

## Be Gentle 531

### Chapter 531 Fate Is Kind To Us

There was a reason why Peyton Schmidt changed his statement abruptly. Even though he was in prison, a large portion of his property had disappeared, and no one had been able to find its whereabouts.

However, Luke managed to find out that Peyton had a mistress and an illegitimate child.

Before he was arrested, Peyton had secretly moved the mother and child to Switzerland and had transferred his property under the child's name.

That was how Luke threatened Peyton, saying that if Peyton did not follow his instructions, he would expose the whereabouts of his property, and the mother and child's lives would be put in danger.

Peyton was resentful toward the threat, but he had no choice.

Luke had taken extreme care in ensuring that there were no flaws in every step of his plan.

Any flaw would result in his plan's failure.

After Bianca listened to the concise but comprehensive narration, she could not help but be impressed by the man's attention to detail.

Ten years ago, Bianca was only a timid student, but Luke was already mature and cunning.

that she could not compare

not help but say, "Ten years ago, I was only an introverted bookworm who didn't know how to interact with people, but you're already negotiating business deals... No wonder I stopped seeing you at the high school in the small town. It turns out that you went home to take over the family business. Didn't you know that after you left, I would wait by your usual haunts, such as the basketball court, the cafeteria, and your classroom... Every time, I hoped to see you, but every time I would leave alone. I thought that we would never meet again, but fate was kind to us, and we eventually found each other again." "All's well that ends well." Luke hugged Bianca tightly and caressed her smooth and fair skin. He was also reliving

grandfather had ordered him to return to take over the family business, and he did not have the chance to say goodbye to

thought that his crush on Bianca was one-sided, but he did not expect that Bianca had the same feelings for him too. Undoubtedly, he

said that I only have to rest for another week before I can walk like normal again. I want to go back to work," Bianca said with a

stayed at home for about three months. She had nothing to do at home except for reading books, and she was already

she did not go to work, she would feel completely out of touch

looked at her with an ambiguous smile. "You really can't stay put. Other women dream about a man that would sustain their lavish lifestyle without having to work, but you want to go back to work so eagerly. Even when you're resting at home, you're

that in the past three months, Bianca had been completing work milestones and accepting private commissions. She sat in front of the computer, drawing designs every day. Sometimes, he thought that she was busier than him. He did not know what to say about

"I like being busy with work. Work makes me satisfied. If I don't work, I'll feel worried somehow. I guess I'm not meant to enjoy my life. Ah..." Bianca **said jokingly**.

**Suddenly**, she yelped. "What happened?" Luke was **nervous**.

"**Our** baby. It's moving." Bianca placed Luke's hand on *her stomach*.

*It was* Bianca's second pregnancy, and the bulge was already showing at five months. It was her first time feeling the *fetus move*.

Luke caressed Bianca's stomach with his calloused hand. He could feel slight movement.

The movement was as light as a butterfly flapping its wings, but he was amazed by *it*.

The baby in Bianca's womb was the product of their love.

**When Bianca** was pregnant with the twins, they did not have any interactions outside of carnal intercourse. Luke had not caressed her bulging stomach gently or enjoyed a loving family and a successful *career*.

Luke felt truly blissful.

Leia, who had been spoiled and pampered ever since she had entered the Norman family, had not stopped crying for the past few

not expect that her last trump card was rendered useless before she could even play

was even more unexpected was that the emergence of the CD did not affect Luke at all. A man who looked the same as he took the fall for

wanted her father to stand up for her, but what she received was Luke's insincere apology in front of

That was not what she wanted!

she wanted was the title of Mrs. Crawford. However, she ended up

the public opinion that had sided with her had taken a dramatic turn. Her shameful past was once again brought to the limelight. The media had even managed to find Dexter Shaw, the gambling addict who was her

interview, Dexter cried and complained about his daughter's merciless deeds. He had been terminally ill, and he went to look for Leia. Not only did the woman not recognize him, but she treated him like a panhandler, hired some people to beat him up, and ditched him in the outskirts of

produced some evidence in case the public did not

## Chapter 532 Second Brother Might Be Afraid of Luke Crawford, But I'm Not!

The next day, in the presidential suite.

The big bed was shaking violently. As the man grunted and the woman moaned, a thick smell of decadence wafted in the air.

After a beastly low growl, the room slowly resumed its calm.

Leia leaned on Wayne's solid chest and hugged his neck. "Are you happy with my performance today, mmm?" "It's so rare that you take the initiative. What do you want? Just say it." Wayne laid in bed and hugged Leia, though he kept his hands busy.

"Naughty you! I've missed you. What else could I want?" Leia suddenly flipped onto his body and performed several bold maneuvers.

Wayne laughed. "You seemed so reluctant only a few days ago. Don't tell me that you've changed so fast! Have you begun to enjoy it?"

Leia cast a seductive glance at him. "How can you say that about me, Wayne? Haven't you heard the saying, 'If you can't fight it, you might as well lie down and enjoy it.'? Your skills are so amazing. No wonder so many women fall for your charms..."

Wayne was carried away by Leia's flattery. "Oh? So how do I compare to Luke Crawford?"

