

Be Gentle 471

Chapter 471 Surprise! It's Actually Luke Crawford!

Blue Honors.

Charmaine walked into a VIP private room, dressed in the most beautiful and most expensive clothes and shoes that she got from Leia.

She got to know from a friend that Mr. Ford, an internationally renowned director, intended to shoot a movie with a hundred-million-dollar budget using only actors with no previous screen experience.

That friend knew Mr. Ford's producer, and that was why she recommended Charmaine.

After looking at Charmaine's photo, Mr. Ford decided to give her a chance in an audition.

Charmaine found out that Mr. Ford had reserved a private room in Blue Honors, and her friend had somehow gotten an invitation for her. She was so happy that she was losing her mind.

She arrived at Blue Honors with the invitation card.

She wanted to show her face to Mr. Ford. The director might even make an exception for her if he was charmed by her voluptuous figure.

"Mr. Ford..."

Before she stepped through the door, Charmaine's seductive voice was heard.

to pull the neckline of her top as low

she was about to reach for the door handle, the door opened without warning. She stumbled forward and fell on the

her head, surprised. She saw a breathtakingly handsome man sitting in a dark

put him above mere mortals. Even the lights in the room dimmed in

It was Luke Crawford!

face turned pale when she saw him. She wondered if he found out about the fact that she had hired someone to

were the case, the man was

Charmaine knew how to deal with

resumed her composure and greeted Luke coyly. "Mr. Crawford. I wonder why you invited me here using Mr.

gaze was filled with admiration and lust for the man. She would have torn off her clothes and pounced on him if not that he was surrounded by four burly bodyguards dressed

The man was sitting on the couch with his legs crossed. The light shone on his body, which made his chin seem more pointed than **it should**.

Luke held a cigarette in his hand and elegantly tapped it on the ashtray. "I don't want any nonsense from you. I only want to know what you told Bianca Rayne at 6.30 pm in Monke Dessert Cafe that day, which caused her to reject the proposal. Someone saw you hand her a CD in the dessert cafe. What's inside it?"

Luke had a business relationship with the Weish family, and he knew that Channing Weish, the general manager, had a daughter born out of wedlock named Charmaine whom he doted on. She was pretty and charming, but her personal life was *a mess*.

He would not have been bothered by that woman, but after reviewing the security footage, he realized that Bianca's attitude changed after meeting Charmaine in the dessert cafe. She had said some expected things to him, even asking him about his response if she called off the proposal!

He had thought that Bianca might be affected by her hormones or her nerves, and that was why he did not pay too much attention to it. However, that had caused the accident to happen during the **engagement ceremony**.

He had to find out the truth!

Luke's voice was soft, gentle, and melodic, but to Charmaine, it was like a thunderclap.

She tried to avert her gaze.

'**How** did this man find out so much in such a short amount of time?

'Did Bianca tell him about it?

'*She had* promised me that she wouldn't tell him anything, and she would leave A City *discreetly*.

change her mind because she didn't want to let go of the Crawford

tried to hide her shock and pretended to be oblivious. "What do you mean, Mr. Crawford? I don't know Bianca Rayne at all. How could I possibly change her mind? Also, what is it about CDs? Do people still use old- fashioned CDs in this modern age? Bianca, that materialistic woman, is no match for you. How about if I become your woman? We don't have to get married; I'm happy enough if I can spend one night with

had always been daring. As she confessed to Luke, she tore away her fragile clothing and pounced at still on the couch. His gaze seemed to be mocking but at the same time

of the bodyguards kicked Charmaine away, he did not

bodyguard had used a lot of force. Charmaine slammed into the coffee table behind her. She was seized by a dull pain in her chest, as though one or more of her ribs

and tasted blood in her

at the man on the couch in shock. She was embarrassed and frustrated. "Luke Crawford, I'm Leia's best friend. How can you treat me like

did not bother looking at her. He asked again, "This is your last chance to answer my question. What did you tell Bianca? What are the contents of the CD? Who instructed you to

thought of an excuse. She suddenly started sobbing exaggeratedly. "I actually did meet Ms. Rayne in the dessert cafe that day, Mr. Crawford. That's because I've always loved and admired you. My dad can attest that I love you so much that I sometimes forget to eat or sleep. I was jealous of Bianca Rayne when I heard that she was going to be engaged with you. That's why I went to look for Bianca and threatened her to leave

Chapter 472 If Anyone Dares to Overstep Luke's Boundaries!

Luke stopped walking. He turned around, and his gaze became colder. "Are you telling the truth?"

He waved his hand, and the bodyguards let go of Charmaine.

She was on the verge of tears.

She loved to play, but only if both parties were consenting. Those instruments might be fun and exciting while making out, but now, it seemed as though the bodyguards were going to use them to kill her. That had made her fear for her life.

She slumped onto the floor and begged him. "I was wrong, Mr. Crawford. Forgive me! I don't have any grudge against Bianca Rayne. I only did that because Leia threatened me. She told me that if I don't do what she says, she'll make sure that I can't survive in A City. I had no other choice! I swear that I won't do it again. Please forgive me..."

Luke's tall body towered over Charmaine. His figure was as exquisite as a sculpture, but Charmaine was not in the mood to appreciate it. She thought that the man was too scary.

