

Be Gentle 561

Chapter 561 The Tyrant's Threat...

Late at night.

Bianca was dreaming of being framed for cheating on the test.

In the dream, Bella was pointing condescendingly at herself and shouting at her that she was a shameless cheater!

The crowd around her were looking at her impassively. Some of them were even laughing and insulting her together with Bella!

No one believed that she was innocent!

"No, I'm not..." Bianca was flustered. She tried to explain to the people around her, but no one believed her.

"Bianca, you cheater, you've ruined your future. Don't ever think of becoming an architect ever again. I say, people like you don't deserve to live!" Bella in the dream was laughing maliciously.

Suddenly, she opened her bloody mouth and morphed into a fanged beast. It pounced toward Bianca and reached for her neck.

"No! I didn't cheat! Why doesn't anyone believe me?"

Bianca screamed in panic and suddenly opened her eyes.

The scenes in the nightmare were still fresh in her mind. Her heart was thumping wildly, and her back was drenched with sweat.

"Bea..." Bianca's screams woke Luke up.

Looking at how panicked she was, Luke hugged her tightly and comforted her, ' Don't be afraid. You were only having a bad dream."

panting, and her body

could feel her body tremble in

really didn't cheat. Why don't they believe me?" She frowned and she could feel her

propped Bianca up. Then, he went to the kitchen and got her a glass of warm water. "Why wouldn't anyone believe you? Silly girl, I trust you one hundred percent. Moreover, that Julie girl also trusts you. Don't overthink this. You should rest now, and I'll get to the bottom of it and prove your

a few deep breaths and slowly sipped the warm water. She felt a little better, but she was

girl. Don't think of anything now. Sleep, and everything will be better, " Luke helped Bianca lie down

off the wall light. Then, he gently patted Bianca's back, like coaxing a child to

Luke's hand and felt

fell into a deep sleep

Some time later, it started drizzling.

Bianca's warm and fragrant body in his arms, worried that she might be stricken by to the sound of the rain outside. He barely slept that

stopped after dawn. The sun came out again, and several white clouds hung in the distant

The morning sunlight shone through the windows. Occasionally, one could hear the slight sound of water droplets falling from the roof and splashing on the stone tiles.

Luke was already awake, and he had brushed **his teeth**.

He watched her sleeping face without saying a word. She was curled up in her sleep, seemingly in a defensive pose.

He remembered that Bianca used to be mischievous and gentle, and her face would be animated by a variety of expressions. She would always smile brightly at *him*.

Now...

Luke sighed. His calloused fingers gently caressed Bianca's delicate *face*.

Her skin was as smooth as the finest silk.

Her petite face was only as big as his palm. It was so delicate that it *evoked pity*.

Her pink lips were slightly dry.

Luke could not help but lower his head and give her a deep kiss...

Bianca was awakened by the kiss. She groggily opened her eyes.

She rubbed her eyes as though she was not fully awake **yet**.

When her gaze focused on Luke's face in front of her, she smiled brightly. "**Good morning.**"

gently nibbled on her lips and said softly, "Good

shade of red spread across

though they were together for a long time, she still felt embarrassed by those intimate motions so early in

go on an outing to the countryside today?" He whispered next to

was surprised. "Why the sudden desire to visit

playfully pinched her nose. "I've been tied up with work lately. I was either in the company or out for business engagements, and I didn't spend much time with you and the children. I'd like to make up for that. Now that things are less busy at the company, I can afford to spend more time with you. You were recuperating at home for so long, and I think some fresh air would be good for you. It's Saturday today, and the children don't need to go to school. Let's go and have

was not in the mood for a picnic because the results of the investigation were not
saw Luke's expectant gaze and remembered how the children had been complaining to her that their
Daddy was not spending time with them, she
the children to
they heard that Daddy and Mommy were bringing them to the countryside, they were so happy that
they almost lost
the family sat in the car. Just when Luke drove the car out of the garage, Bianca could see several luxury
off-road cars lined up in a row in front of the
of adults and children were standing in front of those
was the cool and beautiful Percy Mallory, the funny Jim Holston and his son Simon, the pregnant
Scarlett Quincy, and Louis, who seemed to be still

Chapter 562 I Have No Retort To That...