Leia's expression instantly sank when that name was mentioned. Even her voice became sinister. "Don't mention that man to me. How can he compare to you? The man had ruined my reputation. I've never felt such humiliation in my life..."

tears started falling from

rested on Wayne's chest once more, and she pouted. "I'm so sad, Wayne... I thought that my adoptive parents truly loved me, but it turned out that it was all a sham. Luke had called off the proposal in public. He had shamed me and humiliated my family, but they don't go to the Crawford family to demand justice. Instead, they ask me to stay at home and retire from the entertainment

wouldn't have treated me like this if I were their birth daughter. How cruel! I guess I can only blame that I'm unlucky. No one in this world loves me or cares about me. You're probably the only person in this world who treats

and dependence toward Wayne made him feel like a hero. "Don't cry, baby. You say that no one loves you, but I'm here for you. Anyone who bullies you is my enemy. If you're my woman, I won't let anyone harm

gloomy eyes flashed with a hint of intrigue when she heard Wayne's promise to her. "Do you mean everything you say?" "Of course. I won't lie to my woman. How can I call myself a man if I can't protect my woman?" Wayne said

her disgust and pretended to look surprised. She hugged her neck and said, "I was wrong, Wayne. I was blind to have a crush on Luke. I've never known that he's such a heartless person, and that was why he managed to hurt me so much. All I have for him now is endless hate. I'm suffering here, so how can he

pretend as though nothing happened? And there's that b\*tch Bianca Rayne too. If not for her, I wouldn't have suffered. I want her to suffer too! Can you help

hesitated for a while. He remembered what his second brother

a special forces soldier, he was usually on missions abroad. However, he had occasionally heard his second brother, who was a businessman, talk about

experienced and crafty as his second brother might be, he seemed to be afraid of Luke. He said that Luke was a merciless and cunning person, and he had warned Wayne to stay away from Luke if possible,

when he saw Leia looking at him with an admiring gaze that evoked pity, his chauvinistic tendencies took over his rationality. So what if his second brother feared Luke Crawford? He did

He was a special forces soldier and the leader of a troop of mercenaries.

**Why would he be afraid of a money-minded businessman?**

**Wayne** glanced at Leia playfully. 'If I help you, how will you repay me, hmm?

Leia chuckled, and her body shivered.

Her hand slowly traveled down Wayne's body and gripped his manhood." Of course... I'll let you do whatever you *want*."

*Wayne laughed.* He flipped over and pinned Leia under his body. "Are you hungry again? Let me nourish you!"

**Wayne got** someone to observe Luke's mansion for a few days. He discovered that the security was *airtight*.

**Ever** since Luke realized that someone had been snooping on his hidden mansion, he tightened the security around the place.

Countless high-definition security cameras were hidden in every **location**.

turn 360 degrees in every direction,

security footage was in color, and the people inside the house could see all the happenings

road leading to the mansion, an access card system was set

many more security guards and installed an

a normal human, the security measures were

as a special forces soldier, Wayne had infiltrated houses with even stricter security measures and assassinated the supreme leader of a certain country. Those security measures would not stop

all too easy for him to kill a defenseless

could not be bothered to act himself. He ordered his elite subordinates to monitor the people that entered and exited

An opportunity finally came.

day, in the garden of the mansion, several peony plants began

Chapter 533 Undoubtedly, Someone Planned This!

Luke's heart was in his throat when he heard Bianca shrieking in fear." What's wrong, Bianca?"

Bianca could not speak when she saw the scene in front of her.

Snakes! So many snakes!

She was sitting on the swing, and her first instinct was to get off it.

However, in her panic, she could not control her injured leg very well and nearly fell to the ground.

Fortunately, her hand managed to grab onto a thick branch so that she did not have to fall face-first on the ground. 1 "What's going on, Bianca?" Luke sounded extremely worried.

Bianca pointed the camera of her phone at the fearful creatures on the ground. She dared not move a muscle.

Through the voice call, Luke could see tens of black snakes surging toward Bianca...

His heart skipped a beat, and his eyes instantly widened in anger!

Those snakes were black mambas, the most dangerous and venomous snake in the world. They were feared for their speed and ferocity; two drops of their venom was enough to kill.

snakes were only found in Africa, South Asia, and certain tropical areas. They should not have appeared there. Someone must have deliberately brought them to the

tried to keep calm, but her hand that was holding the phone was shaking. 'Luke, there's... so many... black snakes... Why would there be so many snakes in

not speak a complete sentence because of

was very afraid of snakes and other slithery cold-blooded

black snakes slithering quickly toward her with their blood- red forked tongues out, Bianca

was thumping faster

had an aversion toward snakes. She would even shy away from watching movies

when she saw multiple snakes slithering toward her had far exceeded her normal

away, Bianca!" Luke roared at the helpless Bianca. "Quickly run into the house and don't come out! Go in the room next to the study upstairs. There are several hunting rifles and tranquilizer darts. You can use them to protect yourself... Don't be afraid. I'm coming

that moment, Bianca's life was the most important. He could not care that Bianca might agitate the baby in her womb when she

he continued to talk to Bianca on the phone, he quickly dialed a number on another phone to contact the security guards at the mansion. "There is an infestation of venomous snakes at mansion number 8. Bring sulfur, snake hooks, and rifles to deal with them, now! Also, bring some blood serum..." 'In case the worst-case scenario

**If** Bianca was bitten by a venomous snake, she would need an injection of blood serum immediately.

*Then*, Luke gave a call to Sean Zander, the driver. Sean was a retired special forces soldier and a veteran outdoorsman. He would be able to deal with venomous snakes easily, but it was his day off, and he was not in the mansion at the **moment**.

**When Sean** received Luke's call, he instantly rushed to the mansion!

After Luke hung up, he also quickly rushed back.

**Bianca's** leg might have almost recovered, but she was not a very agile person. When Luke imagined the scene in which she was bitten by those snakes, sweat poured from his forehead.

**He did** not want to think of the possibility that her life was put in danger *again*.

**She had** just survived a near-fatal car crash, but fate seemed to be playing yet another cruel joke on her. Luke, who was usually calm and composed, wanted to blurt curses at that moment!

