tammy replied contemptuously. "That's only because of her father! If her father isn't a bigshot, do you think she stands a chance in the entertainment industry? All of you saw her performance today, right? Her face looked as though it was paralyzed, and I nearly killed myself from holding back the laughter. Hahaha, so what if she graduated from film school? She's worse than

concluded. "That's right. Too bad that she has a bigshot for a father, and we're only from

"So what if she comes from a wealthy family? Leia is only a third-rate actress, and I don't think she can be any better. If I were as wealthy as her, I'd be famous all over by now! By the way, do you know that Leia has small and flat breasts? I accidentally saw it once while she was changing. I think it's a

women in the trailer giggled. Leia suddenly kicked the door open, which gave the actresses inside a huge two actresses were deeply embarrassed when they saw Leia

actress named Tammy was sitting cross-legged on the makeup table, flaunting her figure to the

She stammered when she

at Tammy disdainfully. Her voice was as cold as ice as she spoke to her agent. "Seems like I can't afford to pay Tammy Olson! Give her her last paycheck and tell her to

How daring of Tammy Olson!

in a horrid mood. She did not bother to maintain her kind and

**Tammy** was flustered when she heard that she was about to be fired. "I... I didn't mean that, Ms. Norman," she begged, "I swear that I won't do that **again. Please...**"

Leia glanced condescendingly at Tammy as though she were a piece of trash. "How dare you talk bad about me when you're on my payroll? I'm very busy, and I don't have time to waste on you. Escort her out of the studio now!" "Yes." Leia's agent nodded.

Leia shot a glance at the other two actresses and remembered *their faces*.

She would deal with them another **time**.

Without saying another word, Leia left the shabby trailer.

Leia's agent stepped forward and said coldly, "You can leave no, Tammy Olson. You won't be Ms. Norman's double anymore."

Tammy gritted her teeth as she saw Leia walk away. Her eyes were filled *with hatred!*

*After the Crawford and Rayne families discussed it, the details for Luke and Bianca's wedding were **confirmed**.*



*The engagement ceremony shall be on the 18th.*

**Luke** gave out invitations to his acquaintances in the political and business circles, including Mr. and Mrs. Jack *Norman*.

arrived home, she noticed her mother sitting on the couch with a bright red invitation card in her hand. She slipped into her slippers, put her handbag away, and hugged her mother's neck. "Who's getting married soon, gently, "It's from the Crawford family. Luke and Bianca will be engaged on the 18th. Our family is the invitation card in disbelief. When she saw Luke and Bianca's names written on the card, she felt as though an atom bomb had gone off in her brain, and her body started to 'Impossible.

told me that she handed the CD

the woman loves Luke, she should have

didn't she leave, but instead, they're going to be

an excuse that she was unwell and returned to her room. After locking the door, she gave Charmain a phone

other side, a stark contrast from Leia's exasperation, Bianca was immersed in the sweet mood of

Chapter 459 If You Can't Let Me Go, Then You Should Stay With Me For the Rest of Your Life

After leaving that harsh message, that person ended the call without waiting for Bianca to respond.

Bianca thought that it was a prank call. She wanted to go back to the kitchen when she suddenly remembered that a few days ago, she had met a stranger in the dessert cafe.

That woman handed her a CD, telling her that its contents were disadvantageous for Luke. The woman also threatened her to leave Luke if she wanted him to be safe.

After she got home, she completely forgot about the matter.

As the saying went, pregnant women were easily forgetful.

The woman had reminded her about the existence of the CD.

She wondered why that woman was so sure that the contents of the CD would be enough to threaten her.

Bianca lowered the heat on the stove to simmer the tonic in the pot.

She found the CD in her handbag, then took it out and played it.

The video played on the screen.

Bianca's gentle face stiffened when she saw the contents of the CD. Her body trembled as though she fell into an ice cave.

Late at night.

two children had already gone to bed. Bianca, dressed in snow-white silk pajamas, stood in front of the window and looked at the moon. She was feeling

Luke entered the room, he saw Bianca's

from outside the window was like a golden veil on her body, and her loneliness

off his coat, silently walked forward, and hugged her from

chin rested gently on her shoulder. 'Silly girl, it's so cold. Why aren't you waiting for me

her head into

hugged his strong waist tightly, as though she was afraid of losing him. "Our engagement ceremony is the day after tomorrow, Luke. I'm afraid that it

healthy arms hugged Bianca's delicate waist so that her soft body clung to his broad chest. "Why are you worried so? Our families have agreed to the marriage, and no one can stop us. All you have to do is be a good bride. You can leave everything else to

healthy and muscular body, he hugged the frail Bianca into

speckled moonlight fell on Bianca's face like droplets of water, enveloping her in

**Luke** was slightly worried when he saw Bianca's **sudden change**.

**His** shrewd gaze transfixed on her body, and he lightly furrowed his brows." Are you regretting your decision? Do you want to call the **engagement off**?"

Bianca shook her head.

**She held** her tears back, took his hand, and gently sucked on his slender fingers.

"**No one** wants me to marry you more than I do. I've waited for the day for so long. Don't you know that you're a gift from God? I don't think there's anything more blissful than to be able to marry you, be your wife, raise children for you, and cook dinner for you. I want to marry you, and I wish that we can grow old together and never **drift apart**..."

**Bianca lowered** her head. Her smooth black hair fell on **her chest**.

**Her** long eyelashes were trembling like small fans. Her innocent and charming face aroused Luke's primal *urges*.

**He had** not made out with Bianca ever since she **was pregnant**.

*Luke* carried Bianca back to the bedroom and pinned her on the bed, carefully avoiding any pressure on **her stomach**.