"What is inside the CD that caused Bianca to reject the proposal?" Luke asked.

Charmaine shot a glance at the four bodyguards around her. Luke immediately understood what she meant, and he gave them a discreet signal.

The bodyguards left the room and closed the door behind them.

"Now you can speak," Luke told Charmaine to continue.

not keep any secrets. She told him what she knew.

Leia has a crush on you ever since she met you. She knows that you don't love her and that you're already a couple with Ms. Rayne, but she wants to marry you no matter what. Don't you know how pretentious that woman is? She tried to look pure and innocent, but she's underhanded and sinister. She makes me want to throw up every time I see her, and she has insulted Ms. Rayne in front of me many times. Also, she said that she'd break up the two of you no matter what it

Luke about every misdeed that

did not like Leia. After all, no one would be willing to become another

Charmaine saw that Luke looked more and more unpleasant by the moment, she continued to spin the story. "A few days ago, Leia somehow got a CD that has incriminating evidence of you conducting

asked me to hand the CD to Ms. Rayne and threaten her to leave you so that you will
that Leia threatened to drive me out of A City if I don't listen to what she says, I wouldn't have dared to
threaten Ms.

calm after listening to what Charmaine had to say, but his gaze turned darker

'I see.

that's why Bianca rejected my proposal at the
the information he wanted, Luke stepped out of the room in

The bodyguards in black followed **behind him**.

Charmaine slumped on the floor.

She wiped the sweat off her forehead and heaved a sigh of relief after seeing that she was safe.

When she suddenly remembered that she had told Luke about the CD, she started to tremble again.

If Leia found out that Charmaine had told Luke the secret, she would kill her.

Charmaine knew better than anyone that Leia had a wicked heart under that pure exterior.

What should she do?

Charmaine thought hard. She remembered that her latest sugar daddy was a middle-aged tycoon. He
did not hold any political power, and he was ugly and short, but he was filthy *rich*.

The man had held her hand and said that he would bring her for a vacation in the Maldives. She decided
to go with him there and then; perhaps she would be able to get a credit card or some luxury goods
from him *too*.

Hiding overseas for a few days would be the best *choice!*

car, Jason opened the back seat door

sat inside, and Jason sat on the driver's

at his cold-faced boss. He did not start the engine but instead handed a tablet computer to Luke. "Mr.
Crawford, an article that defames Ms. Rayne's reputation has appeared on the Internet, and many
influencers on all the social media platforms are sharing it. I believe that someone is deliberately doing
this to ruin Ms. Rayne's reputation, but I don't know if it's from an individual or

on the screen and browsed through the article. The more he read, the gloomier

finished the article, he grunted. "Amateur tactics! Find the true identity of that Rita, and ban all accounts
that share

on the steering wheel paused for a while. He hesitated before saying, "Mr. Crawford, there was a
meeting among the higher-ups recently about the control major corporations exerted over the media,
and T Corporation is one of their surveillance targets. The higher-ups warned us that we should keep a

low profile. If we ban all the accounts that share the article, people would think that we are the ones doing that behind the scenes. If that happens, our competitors will have more dirt on us.

tossed the tablet away, closed his eyes, and said harshly, "Even individual accounts have to obey the law. If they break the law, the authorities will also take action against them. If they dare to spread unfounded rumors, it means that they are ready to bear the consequences. Just follow what I say, Mr. Doyle. If anything happens, I'll bear all

only shake his

had always been wise and careful, but he seemed to lose all power of reason whenever Ms. Rayne was involved. He did not know whether Bianca's presence was a positive or negative influence

in Luke's life had given him warmth. She had brought some humanity to his cold and serious

the same time, Bianca had also become his greatest

Chapter 473 She Nearly Passed Out From His Kiss

After Jason sent his boss back to the mansion, he drove the car away.

After Luke stepped out of the car, he could hear Bianca's voice from afar. "Let me go! I want to leave!" "Ms. Rayne, Sir said that we can't let you leave the mansion without his orders." That was the caretaker.

Luke hastened his footsteps.

He saw Bianca, dressed in a thin shirt, standing at the doorway of the living room facing the two caretakers.

Luke's heart ached when he saw how stubborn Bianca was.

"Bianca!" He called out her name.

Bianca turned around and saw that it was Luke. Tears welled in her eyes.

She turned around again so that her back was facing him.

She knew that it was impossible for the two of them to be together.

However, Bianca was moved when she saw him return. She had to remind herself that she could not turn around.

hawk-like gaze fell on her face, then on her

He sighed imperceptibly.

flustered even though she did not see

could feel those eyes casting an angry gaze like thorns on

lowered her head. Perhaps it was right for Luke to be

in front of Bianca and hugged her delicate body

a glance at the cold food on the table. "Hasn't Madam had her lunch?" His gaze

One of the caretakers explained awkwardly. She did not dare to meet his gaze. "Mrs. Crawford said that she did not have the appetite..." "Is that how you do your job?" Luke's tone sounded

caretakers did not reply. They dared not breathe too loudly, being intimidated by Luke's

the one who did not want to eat, but they did not

The other caretaker apologized immediately, seeing that Luke's expression was unpleasant. "I'm sorry, Sir. This is **our fault**."