**He floored** the gas pedal and ran multiple red lights on his way back.

*Meanwhile*, at the mansion, Bianca ran as fast as she could. She was racing against her time and her life. She had never been so flustered.

If she slowed down, the snakes would definitely catch up to her. With the baby still in her womb, she could not afford to let that happen.

"Help... help..."

for help while she ran until she remembered that the mansion was situated far away from the other mansions, and Luke had bought large swaths of the surrounding land. No one would be able to

doctors, nurses, and nutritionists had already moved out of the mansion because she had

was the driver's day off. One of the caretakers was back in her hometown to attend her son's wedding, while the other had gone downtown to buy food ingredients and other

only people left in the mansion were Bianca and Uncle Vald, the gardener who had tended to the peonies

hoped that Uncle Vald would hear her cries

her prayers were answered, just when Bianca could not run anymore, the gardener appeared with a pair of pliers in one hand and a halfeaten apple in

Uncle Vald was shocked as he saw Bianca's face that was as pale as a ghost. "What's wrong?" He

help... Uncle Vald..." Bianca stammered as she tried to catch

gardener turned around and was shocked when he saw the mass of black snakes writhing toward  
had encountered many snakes in his almost twenty years of being a gardener, but he had never seen  
such ferocious and

Chapter 534 Thank God That Luke Is Back...

In the nick of time, Bianca managed to scramble several steps forward to higher ground, and the snake  
did not spot her momentarily.

That was a close call!

How could such scary animals appear in the mansion?

Bianca's stomach hurt intensely, and her body was limp. She did not have the strength to run.

In front of the front door of the house was a flight of stairs. Every step was a struggle, but she could only  
force herself to move.

The snakes behind her continued to swarm at her. The biggest snake was almost going to reach her  
when Uncle Vald suddenly turned back and shouted, 'Madam!'

He noticed a children's wooden spade at the side. That was what Lanie and Rainie often used when they  
played in the garden. He summoned his courage, took the spade, and slammed it on the snake's head!

The spade was light, but Uncle Vald was strong. The snake was incensed by the pain and moved faster. It  
stuck out its tongue, bared its fang, and bit Uncle Vald!

The gardener disregarded his status, carried his female employer in his arms, and continued running  
toward the house.

Rushing through the front door, Uncle Vald kicked open the bedroom door and placed her inside.

when he was about to close the front door, he felt an intense pain in his calf. Holding back the pain and  
using his last ounce of strength, he slammed the door shut and blocked all the

lock the door. Don't... don't go out..." Uncle Vald felt his head spinning. He twitched and fell on the floor  
with a

Bianca was almost scared to tears. She crouched and kept calling

was no use. Uncle Vald had already lost consciousness. He did not hear her calling

rolled up Uncle Vald's pants. She noticed a bite mark on his

around the bite mark was already swollen. It was obvious that the venom was

at the gardener's ghastly pale face, Bianca felt both guilty and grateful. If Uncle Vald had not saved her  
in the nick of time, she would be the one bitten by

was not the time to wallow in sorrow. She had to find the blood serum to save Uncle

pain in her stomach, she dragged herself upstairs and went to the room next to

room had a stock of medicinal supplies, though most of them were non-prescription drugs, such as flu medicine, gastrointestinal medicine, and all sorts of pills and

Bianca remembered that there should be blood serums and other solutions meant for injections.

The mansion was located on a hill and surrounded by a dense forest. There were insects, spiders, and even snakes, but most of them were not venomous. The mansion also had strict measures against insects and other creepy-crawlies, and blood serum would rarely *be needed*.

*Even so*, they had a stock of blood serum just in *case*.

**Usually**, one would be flustered whenever they were in a hurry.

The more you want to find something, that thing would disappear without a trace. When you were not looking for it, you would find it right in front of **your face**.

*That was* exactly what happened to Bianca at the moment. She searched the drawers and cabinets and found all sorts of other medicines except for the *blood serum*.

*When* she thought that Uncle Vald's life was slipping away every passing second, cold sweat poured down *her face*.

*She* suddenly remembered that Luke had told her in the video call that the rifles and tranquilizer darts were in a hidden compartment in a drawer. Would the blood serum be stored in the *same place*?

**Bianca opened** a drawer in a cabinet. She almost pulled the entire drawer out when she noticed a hunting rifle, a bottle of tranquilizer, two small vials of blood serum, several single-use syringes, and a large bag of **sulfur**.

She breathed a sigh of relief, took all the items in her hands, and *rushed downstairs*.

*The* banging on the door was intense.

gave Bianca a big fright. She did not expect that the snakes were so unrelenting that they were slamming at the door with

snakes would not attack humans unless they were threatened. However, those snakes seemed like they were out for blood. It was

did not have time to think about the reasons. Uncle Vald's face was already turning purple and black. He was almost not going to make

keep herself composed, her trembling hands opened the syringe packaging, inserted the needle, and pushed out the air. She tried to remember how the nurse had given her injections, found a vein on Uncle Vald's arm, and tried to give him an

was her first time giving an injection, and her hands were trembling. It took her several times to insert the needle into the

breathed a sigh of relief and gently injected the serum into Uncle Vald's



became paler and paler as the banging sounds on the front door became more and more intense. She could tell that more than one snake was slamming its body at the door; one snake alone would not have made so much

the first time that she felt so

a thick ring of sulfur around Uncle Vald and her. She read that snakes feared sulfur, but there was no scientific evidence behind

no other choice anyway. She emptied the entire bag of sulfur around

Chapter 535 That's Very Scary, OK?