Luke and the others drove their cars to Misty Mountain.

Misty Mountain boasted fantastic scenery. The mountain was shrouded in clouds and mist all year
round, as though it was part of a fantasy dreamscape. Every year, it attracted tourists from many
countries.

Surrounded by several mountain peaks was a waterfall with a lake at the bottom. The water was clear
and reflected the blueness of the sky, which was why it was called Azure Waterfall.

The group of people went to the Cottage in the Clouds, a popular lodge located next to Azure Waterfall.
It was built entirely with logs, though the interior was spacious and comfortable.

The owner of the lodge was a young couple. They seemed to be loving toward each other.

The male was tall and gentlemanly, while the female was beautiful and diligent. They were dressed in
unique ethnic wear.

They received Luke, Bianca, and the others with warm smiles.

though they could see that the guests were dressed in luxurious clothes, they did not treat them any
differently than other guests. That gave the guests a better impression of the

was instantly captivated by the beautiful scenery and temporarily forgot her worries. She happily took
Scarlett's hand and walked around the place with the

was smoking next to the waterfall. When he heard Bianca was laughing with Scarlett and the children,
he smiled slightly

was a correct decision for him to bring Bianca out. All he wanted to see was Bianca laughing without
men reclining on rattan chairs next to the waterfall had different temperaments, but they all had the
same awkward expressions on their

and passionate Jim was the first to break the silence among the men. "I say, Boss, why did you drag us along when your wife is the one in a bad mood? You say that it's a good day to be outdoors, but it's in the middle of June and the sun is blazing. What's the point of a picnic? Also, don't you think that it's weird that we men are sitting together looking at each

was reclining on a rattan chair, was looking at

was in a good mood, seeing that Bianca was smiling. "Why are you complaining when I'm giving you the chance to take a breather? I know that you're busy with developing your business and breaking new ground, but you ought to find some time to rest. You're never going to make all the money in the world, and you should learn how to take it easy and enjoy life. What's the point of making money

Jim facepalmed. "I have no retort **to that...**"

Meanwhile, Percy said sarcastically, "That's a grandiose *excuse*, Mr.

Crawford, but I think the real reason that you invite us on this outing is that you don't know how to coax your wife, and you're trying to ask us for any tips. Unfortunately, I can't help you at all. To me, women are nothing but trouble. If you want help, you should ask Jim or your brother. They're very experienced." "Ahem... what do you mean, Percy?" Louis said, "What do you mean when you say that we're experienced? I date many women, but you can't say that I'm a playboy. I'm saving the hearts of all the women out there. Think about it, those women flock to me. If I reject them, their fragile hearts would be hurt. If my rejection drives them to suicide, then I'd be a sinner. That's why I'm not a playboy but *a savior*."

The other men looked at *Louis contemptuously*.

That was the first time that someone had given such a virtuous definition of being a **womanizer**.

Louis rubbed his nose, covered his face with a straw hat, and decided that he should keep his *mouth shut*.

Luke stubbed out his cigarette in the ashtray, then reclined on the rattan chair and rested his head on his hands. "The scenery here is beautiful, and it does allow for one to temporarily forget the bustle of the city. I think this is what Coleridge is trying to express when he talks about his white- flowered jasmine and broad-leaved myrtle." i

His well-built body swayed rhythmically along with the *rattan chair*.

to each chair was a log table on which a pot of fragrant floral tea was

sky in the mountains was very blue, so blue that it looked like a blanket covering the earth, and one would be able to touch a fluffy cloud if they reached

to the waterfall was a centuries-old tree with dense branches and leaves. There was also an old tree stump half-immersed in the lake, its rings recording the passage of time. Occasionally, some birds would swoop over the surface of the lake, catch a small fish with its talons, and flit above the canopy. It was a scene filled with the vibrancy

to be seen were the brutal struggles in the business world or the greed and desires of man. Everything seemed so natural and

frowned slightly when he saw Luke relaxing on the chair. "I say, Luke, don't tell me that we're just going to sit here for the entire afternoon? I know that the scenery here is beautiful, but I have a

pebble the size of the penny and smeared with mud flew into Jim's mouth. He nearly choked

at Jim's misfortune and gestured a thumbs-up

face was red as he glared at his

Chapter 563 He Was Stripping Her With His Gaze!