They might be aggrieved, but they took it without complaint.

After the arson case, Luke had instructed Jason to select only the best caretakers. The two caretakers had years of experience, and their character was much stronger than the usual **caretaker**.

Bianca could not bear to see the caretakers being scolded because of her." This has nothing to do with them, Luke. I'm the one who doesn't want to eat. You shouldn't blame them."

Luke's stern expression eased up a little. He dearly pinched her earlobe." You're already an adult, but why are you still acting like a child? Even if you don't want to eat, you should at least be considerate about the baby in your womb. It'll blame you if you starve it." "None of your business!" Bianca could not bear to have Luke being so intimate toward her. She had already made up her mind, but she began to waver under his gentle tone.

She turned away, unwilling to see that bewitchingly handsome **face**.

Luke smiled charmingly, and his palm fondled her stomach. "You are my wife, and the baby in your womb is the evidence of our love. How can you say that it's none of my business, *hmm?*"

The two caretakers knew that it was time for them to go elsewhere. "Sir, we'll heat the food in the kitchen for you."

They put the dishes onto trays and walked away, giving the couple some space.

Only Luke and Bianca were left in the cavernous *living room*.

felt awkward, and she turned around to leave. However, Luke dragged her and sat her down on his thigh. "Where are you going?" "I want to go back." Bianca's voice was

her arms in front of her chest, preventing their bodies from getting

his grip around her waist. "Go back? Where are you going back to?" His low and hoarse voice had some tension

her lips, and her eyelashes fluttered. "I want to go and look for my grandfather and aunt. My home is

she could finish her sentence, Luke had already gripped her delicate chin, sucked on her supple lips, and forced his tongue into her oral cavity. Bianca could not catch her breath and nearly passed out from that violent

passion, she suddenly felt a sharp pain in

of iron filled her oral cavity. Her tongue seemed to be

finally let go of Bianca. His gaze was indulgent, gentle, overbearing, but at the same time frustrated her mouth, looking at the man who had just "tortured" her with disbelief. Her heart was at her throat, but she dared not say

Luke punished her like that, it meant that he was in a horrid

Chapter 474 You Are More Important Than My Future!

"What? Aren't you worried about your safety?"

Bianca's eyes opened wide when she heard what Luke said. She tried to stop her heart from beating too hard.

She had lived those past few days in agony because she could not find a solution.

Every night, she would have nightmares of Luke being taken away by enforcement officers. She would wake up drenched in sweat, but she was helpless about it.

She did not expect that Luke already knew about the CD with the incriminating evidence, but he was not worried at all.

Did he not know the grave consequences if the contents of the CD were leaked?

Luke's big hand gripped Bianca's lower jaw hard and made her chin hurt." Why didn't you tell me that something so serious happened? Don't you know that I was so relieved when I knew that you rejected my proposal because of the CD, but at the same time, I was angry because you didn't tell me?"

Bianca fell silent.

She did not know how to tell him; she did not want any harm to come to him.

Luke's handsome face seething in cold anger, Bianca was caught in a daze. It seemed that every time he was angry at her, it was because she had done something

clenched her fists and averted Luke's stern gaze. "I'm sorry. I know I shouldn't have kept it from you, but I was really afraid that your future will be affected by this

Luke's body trembled.

at her lips that were swollen because of his punishment." Between my future and yours, you are more important. Do

you face any troubles, you should tell me instead of keeping it to yourself and suffering alone. Not only will it cause a misunderstanding between us, but we'll also fall into their trap. Don't you

dared not look at his face and instead transfixed her gaze on Luke's exquisite wristwatch. "I'm sorry..." "Don't ever say 'Sorry' to me again! If you ever encounter a similar situation again, the first thing you have to do is tell me. I'll think of a solution no matter what." Luke shook his head, and his

not know how to fix Bianca's bad habit of saying "Sorry" without any good

Bianca replied. At that time, her stomach started growling, which broke the

Her cheeks blushed.

Luke laughed. "Are you hungry? You're not fulfilling your responsibilities as a mother. Won't I feel sorry for you and the baby if you starve yourself? Let's go and have **lunch**."

Luke carried Bianca and headed to the dining hall.

Bianca hugged his neck and said embarrassedly, "You can let me down. I might be pregnant, but my legs still work fine. I can walk *myself*."

She was afraid that she would be heavier with the extra body in her womb, and that might *tire him*.

Luke looked at her. "You're my wife. There's no one in the world that I would carry but you. What, should I carry Lanie and Rainie instead? They're already grown up, and they'll have their significant others to carry in the future. They don't need me."

Bianca was speechless.

'*What is he saying?* If not that the twins look so similar to Luke, I would've thought that he isn't their real *father*.'

In the dining hall.