"Bianca!" Outside the house, Luke roared hysterically.

At that moment, Luke was worried and furious.

He fired at the snakes with his hunting rifle as though he had lost his mind.

As he pulled the trigger, he called out Bianca's name.

When Bianca heard Luke's voice, she scrambled over to the window and thumped at the glass. "I'm fine, Luke. There are many venomous snakes outside. Please be careful..."

She tried to suppress her fear when she saw Luke's bloodshot eyes and his almost maniacal demeanor.

He seemed to be more scared of the snakes than her.

She felt relieved when she saw him.

Luke also felt relieved when he saw that Bianca was safe inside the house.

An unknown amount of time passed before the electronic door opened and Luke rushed in. He hugged Bianca with trembling arms. "I'm sorry, I'm sorry..."

He had almost lost her again.

your fault. You don't have to blame yourself." Bianca slumped in his embrace, grateful that she had survived

her so tightly, as though he wanted her body to fuse into

suddenly remembered that Uncle Vald was still unconscious. She pushed herself out of Luke's embrace, walked to Uncle Vald, and said guiltily. "Uncle Vald saved me from the snakes, and he got bitten himself. It's all thanks to him that I'm safe. I've already injected a vial of blood serum, but I don't know if it's of any use. He wouldn't be like this if not for me. How should we

caught up to her, and tears started to fall. "We've stayed here for so long, and we rarely see even bugs. Why would there be so many venomous snakes

had become more emotional after she was

and said, "I'll investigate this and find out the reason why. You and Uncle Vald are victims. I'm grateful that Uncle Vald saved you. He'll be fine. After he wakes up, I'll give him a handsome reward. Don't think too

Outside, police sirens could be heard.

could feel painful cramps in her stomach again. Her vision was turning black from the the commotion outside, two people came into

Sean and Jason ran into the

faces turned pale at the instant they saw Uncle Vald lying unconscious on the floor and Bianca lying weakly in

Madam and Uncle Vald okay?" Sean

Were they too late?

"Uncle Vald was bitten by a venomous snake. He received an injection of blood serum. Send him to the hospital immediately," Luke ordered *coldly*.

*Bianca* pressed her stomach. She bit her lip to stop herself from making a sound.

*However*, she eventually grunted in pain. "Luke... my stomach... hurts..."

*Amid the* pain, she could feel something warm flowing between her legs.

Her instincts told her that her baby was in danger. She had protected the baby thus far, and she was not going to let anything happen to it!

"Bianca!"

*Before* she lost consciousness, she could vaguely hear Luke screaming in fear and agony. Soon, she could not *hear anything*.

"D\*mn it! Why isn't the ambulance here yet?" Luke carried Bianca and ran outside.

Sean carried the unconscious Uncle Vald on her back and quickly followed behind...

**Several police** cars were parked around the mansion, and a dozen police were busy **at work**.

A dozen dead snakes drenched in their own blood were arranged in a row. It was an unnerving sight.

at those snakes with a

sergeant walked up to him fawningly, but he took a step back when he saw Luke's icy gaze. "Mr. Crawford." "You should know what to do, Sergeant Showles." Luke's voice was

We'll definitely find out who the perpetrator is. The perpetrator is quite crafty. He managed to disable the cameras surrounding the mansion. This will take some time..." Sergeant Showles kneaded his hands and braced himself against Luke's overbearing

were dozens of security cameras surrounding the mansion, but the closest ones to the entrance were

cameras were disabled? What are we paying all of you for?" Jason glanced at the security guards lowered their heads in embarrassment. They could not be blamed because the criminal was

these snakes for an autopsy. I want to know the results as soon as possible! Check all the cameras. I don't believe that they didn't leave a trace!" "Yes, Mr. Crawford." The usually imposing police sergeant behaved timidly in front of

Uncle Vald were sent to the hospital, and Luke the police officers were around collecting evidence and to review the

At the hospital.

that he was a very unlucky man. Earlier, an eccentric young woman had hit him with her car and broke his leg. After a month of rest, before he regained full functionality of his leg, his best friend had dragged him out of the bed and forced him to save Bianca's

Chapter 536 Luke's Hostility Grew!

Luke thought that he had seen the same trick before.

He remembered the berserk Persian cat when they were in Blue Honors.

Both incidents were very similar, and he could not help but feel suspicious.

"Boss, these snakes aren't native to the country. Someone must have smuggled them in through the black market," Jason analyzed calmly.

Luke narrowed his eyes, and a cold smile appeared on his face. "Contact Percy Mallory and ask him for his help. He should be able to find the source of the snakes and the details of the transaction."

He could roughly guess who the mastermind was, but he did not have solid evidence yet.

Once he could confirm that the mastermind was the same person in his mind, he would not spare them any mercy!

The media reported heavily on the news about the appearance of venomous snakes in La Fontaine Mansions.

La Fontaine Mansions was a development project under T Corporation. It was an elite low-density neighborhood, and each of the mansions cost tens of millions of dollars. The house owners became fearful after they knew about the incident.