Bianca looked at Luke in shock. "You're playing with fire, my darling. Don't you know... that you'll hurt yourself?" Luke's low and hoarse voice was smooth like fine *liquor*.

**Bianca** stiffened when she saw the fires of passion in the man's eyes.

She placed her arms carefully between the two bodies and said tremblingly, "It's not... three months yet... we cant..."

was soft and weak, and she sounded shy, timid, and aggrieved, like a kitten soaked in the

charming voice spoke indulgently into her ear. "I know that your body condition isn't suitable for vigorous exercise now, silly. No matter how tough it gets, I won't touch you a hair. I love you. You know

drooped. Dewdrops of tears lingered on her long and

her and mumbled, "You're so nice to me. I can't... I can't

did not know if she was speaking to herself or

thought that Bianca's hormones must be acting

woman had become more melancholic after she was pregnant, and he was not too worried about her sudden change

gently pried open her jaw with his tongue and danced in her oral

was so warm, and his body emanated the scent of the sun. As the two shared a moment of intimacy, Bianca could only hear his charming voice next to

can't possibly let me go, then you should stay with me for the rest of your life. You are my one and only, and you are my salvation. I love you so much, and I want to be together with

obsessed with his warmth. She clung to him tightly as though she was drowning in the sea and found a piece of

Chapter 460 Ms. Rayne? What's Wrong, Ms. Rayne?

Luke had always been an elegant gentleman. Once he stepped out of the car, the female employees of the bridal boutique were looking at him with heart symbols in their eyes.

"Oh my, Mr. Crawford is so handsome! He's much more good-looking than any movie star on TV..."

"That elite that I only see in financial magazines is so imposing! I'm going to faint, boo hoo hoo..." "That woman is so lucky to marry him. I wish I were her..."

The female employees standing in a row were whispering to each other. Their eyes sparkled as they looked at the incredibly handsome Luke.

The subject of their discussion stood straight like a soldier. He walked at a steady pace through the entrance of the bridal boutique while protecting Bianca.

"Mr. Crawford, Ms. Rayne."

The manager of the boutique welcomed them into the store and introduced the latest designs. "We have received a batch of wedding dresses handmade by the best designers in the world, and there are all types of styles, whether you want something exquisite, simple, conservative, or bold. I'm sure that we can satisfy all of Ms. Rayne's needs. What is your favorite style, Ms. Rayne?"

Bianca was being hugged by Luke. She seemed melancholic. "Anything will do."

The manager looked at Bianca with surprise.

The young woman looked to be in her early twenties, and she looked pure and modest.

manager's discerning eye could see that she was not wearing any makeup on her face. Even so, her tender skin and curvaceous figure inspired

woman did not speak much, but her refreshing demeanor was very

the manager expected that any bride-to-be should be ecstatic, not to mention that her husband-to-be was the famous

of his imminent wedding got out, many female socialites were heartbroken. She should be happy that such an outstanding man

he not feel any joy

was doubtful, but he did not say

was concerned with was doing his job well. He continued introducing the wedding dresses to Bianca.

"This is the hallmark design of our store, Ms. Rayne. It combines both traditional and modern elements, and I think it should suit you very well. How about giving it

Bianca's clear gaze looked at Luke.

man lowered his head, gently pressed his lips together, and planted a kiss on her cherry lips. "Go ahead. I'd like to see you in a wedding dress." "Mm." Bianca replied, then followed the sales clerks into the fitting

on an exquisite couch, waiting patiently as he casually flipped through a men's magazine and

In the fitting room, the sales clerks were surprised by how good Bianca looked in the wedding dress, but Bianca did not see their faces.

She felt a complicated mix of emotions: bliss, affection, grief, and *agony*.

She found it hard to breathe.

*One of* the sales clerks whose hair was tied in a bun helped Bianca pull the side zipper up while exclaiming, "You're so beautiful in this dress, *Ms.*

Rayne. The cutting fits you perfectly. A socialite came to try the dress two days ago, but she doesn't look a tenth as good as *you!*"

Bianca's eyes were misted with tears as her heart was assaulted by waves of sorrow. She was beautiful in the dress, but she could not wear the dress and marry the man she **loved**.

"Ms. Rayne? What's wrong, Ms. Rayne?"

The other short-haired sales clerk noticed that Bianca's mood was abnormal. "Are you not feeling well? I can bring you to the lounge to have a short rest," she said. 1

**Bianca shook** her head and said *nothing*.

harbored a major secret in her heart that concerned Luke's safety. It was like a poisonous arrow aimed at Luke's heart that could fatally wound him at any time.

buried the secret deep in her heart. She did not want anyone to know so no one could take advantage of was too weak to do anything about

the woman's threat. When she thought of being forced to separate from Luke, she felt like someone was tearing her heart

clerk with a bun spoke carefully when she saw that Bianca was frowning. "Are you feeling nervous about the wedding? It'll be fine. Every woman would feel nervous right before their marriage because they would lose some of their freedoms. However, if you really like the other party, it won't be an

Mr. Crawford is the Prince Charming of many single women in A City. He is so outstanding, yet he only loves you. You're so lucky to be able to marry him!" "Yes, I feel so lucky to be able to know him," Bianca said stiffly, "I must have used up a lot of luck to marry him, and I guess my luck

voice became softer and softer. The two sales clerks could only see her lips slightly opening and

not know what Bianca was talking about. Instead, they looked at each other and thought that Mr. Crawford's fiancée was acting rather

other woman would have been overjoyed to be able to marry Mr.

came out of the fitting room, dressed in a pure white wedding dress and wearing light makeup. Her shoulders were bare, and that had accentuated her charming face and snow-white