Melodic music resounded in the air while the roses on the dining table gave off a *light fragrance*.

served for lunch was all suitable for

hired a famous nutritionist to devise a specialized menu for Bianca. It was very nutritious for both the mother and the

heart to heart with Luke in the living room, Bianca seemed to be free from the curse that had

that she found unsolvable were nothing but child's play in Luke's

that hiding it from him would be for his own good, but that had ended up making him worry about her instead. Bianca thought that the two of them should be more open to each other from now

put some chicken on Bianca's plate. She ate in

only taken a bit when she thought of something. "How are you going to deal with the CD, Luke? The evidence inside doesn't look too good for you. I... I didn't accede to the woman's threat and leave you. Won't she publicize the contents? Wouldn't that be bad for you? Why would such a CD exist? Could someone have faked it? Did you really do it?" She asked

Bianca's head. "When I took over Crawford Industries ten years ago, the company was heavily in debt, and many banks withdrew their funding. Many of our clients did not help us, but some instead plotted against us. Crawford Industries was on the verge

had no other choice but to take certain risks. The property industry was booming back then, and I could see that future prospects in the industry were endless. That was why I bought off Mr. Schmidt, who was the vice secretary back then, got a plot of land from him, and turned Crawford Industries's

Chapter 475 Did Luke Just Agree to Cut Ties with Bianca?

An enchanting scene in a hotel at night.

A man wore a mask that covered half of his face. The uncovered half was extraordinarily handsome.

Gordan Norton was hugging a woman.

Suddenly, he saw a very faint red light from outside the window. Hugging the woman in his arms tight, he swiftly rolled off the bed.

A silenced bullet sliced through the air and landed on where the man was lying a second earlier.

A hole appeared on the bed!

Two men in black balaclavas barged in from the window.

Seeing that their assassination attempt had failed, they pointed the guns in their hands at the masked man.

Before they could pull the trigger, the masked man had already pulled out a gun and delivered a bullet to each of them.

Gordan's gun skills were impeccable. The bullets landed between the eyes of the assassins!

flowed from their foreheads. The two assassins had died even before they realized it. Their eyes remained wide open in disbelief that someone could have such a fast reaction

deed happened too abruptly. When the woman noticed that their room had two additional dead bodies, she shrieked in abject panic. "Ahhh! Ahhh!" "Shut up!" Gordan quickly dressed up. He was

off the mask, revealing the ghastly half of his face. The woman shrieked even louder when she

VIP suite was well-insulated. No one outside could hear the woman even if she screamed herself

could not stand the woman's shrieks. He placed his hand somewhere on her neck, and she instantly

Frustratedly, Gordan lit a cigarette.

was already laying low in A City, but Tony's men managed to find him.

moment, his phone

surprised to see that Luke called him. He answered

Say what you have to. I'm very busy," Gordan grunted as he looked at the two dead bodies in the room. He was not too courteous toward the man who had saved his

There was no sound from the *other end*.

That made Gordan's mood worse. "Please get to the point, Mr. Crawford. I'm in the middle of something here," he urged **impatiently**.

After killing two people, he had to get rid of the evidence quickly.

Luke's voice was as warm and charming as the sun in spring. "Do you want to live a normal life?" "What?" Gordan was *confused*.

"*Help* me do something, and I'll help you shake off Tony. How about *that?*"

Gordan was piqued.

He had been pursued by official authorities and underworld figures for his countless scams around the **world**.

He was not bothered by them, except for the Italian mobster Tony. Tony was a merciless man who, in his bloody quest to take over the leadership of his family, killed his brother's family, including his nephew who was still *a child*.

After being tricked by Gordan once, the man had spared no expense in hiring assassins all over the world to get rid of *him!*

No matter where Gordan hid, he could not escape from Tony's influence.

Gordan was very interested when he heard that Luke could help him stop Tony from going after him. "Is that true?" "I mean what I say," Luke **said confidently**.

of Luke's cunning and mysterious tactics but eventually nodded his head. "Alright, we have willing to do anything to get Tony off

Crawford Manor.

sat in front of Old Master Crawford and casually took a sip of his tea." Did you look for me for something, Grandfather?" He

Crawford's gaze was stern and gloomy. "You ingrate! Such a big scandal arose from the engagement ceremony. How am I going to face the others? Your good bride has disappointed me!" "We're only postponing the engagement, Grandfather. I've already explained it to the guests." Luke put the teacup on the table. He remained as calm

do you still want to marry her?" Old Master Crawford raised his walking stick furiously. He was about to bring it down

worried about her son, and she quickly blocked the walking stick. "It's all that Bianca Rayne's fault, Father. She was the one who rejected Luke's proposal and humiliated us. It has nothing to do with Luke. My son, your grandfather is angry now, and he had high blood pressure and shouldn't be agitated. Don't talk to him like

shot a knowing glance at Luke, indicating that he should say some kind words to appease his

his mother. "Grandfather, Mother, what do you think I should

Master Crawford glared at Luke and said sternly, "Bianca Rayne looks like a good girl, but she's immature enough to tarnish our reputation in the engagement ceremony. How am I able to face my peers after this? Let me tell you, I won't accept Bianca Rayne as my granddaughter-in-law no matter

Chapter 476 I Didn't Know That You're So Liberal, Bianca!

The next day.

Leia sat in the makeup room while a makeup artist worked on her face. She browsed on her phone, eager to look at the latest updates on Bianca's scandal.

She could imagine Bianca's face at that moment.

However, as Leia scrolled through her Twitter feed and looked at the various accounts of the major influencers and media outlets, she could not find any scandalous news about Bianca.

Leia was shocked. She realized that something was amiss.

She could still find news and gossip about Bianca at midnight yesterday. How could everything disappear in just one night?