Certain media outlets were bribed to report negatively on the incident. They criticized that most of T Corporation's development projects were nothing but low-quality cash-grabs, and Luke Crawford was the most unscrupulous developer in all of A City. They drew parallels between the arson case at Greenview Regalia and the incident of the venomous snakes at La Fontaine Mansions, criticizing that T Corporation did not show any concern toward the safety of the homeowners.

also caught on to the fact that Luke had harbored a woman in La Fontaine Mansions, and they reported widely on Bianca's

Crawford had been in the limelight lately. He had often appeared in the news thanks to the engagement ceremonies with Bianca Rayne and Leia Norman. In addition to that, the trial for the arson case was starting soon, and now another major incident happened in another project of T

media snapped onto those shocking

negative press from the media, T Corporation's share prices which had begun to stabilize started to drop

reporters flocked to the hospital Bianca was in, eager to unearth more information about T Corporation and Luke's

surrounded Luke in the ward. He focused all his attention on the unconscious Bianca, and he was extremely irritated by

around and addressed the reporters. "All those so-called exposes are nothing but lies. Someone has released the snakes in the mansion in a murder attempt. When the investigation is done, I will give everyone a satisfactory explanation. Anyone who makes up stories will find their companies

words and his icy demeanor intimidated the reporters. Some media outlets stopped reporting on the incident, but others who were not scared continued to report

the moment, Luke was in a

a weak constitution. Adding that to the fright she suffered from the snakes, the baby was at a huge risk of miscarriage. Even Johann had to be extremely careful when saving the

woman's condition was not optimistic, and the reporters were buzzing around like flies. That contributed to Luke's

**Once** he lost his temper, he instantly shut down the media outlets that continued to **spew nonsense**.

The other media outlets knew that Luke meant what he said, and his patience had already been worn out. After weighing the pros and cons, they instantly recalled their reporters in case they were caught up in his rampage.

*After all*, Luke was not one to play dirty. If he wanted you bankrupt, not only would he bankrupt you, but he would also saddle you with **huge debts**.

Luke was a scary individual, and no one dared to *cross him*.

Previously, any gossip on Luke only served to entertain the *masses*.

However, when the rumors involved Bianca, he was not going to *tolerate it*.

After his threat, all the reporters disappeared from the hospital. The hospital was once again **peaceful**.

*Jason* and Sean investigated the black market and the pesticide **supplier respectively**.

Transactions in the black market should have been clandestine. However, Percy controlled the black market, and he turned the other way because he was good friends with Luke. Soon, useful information was found.

**The** person who bought the black mambas was a man named Gregor Jones. On the surface, he was a hooligan who survived on extorting small businesses. However, he was discovered to have a hidden **identity**.

a special forces soldier who served in the southeastern region of the country. After he left the army, he joined an international

intriguingly, his direct superior was Wayne

had bought the venomous snakes from the

ran into some obstacles when they hunted down the pesticide supplier. Uncle Vald had been unconscious, and it took two days before the identity and whereabouts of the pesticide supplier

the pesticide supplier seemed to have disappeared from A City. There were no traces of

not trace his movements, except that he had checked into a luxury hotel three days

they could not track him down, it meant that the pesticide supplier had used a fake identity or that someone was harboring

could not have disappeared like a

In the hospital ward.

had been racking his brain over the mystery. His gaze was downcast, and no one knew what he was

Bianca's intravenous drip. He glanced at Bianca's peaceful sleeping face, then at Luke's serious expression, and shook

Chapter 537 Teaching Leia A Lesson!

Looking at Luke's expression, one could tell that the identity of the mastermind was exactly the person that was on his mind.

Luke's handsome face seemed to be shrouded in a layer of ice. A silent storm was brewing in his eyes.

'All those accidents that befell Bianca!

'To think that she was so close to me!

'This is such a horrible feeling!'

Luke carefully tucked Bianca into the blanket. He gazed upon her pale face, and he was awash with guilt.

He had promised Bianca safety and happiness, but he seemed to have failed. Bianca had suffered multiple times when she was with him.

Luke's anger flared in his eyes when he thought of how the snakes had almost bitten her and the bright red blood that flowed from between her legs. Even his fingertips were trembling from anger.

He would not forgive the person who had harmed his woman, no matter how powerful that person's background might be!

A long while later, Luke turned around and ordered Johann, "Take care of your Sis."

Johann had an ominous feeling. "Where are you going, Bro?" "I'm going to deal with the criminal." Those icy words that left Luke's mouth made Johann shiver.

In the VIP hospital ward.

the television while happily munching on the apple that Linda, her agent, had peeled for

were too many scandals about her lately. Linder Linda's advice, Leia played the victim by staying in the hospital. Once in a while, she would tell the media reporters how she was suffering in

quite enjoyed the

to bring Leia home to recuperate. However, whenever she mentioned it to her daughter, Leia seemed to sink into despair. Queenie was worried for her daughter and stopped

that Leia's attitude had changed a lot. She thought that her daughter seemed depressed, but she attributed it to the botched engagement

rarely went to her company and instead spent more time at the hospital with her daughter, fearing that her daughter would do something

morning, Queenie went to the company to handle some urgent

Linda was in the ward

the news reports on the television: Bianca was injured in a snake attack. T Corporation's share prices were dropping because of the incident at one of their development

seemed calm and composed, but she was actually laughing up

thought that even if Bianca did not die from the snake attack, the baby in her womb would be gone

*While she* was chatting with her agent, the door was suddenly kicked open!

Several well-built men in black suits and shades barged into the ward.

"Hey! Who are you guys? What do you want? Don't you know that this is the daughter of the Provincial Committee Secretary, you..." Linda was yelling until one of the men unsheathed a dagger, which instantly shut her **up**.

"*Shut* your mouth if you want to live!" The man spoke impatiently. He pointed the dagger at Leia and said coldly, "Follow us!"

Instantly, Linda wanted to call the police, but one of the men in black knocked her out. She fell limply on the *floor!*

*It was* the first time Leia had encountered such a situation. Needless to say, she was *very afraid*.

**She** had acted in thriller movies in which she was an abductee, but she had never encountered it in *real life*...

She had always presented her docile side in public. Who could have borne a grudge against **her**?