When Scarlett saw Jim, her grip on Simon's hand became tighter, and her clear eyes were fraught with unease.

She even timidly hid behind the little boy, even though his height only reached her thigh.

Jim was angry when he saw how Scarlett was trying to avoid him.

However, he was not going to lose his temper in front of everyone, and so he glared at his precious son.

Simon grinned at his father and clung to Scarlett's leg as though he was claiming dominance over her.

At that moment, Jim had the urge to toss his son into the lake!

However, he was also frustrated seeing how Scarlett was not keen to get close to him.

His eager gaze was transfixed on her body, as though he was going to strip her clothes away with his eyes!

Scarlett averted his hungry gaze and tried to strike up a conversation with Bianca to alleviate the awkward atmosphere.

The two women standing together was a charming sight, even though they were pregnant.

They were beautiful in different ways.

did not wear any makeup. Her skin was as fair as the finest ivory and seemed to glow under the sunlight. Her eyes were still as water. Her smile was the most dazzling part of her face. When she smiled, her eyes would narrow into crescent moons and sparkle animatedly. It was a comforting

did not wear any makeup, and she looked younger and more tender. There was a hint of melancholy on her delicate face that evoked pity. Perhaps it was because of her environment when she

up from the rattan chair when he saw Bianca return. He hugged her waist and turned to speak to the other men. "Enjoy yourselves here. I'll bring her around for a walk." "I wanna go too, Daddy!" Rainie said coyly. She was dressed in a tracksuit and held on tightly to

over and patted his daughter's head indulgently. "Good girl, Daddy and Mommy will be back soon. You can stay here with your uncles, or you can play with Lanie and Simon. Don't wander too far away

spread his arms toward Rainie and smiled. "Come to Uncle Louis, my pretty niece! You shouldn't interfere with your parents'

pouted. She wanted to play with her parents, but when her Uncle Louis said that her parents wanted to spend some private time, she let go of Bianca and ran reluctantly toward her

Let me give you a hug. Oh my, my Rainie is the prettiest little princess!" Louis hugged the little girl and spun

instincts flared when he hugged the soft little girl in his arms and smelled her milky body fragrance. He thought that when he would become a father, he would want a cute little girl like Rainie

in her uncle's arms. She grabbed his cheeks and planted a kiss on his face. "You've become more handsome too, Uncle Louis. You're almost as handsome as

Louis could not stop grinning. His niece was such *a charmer!*

He lifted Rainie high and made all sorts of funny faces. His niece laughed and did not want to **go away**.

Seeing that Rainie was comfortable with Louis, Luke was about to leave with Bianca when Simon suddenly **barged in**.

The little boy pointed a plump finger at Louis and said unhappily, "Put Rainie down now, Uncle Louis. I won't be happy if you keep *hugging her!*"

Louis glanced at Simon, surprised. "What's wrong with you, brat? Why are you not happy with me hugging my *niece?*"

Simon puffed up his cheeks. "Rainie will be my future wife. My Daddy said that only I can hug my wife and no one else can. That's why you can't **hug**

Rainie!"

Everyone was speechless.

A rare hint of a smile appeared on Percy's grim face. He glanced at Jim **deliberately**.

Jim did not know how to respond **to that**.

what he told his son at home because his son did not want to let go

was shocked. He laughed as he looked at the stumpy little boy. "You don't even have hair down there, and you're already thinking of getting a wife? That's the funniest joke I've ever heard! Also, if you want to marry my niece, have you asked permission from Uncle

to look at Luke. Knowing how protective his elder brother was, Luke was not going to marry his daughter away so

grunted smugly and tottered toward Luke. "Would you let Rainie be my wife,

looked at the little boy's overly handsome face and

as though her heart

replied, "Of course..." "Not!" Luke frowned and took over Bianca's sentence. "Rainie is still

can discuss it in the

also very protective of his sister. He glanced at Simon and said candidly, "I won't let my sister marry you, Simon. You're too weak, and you can't protect

was angry at the public criticism he received. He opened his eyes wide and retorted loudly, "I'm not weak at all! I'm very

Chapter 564 Wouldn't the CEO of T Corporation Be A Mafia Boss?