Most shockingly, when she tried to search for the accounts that Charmaine had contacted to share Bianca's article, all of them seemed to have disappeared. She could not find anything in the search bar...

Leia started to panic.

She immediately dialed Charmaine's number, disregarding the fact that she was in a makeup session.

However, no one answered the call, no matter how many times she dialed the number.

had the urge to smash

that Leia's expression was becoming unpleasant, the young makeup artist asked carefully, "Ms. Norman, are you unsatisfied about my

who Leia's father was. No one in the production crew dared to cross

except for some occasional tantrums, she was rather easy to

did not listen to what the makeup artist said. The only thing in her mind was why things had turned out

had found many influencers to share Bianca's article, and Leia had spent a lot of money on them. Leia thought that the article would make huge waves, but the outcome was totally the opposite of what she

her teeth. 'That stupid Charmaine can't even do one simple thing. I'll deal with her later!' She cursed in her

suddenly vibrated and gave her a

an impatient glance at the call notification and saw that it was Luke calling her. Instantly, she

wanted to answer it instantly, but she thought that it was the first time the man had called her and decided that she should restrain herself a

phone continued ringing for about twenty seconds before Leia answered

"Hello?" She said sweetly.

"Ms. Norman. Are you free after work tonight? I'd like to invite you for dinner." On the other end of the call was Luke's resonant and charming **voice**.

Leia wanted to be reserved and play hard to get, but she remembered that Luke had a temperamental character. What if she declined his invitation now and he never called back?

She agreed to it hurriedly. "Yes, I'm free today. I only have a commercial shoot today, and I should be off by about half-past five." "Alright, I'll see you at Restaurant Nine at half-past six." "Um, Luke, can you..."

Leia wanted to ask the man if he could pick her up at *the studio*.

She would feel incredibly proud if Luke Crawford could personally arrive at the studio to pick her up!

Before she could finish her sentence, Luke had already hung up. Half of the sentence was stuck in her mouth.

Even so, Leia was extremely happy.

She knew that Luke's icy heart would not warm up to her that fast. However, if he would give her a chance, she believed that she would be able to eventually win him over.

The makeup artist saw Leia's blissful expression and said enviously, 'Is that your boyfriend, Ms. Norman? He has a really nice voice!" "Yes! My boyfriend doesn't only have a nice voice, but he's also very charming!" Leia said **smugly**.

as though Luke was

the makeup artist applied blush on Leia's face, she flattered her, "Ms. Norman, you're so beautiful, and you have a good upbringing. You must have good taste in men. Your boyfriend should either be the son of an influential politician or a

tried to humble herself, but she could not hide the pride in her eyes." No, there are many men who try to court me, including many sons of people in high positions. I've never accepted any of their advances because I only love one man. He is Luke Crawford, the CEO of T Corporation. I'm not asking a lot from him. I only hope that he'd treat me better..." "Oh my god, it's Mr. Crawford!" The makeup artist nearly shrieked out loud." He's the dream lover of all the women in A City. Most importantly, he isn't riddled with scandals. You're so lucky, Ms. Norman. Only a man of such status could be a match

was happy because of the makeup artist's flattery. She could not stop grinning, and she instantly appointed the young woman to be her exclusive

rest of the day, Leia was immersed in the joy that she would be having dinner with Luke that evening. She completely forgot about Bianca,

not wait for work to be over so that she could go on the date with

T Corporation.

and Nina walked into the design department office, they could see their colleagues looking at them with peculiar gazes. Some were pointing at them and whispering among

frustrated. At the same time, she wondered why the usually quiet office was

colleagues congregated in small groups, discussing something while looking at their phones. They stopped talking when they saw Bianca come in, though their expressions of surprise, sympathy, and condescension were

Some were even mocking her.

Chapter 477 Bianca's Imposing Speech!

Bianca glanced at the photo on Bella's phone.

Suddenly, she laughed. "I was wondering what you're going to show me. Turns out that it's just a few photos. How sure are you that the woman in those photos is me? Image editing technology is so advanced now. It's so easy to transplant someone's face onto another body. Moreover, the so-called evidence provided by the article is full of errors. Do you actually believe it? Are you three years old?"

As Bella looked at her phone while churning her brain, trying to find a retort, Bianca continued, "Haven't you realized something else too? Every account that shared the article is banned. Can you open the link to the article? You can't! How could that happen? It's because the article is false and libelous. Mr. Crawford has already reported the article to the authorities, and anyone who shares it will face legal consequences."

Nina glared at Bella, then at the nosy male colleague.

Bella could feel her heart skip a beat. She was starting to panic.

She heard from Mavis that Bianca had rejected Luke's proposal at the engagement ceremony and had tarnished the Crawford family's reputation. Knowing how cold and heartless Mr. Crawford was, Bianca would quickly be removed from the scene, and Mavis would replace her position. That was why Bella had mocked her so openly.