**Looking** at Linda slumped on the floor, Leia wanted to discreetly call her parents on her phone. Just when she was about to open her mouth, she felt a blunt pain on the back of her head, after which she **lost consciousness**.

*The* men acted very swiftly, and there were not many patients on the second floor of the VIP wing. When the nurses discovered that Linda was unconscious and Leia was missing, they shrieked for help. However, they could only see the clouds of exhaust as the car drove away, and not even the car's model or plate...

**Leia** was woken up by a splash of cold water.

She looked around her and found that she was in an abandoned factory. Surrounding her was rusted scaffolding and machinery and nothing else. Even the windows and doors were rusted.

came in through the precarious windows, and the rusted scaffolding creaked. It was like a scene in a Goosebumps formed on her skin.

that she had been knocked out in the hospital. She wanted to stand up, but it was then when she realized that her hands and feet were bound by

to be afraid. She tried to struggle out of her bonds when someone kicked her. "You'd

at the man who dared to kick her. She wanted to remember

she had become Ms. Norman, no one even dared to yell at her, much less

wore shades, and she could only discern his figure and silhouette. Leia was

to waver after looking at several of

men were especially muscular and well-built. Not even the suits could conceal

Leia became more confused than ever...

door opened, and the orange sunlight shone through. She narrowed her eyes reflexively. In the next second, she saw a magnificent masculine figure descend upon her like

over her and looked down at her cowering

Chapter 538 Taste Of Your Own Medicine!

Suddenly, a sharp dagger was held to Leia's delicate cheek.

She grabbed the corner of her clothes in a panic. She was terrified!

Leia pushed down her fear, stammering, "Luke... Luke, what are you doing? Knives are... too dangerous... Can you please... Please keep it away from me..."

The man in front of her was still handsome and absolutely incomparable, but the look on his face when he looked at her reflected hate and disgust.

Leia's vision was blurry now. She felt like her chest had been pierced by a needle, causing her intense pain!

Luke hated her.

That was unacceptable to her.

She could tolerate Luke's indifferent attitude, but not his hatred and dislike.

"I didn't think you'd know fear, Ms. Norman. I thought you were fearless? When you publicly attempted suicide in front of the media, why didn't you cut a little deeper? You disgust me! Leia, for Mr. Norman's sake, I chose to close one eye to your previous evil deeds, but I didn't expect that you would dare attack Bianca again and again. Do you value your life?!"

The thin dagger pressed against her face and Leia moved slightly, feeling a fiery pain on her face.

so scared she dared not move. She was afraid that her beautiful face would be ruined if she

I don't know what you're talking about! Although Ms. Rayne and I are love rivals, I know you love her more than life itself. I didn't do anything to her. At most... I just tried to trigger her with words. Whatever happened to Ms. Rayne has nothing to do with me..." Although Leia was shaking like a leaf, she insisted that she was

kept her mouth shut and insisted that what had happened to Bianca had nothing to do with her, Luke would let her go out of respect for her parents and would not go

she admitted to it, Luke's hateful personality would not allow her to get away in

sneered and rebuked, "You still don't want to admit to what you

you hired someone to release dozens of venomous snakes in La

a quick slice of the dagger, Leia's long hair was cut

cut hair scattered on her face, chest, and thighs. It made her scream with everything

afraid that her beauty would be ruined in a blink of an

wasn't me, Luke, I swear it wasn't me! If you don't have any evidence, please don't accuse me of anything! I don't know where La Fontaine Mansions is. I don't know anything about snakes... Please, I don't know anything..." Leia was a natural actress and could easily control her

was trembling with fear, she still did not forget to act and desperately justified her

*However, her evil and lying face disgusted Luke!*

"Do you think I would've brought you here if I didn't have proof?" Luke threw a thick pile of photos at Leia.

Some of the photos fell one by one on the uneven concrete **floor**.



When Leia saw those photos, her eyes widened *in shock!*

**The** photos showed the farmers getting caught by the police, Wayne Blatt getting something to execute the plan of releasing poisonous snakes to scare Bianca almost to death, and there were also... indecent photos of her and Wayne!

"*I didn't* expect you to be such a licentious woman, Ms. Norman. On the surface, you look and act like a noble lady, but you're so promiscuous in private. What do you think if I were to send these photos of the two of you in bed to the media? Ms. Norman, you're very charming. You even managed to get Wayne Blatt to kiss your shoestrings. The well-known playboy of A City is willing to take orders from you to harm others. If your adoptive parents know that they have such a cruel daughter, what would they think? Would they be proud of you?" Luke's smile carried a hint of sarcasm and *coldness*. 1

Leia was completely dumbfounded.

'How could this be? Wayne has always been reliable. He makes sure to never leave any evidence. How could Luke have found out about this in such a short amount of time?'