The adults were interested when the two little fellows said that they were going to spar.

Even Luke and Bianca stayed to watch the show with the others.

Soon, the two little boys started to trade blows.

Lanie was well-trained in martial arts, and each punch and kick exuded power. Simon was not as well-trained, but he was used to brawling with other kids, and he was a more experienced fighter than Lanie. For a moment, no one knew who would be the winner.

If they continued with the fight, they would not gain anything except for new bruises.

"Stop fighting, boys. You'll hurt yourselves. Please stop..." At first, Bianca thought that it would be fun watching them play with each other. However, she soon became nervous when she saw that the two meant business. She wanted to go forward and pull them apart.

Luke stopped her. He was quite interested in watching the children fight.

The two boys had already disliked each other. Lanie thought that Simon was being a pest to his sister and ought to be taught a lesson, while Simon hated Lanie for not letting him get close to Rainie.

The two brats were rivals, and they were excited to fight each other.

They also wanted to know who was the better fighter between the two, so neither wanted to give up.

Scarlett looked at each other. They could see the worry in each other's

around and looked pleadingly at Luke, hoping that he would

Bianca's shoulder, indicating that she should not

took one big step forward, reached out, and grabbed their shirt collars like an eagle grabbing prey. With one boy in each hand, he returned

two little boys struggled with all their might, trying to breathe because Luke was lifting them by their collars. Their faces were bright

glared at each other fiercely, still trying to land a hit on the

them onto the grass and glared coldly at Simon. "Do you want to marry my daughter, Simon Holston? Not only do you have to convince Lanie, but you'll also have to convince me. Don't even think of marrying her if you can't

at Luke, who towered over him. He felt a

grunted unhappily at Lanie, who was

a glance at his father, who gave him an encouraging

Then, he looked at Rainie's adorable face as she talked to her uncle. His confidence and fighting spirit was ignited **again**.

Lanie's father might be powerful, but his Daddy was very cool **too!**

Once, he saw his Daddy defeat four bad guys with knives to save Aunt Scarlett!

He was his Daddy's son. He might be young now, but he would one day be stronger than Daddy or even Rainie's Daddy. Eventually, Rainie would take his hand and be his wife!

After the entertaining episode, Luke and Bianca walked along Azure Waterfall.

The waterfall was extremely tall and wide, and one could not see the other end. The waterfall formed a natural lake below it. Along the lakeside, many unnamed flowers were in full bloom, forming a stark contrast with the blue lake **water**.

It was a refreshing sight.

Luke hugged Bianca and walked along the lakeside.

The man was dressed in casual clothes, but that did not diminish his handsomeness. His noble demeanor was **unforgettable**.

He protected Bianca as though she was a pearl in his hands. It was an **enviable sight**.

Some tourists spotted the perfect couple and secretly took photos of them.

Bianca walked forward while admiring the scenery, but they did not realize that to other people, they had become the

them, a middle-aged couple was strolling with their

content as they looked at their healthy and

woman sighed when she was reminded of the impending forced demolition of their

do you think that the demolition team is so arrogant? They've threatened to cut off our electricity and water supply. They're not workers but hooligans and gangsters! They said that they're a subsidiary company of T Corporation, they have a lot of influence, and they wouldn't mind resorting to extreme measures if we insist on not moving! If the underlings are already so brazen, wouldn't the CEO of T Corporation be a mafia

was balding. He worked hard all year round, which made him look old

coaxed, "Don't fret it, my wife. The house belongs to us, so what can they do if we insist on staying? Are they going to kill us all? We're a lawful society now. If they dare to get violent on us, we'll go to the police. I don't believe that won't scare them away!" "So what if we go to the police? Those businessmen must be in cahoots with them..." The middle-aged woman sighed even more

man bit his lip. "We're here on an outing with our daughter after she managed to survive the ordeal. If she sees you sighing, she won't be happy either. Things will turn out fine, my wife. If we insist on staying,

they won't be able to move us. If they use violence, then we'll publicize the incident. We'll go to the media... Media outlets are more useful than before. T Corporation wouldn't want their reputation to middle-aged woman wanted to say something, but she was shocked when she saw Luke and Bianca walking in front

the middle-aged man and pointed happily at Luke and Bianca. "Look! Aren't they our

Chapter 565 Candidly Announcing Bianca's Status

"You're Shania who was terribly ill last year?" Bianca ventured.