Bella did not expect that Luke still had feelings for Bianca even after the scandal broke out. If she knew about that, she would not have humiliated her.

male colleague was also dripping in cold

was somewhat handsome and had certain talents in design. Several female colleagues like him, but he was not interested in women who took the

thought that Bianca was a pure woman. Unexpectedly, that woman was actually a harlot in private. That stark contrast made him interested in her. He even thought of giving her some money so that she would sleep

did not expect that his boss would still be defending the woman despite her tattered reputation. At that moment, he hated his

him a lot of effort to get to where he was on his career ladder. He would not ruin it because of a slip of his

colleagues felt lucky that they kept their mouths

knew what actually happened, it would be most prudent to control what

Otherwise, they might get into trouble without them knowing it.

Bella was feeling fearful, but she was not going to give up, though her voice had become a lot softer. "Hmph, how pretentious! I heard that you're from a poor family, and it's not surprising if you did that while studying abroad. Have you ever thought of going back to your part-time job, Bianca? I have some rich clients to introduce **you!**"

Then, she turned to look at the male employees surrounding them. "If you all have any urges in the future, you don't have to go too far. There's one in our department. She's beautiful and has a nice figure, and she's definitely cleaner and more value for money than those you find *outside!*"

Someone responded with a burst of laughter immediately after Bella finished speaking. It was from several female employees who envied Bianca.

They had been in the company for longer than Bianca. However, Bianca was better than them in terms of appearance and work capability. She was the main obstacle to their promotion, and they were happy to see her *being humiliated*.

The male employees looked at Bianca ambiguously, but they did not want to court trouble and therefore kept their *mouths shut*.

Only Tom stood up and retorted Bella. "Madam, do you actually think that the article was telling the truth? Why would it be deleted then? Every one of us here should know Bianca's character, even if it's not her entire personality. Moreover, don't you think that it's immature to conclude that the woman is Bianca from several edited *photos?*"

Bella was furious when she heard Tom speak up for Bianca. "You seem like you're very protective of Bianca, Tom! You don't look like you're so close to her. Don't tell me that you're..."

slammed a thick stack of design documents on the table and said coldly, "That's enough! Don't go overboard, Bella Sloan! Without knowing someone's past, you create rumors irresponsibly. Don't you know that there are legal consequences for that? According to Section 246 in the Criminal Code, anyone who damages the reputation of an individual by the fabrication of facts will be sentenced to a maximum of three years in prison. You can talk to me if you're unhappy with me, Madam, but you shouldn't have slandered me like this. I don't want to waste my time at work to be involved in such meaningless conversations. If you do that again, I will contact my lawyer, and we can continue the conversation in

in Bianca's speech was forceful and overbearing. Her demeanor reminded Bella of Luke Crawford, and that had made Bella shut

I didn't say those words. I saw it in Rita's article, it has nothing to do with me!" Bella looked at Bianca sheepishly, then roared at the surrounding employees. "What are you all looking at? Get back to work slunk back to

left, the employees stopped their gossip and returned to their

felt a headache because of her anger, but she knew that she should not be agitated because that would have a negative effect on the baby in her

Nina comforted her, and she soon calmed down. She started reading the information about applying for the

Chapter 478 Let Go!, You've Got The Wrong Person!

Luke could tell that Bianca was feeling anxious. He hugged her tightly in his arms, almost hoping that they would fuse into one. "Don't worry about it. It'll be over soon."

Bianca smiled gently.

She stood on tiptoe and kissed his lips. "Well wait for you to come back."

Luke lowered his head and pecked Bianca's delicate and graceful neck.

Then, Luke drove off.

From the second floor of the villa, Bianca looked at the Bentley until it disappeared from view. She felt helpless.

Of course, she was uncomfortable thinking about Luke's "date" with Leia Norman.

She knew that Luke was only acting, but Bianca felt uneasy about it.

However, at that stage, there is no way to solve the CD incident completely except for being patient.

Leia wore sunglasses and was in a superb mood that night. She drove her luxury car to the parking lot near Restaurant Nine.

the car and was about to get out of the driver's seat when she saw a dark figure in front of the car. The figure appeared out of nowhere and seemed like he was

heard him scream out in pain. "Oh! It hurts! Come and look, this luxury car is killing

taken aback and hurriedly opened the car door. As soon as her expensive stilettos touched the ground, she saw a middle-aged man with ragged clothes and messy hair lying half-dead in front of

"wounded" and there was a pool of "blood" dripping off his arms and

that the homeless man looked

on the homeless man's face was so disgusting that she was not willing to look at it a

drove very slowly, and so the chances of her hitting anyone was low. The homeless man appeared in front of the car just as she parked. He was clearly a

Leia would have intimidated the

she was rushing for a date with Luke and did not have time

out a stack of cash from her handbag and threw it at the homeless man. "Take the money and get lost! Otherwise, I will call the

The homeless man's bloody arm rushed to grab the cash. He looked up and was extremely surprised to see Leia, dressed extremely fashionably and exquisitely!

Not bothering to continue with the "injured" act, the homeless man crawled over and hugged Leia's *leg tightly*.

He cried out, "My dear daughter! My good girl! Leia, I have been looking for you for a long time, and I finally found you! I suffered in my journey to find you, and I can't even afford to eat... Yet you're living a good life and don't even think about me! Why are you so *unfilial?!?*"

Leia was shocked when she heard that he claimed he was **her father!**

She stared at the homeless man. The man in front of her reminded her of Dexter Shaw, who stalked her previously.