Also, Luke found pictures of her and *Wayne!*

If the photos were published, her acting career would be destroyed!

years ago, there was a sex scandal involving multiple celebrities that turned into national

almost wiped out the top-notch female celebrities in Hollywood, exposing the wild private lives of the popular stars. The innocent ladies fell from heaven straight into

of those actresses plummeted and they never got to step foot into

it had happened ten years ago, the scandal was still talked about by

the names of the female celebrities involved were mentioned, the reactions were of disdain, mockery, and

of the celebrities whose indecent photos were exposed had been building their careers through film and music throughout the years. Even then, it was difficult for them to regain

only been in the entertainment industry for a short while and she had yet to establish a solid position for herself in the industry. If these scandalous high-definition photos of her were released, all the glory and applause that belonged to her now would be no more. Her acting career would be destroyed. She would no longer be able to marry rich like she had

rich man would marry a notorious woman, not even if her adoptive father was Jack Norman, the Provincial

immediately panicked! She cried and begged Luke, "Luke, I... I didn't do it on purpose... I got jealous. I love you so much but you don't even care about me. I just wanted to scare Bianca... I never thought of killing her, really... Please spare me this time, I'll do anything for you. I swear I won't do it again..." "You won't do

sneered as he said, "Do you think I'll believe in your nonsense? Do you think that I don't know that you were behind the Persian cat incident? Or the time you drove your car into Bianca and almost caused her to have

wanted to kill you then, but for your father's sake and to gain good karma for our unborn child, I chose to close an eye. I thought that if I didn't react to you, you would stop, but I didn't expect that you would be such a vicious woman. You became worse and tried to murder Bianca again! Since you're asking for it, then I will fulfill your death wish! You like venomous snakes, don't you? Time for a taste of your

Chapter 539 That B\*tch Got What She Deserves!

Hospital.

Bianca was thinking about how she had been stuck in the hospital for a while...

She had just recovered from her leg injury from the car accident. Shortly after, she was attacked by poisonous snakes, which almost caused her to have a miscarriage.

She had been with Luke for so long that she noticed a pattern. Every time she was in danger, it was indirectly or directly related to him.

"Bea, are you and the CEO incompatible? Before you got together with him, you lived a carefree life. You were safe and were rarely sick. However, after the two of you got together, you were scratched by a cat, hit by a car, and this time, you were bitten by a poisonous snake... Oh my God, why are bad things happening to you?!" Nina passed the fruit puree into Bianca's hands. She could not believe it! 1 "I think so too." Sue waddled over and handed Bianca an outdated magazine. "Look, since you got together with the CEO, you've been the star of the news a couple of times now. The number of times you're featured is comparable to a superstar. I think it's right to say that you should cherish your life and stay away from Mr. Crawford."

Bianca was speechless.

Couples around her had a smooth sailing journey when it came to their relationships. However, for her, falling in love had almost caused her to lose her life...

Several days had passed since she encountered the poisonous snakes but Bianca would still be woken up by terrifying nightmares every once in a while. She would dream that the poisonous snakes were about to bite her!

The snakes bit her all over and were dripping with her blood. She felt terrified thinking about it.

had always been afraid of snakes and was deeply traumatized by what had happened. She knew that it would take a while for her to get over her

she listened to her friend's kind advice, she smiled and placed their words at the back of her mind. "I've known Luke for years. Our relationship is not something you can understand. This is what love is, it won't always be sweet. There are some tough times too. I can enjoy the warmth that our love brings, and at the same time, I will also bear with the dangers that come

while stroking her belly. "Forget it. No matter how much we try to persuade you, you've already made up your mind to be with Mr. Crawford forever. Bea, you're lucky to have met such a gentle and

considerate person like Mr. Crawford. Not only is he rich and handsome, but he also only has eyes for you. Hmm... It would be nice if you didn't have to go through

and said, "Nothing in life is as you planned it to be. However, the people who did this to Bea are horrible! How dare they be so vicious to a pregnant woman?! I hope Mr. Crawford can find out who did this as soon as possible. This shall not go unpunished! They would pay for all

made Sue smile, and even Bianca laughed rather

was such an honest person, but she became a potty mouth when she got

"I want to go for a walk outside. I feel like I'm trapped in the ward. Sue, Nina, shall we go get some fresh air?" "Let's go!" Nina was the first to respond. She, too, was not a fan of the smell of sanitizers. "Bea, do you want to use a wheelchair? I'll help

worried about Bianca's recent leg injury and her fragile body due to her

her head and said, "It's okay. My legs have almost recovered. They're no different from before. The doctor said that I can't stay in bed all the time and I should go for more walks to breathe in some fresh air. It's good for me and our

**As soon** as the baby was mentioned, Sue started to rant, "Yes, pregnant women like us need to stay active. Your baby is five months old, **right?**

*Mine* is seven months, and I'm so tired of being pregnant every day! My arms and legs are swollen! Being a mother is not as easy as I thought. I swear that I won't have another baby after *this one!*"

*Nina covered* her mouth and chuckled. "Sue, if you find it troublesome, you can give me one baby. I love **babies!**"

**Sue rolled** her eyes and said, "Although I dislike the suffering my twins are bringing me, I love them very much. I would never give either one of them to you! If you want a child, find a *man!*"

What Sue had said made things awkward. Nina's expression turned pained.

*Sue* was still in a blur but noticed that Nina was unhappy. She asked stupidly, "What's wrong? Did I say **something wrong?**"

*Bianca knew* that Sue's words had hurt Nina and poked at an old **wound**.

*After* she adjusted her clothing, Bianca got down from the bed. She smiled and grabbed Nina's arm before walking out. "Let's go outside *and relax.*"

*The environment* outside was particularly nice with 80% of their view covered with lush greens. The air was fresh too. Bianca had been stuck in the ward for a long time and this was the first time since she got hospitalized that she was heading out to relax with her two friends. They talked about their work and life. It helped her lighten the load on her mind.

passed by another ward, they saw a police cordon. Many police officers with guns were on duty as entered and exited the building was strictly checked before they could

froze, wondering what had happened in the hospital. Why were there so many police

What happened?!

at Sue curiously. Nina had gone to gossip, talking to the passersby who were watching nearby before

guess what I just found out?'1 Nina cheekily said to Bianca and

Why are you acting so mysterious?" Sue was not the most

"Come here, I have good news..."

grabbed Sue's hand and formed a small circle together with

Chapter 540 The Plan Had Failed...

Just as Bianca wondered if Luke was the one behind Leia's kidnapping...

Suddenly, a domineering female voice disturbed her thoughts. "I don't care about what you have to do, you have to find a matching bone marrow! The doctor said that Shane might not survive if he doesn't get a bone marrow transplant soon. He's my darling boy and your only son. I will never allow this to happen!"

Her partner comforted her, saying, "Don't worry, I'll find a suitable donor."

The man's voice sounded familiar, and Bianca looked at the source in surprise.

At the end of the hospital corridor, Bianca saw Jay's special assistant, Jason Doyle. He was talking to a beautiful but aggressive woman. 2

The woman looked like she was in her early 30s. It could be seen that she took care of her appearance and had a graceful figure. She wore a priceless jade necklace around her neck. Anyone could tell that she was wealthy, but her aggressive attitude did not give others a good impression.

Jason noticed Bianca and the others.

There was a subtle change in his expression when he saw Sue.

Jason smiled awkwardly at them and went over to say hello, "Ms. Rayne, what a coincidence! Let me introduce you to my ex-wife, Bailey Quarrington."

He pointed at Bianca and the others, introducing them to the woman next to him, "Bailey, this is my boss' fiancée, Bianca. These are my colleagues, Sue Carter and Nina Langdon." "I'm not interested! Jason, find a suitable bone marrow for Shane within one month. Otherwise, get ready to write his eulogy!" Bailey glanced at Bianca and looked extremely arrogant.

She did not even bother to say hello to them. She left with her high heels clicking against the floor toward the outpatient building.

not expect Jason's ex-wife to be so temperamental. However, she was just a passing stranger so Bianca was not too worried

pretty carefree so she did not mind Bailey's

was excited when she first saw Jason, but when she met Bailey, her heart instantly not help but go into overthinking mode. It turned out that Mr. Doyle's ex-wife was so defiant... He was nothing in front of his ex-wife. Could this have been the reason for their at Bailey and felt helpless. He touched his gold-rimmed glasses. He was embarrassed and said, "I apologize for my ex-wife. She has always had a bad temper, please forgive her." "It's okay," Bianca said casually and then asked curiously, "Mr. Doyle, I overheard that your son needs a bone marrow transplant. Is

eyelids twitched, and she pretended to tease Jason in an indifferent tone, "Mr. Doyle, you're so secretive! We've worked together for so many years but I never heard you mention your

Sue heard that Jason had a son, she felt a little uncomfortable and could not

it was because she felt grateful for his help when she had run into her scumbag ex in a children's clothing store the previous time. It was also at that time that she quietly started to develop an inexplicable and unclear affection

that day, Sue no longer treated him coldly in the company but treated him with

she got closer to Jason, Sue thought that he was mature and funny. She found him really

seemed to be taking good care of Sue as well. In addition to taking extra care of her at work, they also went out during non-working hours. He often invited her for meals, went out on walks with her, brought her shopping after getting off work, and others of the like. They were like a real

*Although* the two did not talk about it, they understood what they meant to the *other*.

Sue had thought that their relationship was going **somewhere**.

However, the moment she learned that Jason had a son, she felt like she was struck by lightning. The budding love that just sprouted in her heart *quickly died*.

*However*, Sue held it together. She had a smile on her face as usual, but it was a *superficial smile*.

**Jason**, who knew Sue well, knew that she was **upset**.

*He* looked at Sue's bright face and was hesitant to **speak**.

**He** knew that it was not the time to open up and be honest. In the end, he sighed without giving her too much of an explanation.

*Nina* was daft and did not notice the awkwardness between them. She jokingly said to Jason, "Mr. Doyle, the female employees of our company think you're a bachelor. I didn't expect that you would have a son, that's amazing! How old **is he?**"

**Jason smiled** bitterly. "When I divorced Bailey five years ago, I didn't know that she was pregnant. She was bitter about the divorce so she hid it from me. I only found out recently that I have a son. Shane is four years old, but he has been suffering from leukemia since a young age. He desperately needs a bone marrow transplant. If it weren't for him being hospitalized, Bailey would not have told me about him..."

**The three** women kept silent for a while. They did not know how to comfort Jason.

Although medical technology had advanced a lot, leukemia was still an incurable *disease*.

was difficult to find a suitable donor for this disease. Even if a patient found a suitable bone marrow, there were still countless instances of the patient dying from the disease due to various complications after a

coughed and asked cautiously, "Mr. Doyle, can we meet your

his head. "Shane is now in a hospital in B City. Bailey heard that Dr. Luis at Paramount Hospital in A City is good at treating leukemia in kids, so she wanted to transfer Shane here. We just met Dr. Luis to discuss the procedures. In the afternoon, I'll go to B City to pick Shane

out a sound of response and continued to comfort him, saying," Mr. Doyle, don't worry about it. There'll be a way. You'll definitely find a suitable bone marrow for Shane." "Yeah, I will," Jason said

he was still in shock. He could not believe that he had a four-year -old

gone through the initial shock, loss, and helplessness to the current excitement, joy, and sadness. Jason glanced at Sue with a complicated expression on his face and felt guilty once more. He felt that he might have disappointed

her lip, her long eyelashes concealing her sad expression. She gently stroked her belly. She was going to give birth in

was no big deal. She was not alone, she had two

Embroidery shop.

had become fascinated with cross-stitching recently. She went to a well-known embroidery shop called Heavenly Stitch. She planned on choosing an embroidery piece to bring home. She would give them to her husband to celebrate his promotion after she was done embroidering

browsing, Shakira chose her piece and went to