"*Let go!* You got the wrong person! I'm not the person you're looking for! If you continue bothering me. I'll get someone to kill you!" Leia threatened and shook off his hand. She wanted his dirty hands chopped off.

However, Dexter's hand was like a hook that tightly wrapped around her leg. He did not let go as he said, "No, I'm right. You are my daughter. You look so much like your mother, Suzy. You are my daughter Leia Shaw. You have a thumb-sized birthmark below your left armpit. I remember! I also know that your father, Mr. Norman, has no biological daughter. He only has one adopted daughter from an orphanage, and that's you, Leia. If you don't believe me, you can pluck the hair on my body and take it to a DNA test!"

Everyone in A City knew that Mr. Norman adopted a child from an orphanage. Anyone could have found that information **out easily**.

After Dexter bumped into Leia twice, he got suspicious when he saw how similar Leia's face was to his wife Suzy.

He and Suzy had a daughter. A while later, he owed a large debt at the casino. The mobsters forced him to pay the debt off immediately and would chop both his hands off if he *did not*.

afraid that they would chop off his hands, and so he sold his wife. He wanted to sell his daughter too. Even though the girl was young, she was extremely smart. When she was supposed to be brought home by the buyer, she

reason, Dexter got severely beaten up by the buyers and almost

so many years, he could not find Leia Shaw. He did not expect that his hard work would pay off. He finally found his

so many years, that skinny little girl turned into a beautiful movie star. Dexter was overjoyed! He wanted to extort more money out of

his daughter did not recognize him, her biological father. Instead, she repeatedly emphasized that she was Mr. Norman's

a long time and went to find out the ins and outs of the

hung around casinos year-round. He found out information fairly quickly through his network of homeless men. Through repeated comparison and analysis, he was sure that Leia was his

her teeth at the thought of the birthmark that Dexter

had been busy recently and almost forgot about it. She had to schedule some time to get rid of the birthmark

for Dexter, she would find a way to shut

Chapter 479 Pay The Price for Her Idiotic Behavior!

Leia had worn a white dress because she thought that she looked pure and innocent in white. Someone once told her that she looked like a beautiful flower when she wore white.

On the way to the restaurant, Dexter had dirtied Leia's dress.

It might not be an obvious stain, but Leia, perfectionist that she was, went to the boutique next door and bought a new set of clothes.

After Leia changed her clothes and arrived at Restaurant Nine, Luke was not there yet.

In the luxurious restaurant, Leia sat by the windows. She was looking at the city lights with an unwilling expression on her beautiful face.

On a normal date, the man would be the one waiting for the woman at the restaurant.

However, she went as far as making a booking in advance and waited for Luke. She felt wronged...

Leia was dressed in an elegant yellow cocktail dress. Paired with her alluring makeup, she looked classic and dreamy under the restaurant lights.

Her expression carried a trace of pitiful charm, which made her look extremely delicate. She could arouse men's desire to protect her.

booked a regular table instead of a

first reason was that she felt that her beauty should be appreciated by men, and the other was that if Luke and she were seen on a date in public, they would definitely make headlines the next day. That was what she wanted

an hour later, Luke arrived at Restaurant

Leia looking out the window with her head resting on her chin. He slowly walked to the opposite chair and said, "Sorry, Ms. Norman, I've been occupied by work lately. Sorry to keep you waiting."

the dining chair and

a noble, elegant, profound, and cold man that could

Leia saw Luke, there was no doubt that she was overjoyed. The complaints and dissatisfaction toward him had disappeared. She felt like the colors were more vibrant, and the sky was brighter because

as though he was her holy water, rejuvenating her dry and withered spring, making it gurgling and flowing

She felt alive because of him.

softly, "Don't worry about it. I didn't wait for long. I only arrived

Even though she waited for him for nearly an hour, Leia was willing to as long as she could lay her eyes on him. As long as Luke showed up, she would be happy even if it meant that she had to wait for him the entire night.

Luke concealed the coldness in his eyes. He smiled like a gentleman at Leia as he said, "What do you feel like having? I'll get the *menu*."

Leia thoughtfully said, "I'm not a picky eater. You can order whatever you **like**."

His handsome face became more refined the more Leia looked at him. Luke smiled and said, "How could that be? I'm sure you have a favorite dish, Ms. Norman. Order whatever you want; don't be a stranger. I'm **not**

hungry now, so I'll just order some hors d'oeuvres."

Even if all the world's delicacies were in front of Luke, he was not in the mood to enjoy it with **that woman**.

If he did not have ulterior motives, he would not bother to play nice with such an unappetizing woman.

He was waiting to go home so that he could have supper with Bianca and the *children*.

Although Bianca usually cooked home-cooked food, it tasted amazing, and she was no worse than a professional chef. He had become picky with food after he had **Bianca's cooking**.

However, since she got pregnant recently and with the consideration of reducing her workload, the family hired chefs and nutritionists to cook for **them**.

would also cook for

enjoyed the family time and cherished the warm feeling when he had a meal with his

taken aback by his response and smiled even more sweetly. "We have known each other for so long, Luke. Why would you still call me Ms. Norman? Call me Leia from now on. I have been to this restaurant with my parents before. The food here is delicious, and you will definitely find something that you'll like. How about you tell me your tastes, and I'll order for

at Leia as he answered, "Thank you for your kindness, Ms. Norman. I don't have a favorite dish. You can go ahead with your order, don't

angry that Luke insisted on calling her "Ms.

never referred to Bianca as "Ms. Rayne." Now, Luke was like a stubborn donkey that did not listen to what Leia said. She felt annoyed and

was precisely his arrogant character that made her obsessed

she had time. Bianca would be soon forced out of the game. She could afford to be patient with

felt a little better as she thought

an awkward situation, Leia ordered meals, desserts, and drinks, all of which were small in portion but delicate

Chapter 480 She Could Not Move As Luke Pinned Her Against The Wall...

At the dining table, Leia looked at Luke, completely fascinated. She did not notice the coldness in his eyes.

She said while acting shy, "That's not hard to believe. No woman can escape your charm. You're a smart man, and you should know how I feel about you. It was deep and sincere love at first sight."

Luke concealed the sarcasm in his eyes, and he said in a neutral tone, "Thank you, Ms. Norman. I'm not worthy of your love."

He looked at his watch and found that it was close to 8 p.m. He knew that Bianca would be anxiously waiting for him.

Luke said, "Ms. Norman, are you done with your dinner? I have something else that I need to attend to. See you next time."

Leia was unwilling, but she nodded when she noticed Luke's coldness. "Well, if you have something to attend to, please feel free to head back. I'll see you soon."

She knew that she had to be patient in her quest to claim Luke's heart. She should not rush him. Otherwise, all her previous efforts would have been in vain.

Luke sent Leia home.

Along the way, Leia's heart was all aflutter, as though she was Pooh and he was the honey.

She looked at Luke and felt that he looked so charming when he focused on driving. 3

The street lights shone through the car windows and illuminated his handsome side profile. The lighting highlighted his natural elegance and extravagance.

extremely obsessed with Luke's face. It was perfect and alluring. To her, he was God's

sat in silence for the entire

she knew it, they arrived at the Norman residence. When the car parked outside of the Norman residence, Leia was surprised that time flew by

to Luke, "Thank you for sending me home. I had a wonderful time." "My pleasure." Luke's deep-set eyes hid his emotions

unfastened her seat belt and was about to get out of

turned to Luke and kissed him lightly on his cheek before Luke could

opened the door, quickly got out of the car, and slammed

covering her blushing cheeks, and her heart was beating like crazy. She was not sure why she was so

it was because the atmosphere was right for her to confess her true feelings. She was not sure if that made Luke

if he could not forget Bianca for now? Things could change

were two reasons why men could not forget their past love. The first was that not enough time had passed, and the second was that their current love was not good

that she could afford to wait for Luke. She was determined to be by his side until he forgot Bianca. Moreover, a goddess like her would be a qualified lover for Luke. One day, that man would open up to her

Inside the car.

Luke took a wet wipe and cleaned the area where Leia had kissed him. He was disgusted! He even used disinfectant on his face. He wiped his cheek so hard that the skin almost came *off*.

The man's expression was ice cold.

'Damn that woman!'

She was part of his ploy, and he could not kill her off. Otherwise, he would make her wish that she were **dead!**

In the Norman residence.

Queenie was sitting on the sofa knitting a sweater when Leia walked into the house in a happy **mood**.

Leia saw her adoptive mother at peace. She put her handbag down, ran straight to Queenie, and put her arms around her. "Mom, I have good news.

I'm about to have a boyfriend!"

Queenie put down the half-knit sweater and turned her head in surprise. "Is that true? Where does he work? If you have time, take him home and show him to me. I'll check him out *for you*."

Leia's heart skipped a beat when she thought of Luke's handsome face. She wanted to keep it a secret. "Mom, it's not time to bring him home yet. When the time is right, I will bring him to you and Dad. I assure you, you will be more than *satisfied*."

Queenie touched Leia's head with relief. She smiled lovingly as she said, "Since when have we kept secrets between us? Leia, you can't just focus on his appearance. More importantly, you should observe his personality and how he conducts himself around people. At the end of the day, it's best to choose someone that you can be comfortable with." "I know. Mom, I'm very comfortable with him. I've never been so comfortable **with anyone!**"

Queenie and put on her sweet-daughter act. "I love him very

thought of Leia's obsessive feelings for Luke. She probed, "Leia, please don't tell me that the boyfriend that you're talking about is not the same type of man as Luke? Listen to your mother. A man like Luke may seem great, but he's so closed off! He's not the one for you, you should stay away from those kinds of men. Can you promise me

wanted to tell Queenie about Luke, but seeing how her mother was so prejudiced against him, she became

mother's words were like a

said angrily, "I heard you, Mom. I know what I'm

Queenie saw that her daughter acknowledged her, she

was her darling, and she wanted to give her the

not expect Leia to marry rich. Her only hope was that Leia would be happy and healthy for her entire

thought she was doing good, but in Leia's eyes, her adoptive mother was standing in her way

of the relationship between mother and child would usually start small. With Luke in the picture, the gap between them grew

same time, Bianca sat on the carpet in a daze. There was a book on her lap, but she had not turned a single page, as if the book was only a

notifications kept going off. Nina and Sue were trying to reach out to her in their