The girl nodded happily, and Bianca smiled. "How are you recovering? Are your parents fine?"

Bianca remembered that Shania used to be skeletally thin because of her illness.

Now, she was spirited and energetic, totally different from what she was before. She should be in good health.

"I'm so happy that you remember me, Madam! Thanks to your help, I went for surgery last winter, and my condition has been improving since. Look, I'm very healthy now." Shania twirled around in front of Luke and Bianca.

Bianca could not help but laugh at how energetic the little girl looked.

She pinched Shania's face and said gently, "Not bad. You look a lot better than before. There's so much color on your face now." "Thank you, Madam." Shania smiled shyly.

She became curious when she saw Bianca's bulging stomach. "Are you pregnant, Madam?" "Yes, I'm bearing another life in my womb now." Bianca lovingly caressed her stomach.

Shania blinked. She wanted to ask about the twins.

The twins left a lasting impression on her. They were the ones who had given her a ray of hope, and she persevered in her treatment so that she could meet them again.

At that moment, Shania's parents arrived.

middle-aged couple was moved to tears when they saw Bianca and Luke. They said many words of

tears in their eyes, they told their daughter, "Shania, thank these kind people. They're the ones who helped pay for your surgery. They're the ones who gave you hope. Don't ever forget your

bowed primly at Luke and Bianca and said, "Thank you for helping me, Sir and Madam. I shall always be grateful." "Don't mention it. Your health is the most important." Bianca was slightly flustered by how eager the couple

did not provide much help. After all, Luke was the one who gave the couple

the man seemed impassive. He only replied to the middle-aged couple's words of gratitude with a short grunt. Bianca felt awkward by how cold

chatting with the couple for a while, Bianca left

was overwhelmed by that couple's

other hand, Bianca was happy that Shania was healthy. That way, the couple's lives would be easier, and they would definitely be a

that it was their

not expect that their next meeting would end in

goodbye to the couple and their daughter, Luke and Bianca continued walking

Considering Bianca's pregnancy, Luke picked secluded paths. His strong arm hugged Bianca tightly and prevented people from bumping into *her*.

Bianca was getting tired from walking, but she did not want to say *it*.

After all, they had sat down just earlier.

Many elderly men and women were hiking around the lake, and they moved faster than her. She did not want to be weaker than *them*.

Luke had been observing Bianca's movements. He could tell that Bianca *was tired*.

He wanted to bring her to the countryside because Johann told him that Bianca had a weak constitution and she needed the exercise so that the delivery process would be smooth. That was why he insisted on walking with *her*.

However, he felt sorry when he saw that Bianca's face was turning red. He decided that Bianca should not walk anymore.

He instantly picked her up in a bridal carry, ignoring her protests. He brought her to a stone bench and gently placed her *down*.

On the next bench was an old couple in their sixties.

The old woman smiled kindly when she saw how loving Luke and Bianca were. "You're so nice to your wife, laddie. How many months pregnant is your **wife**?"

Bianca lowered her head shyly. Her face was as red as a tomato.

"**My** wife is about five months pregnant," Luke candidly announced Bianca's identity, then hugged her tightly. He seemed satisfied and indulgent when he did *so*.

was using a lot of strength, but he did not hurt

not want to be too intimate in front of the old couple. She wanted to push him away, but he held her even

of you are so loving toward each other. You must be married for less than a year, right?" The old woman was wearing gold-rimmed glasses and looked kind. "She looks so delicate. You ought to treat your wife kindly. It's very exhausting to

man sitting next to the old woman also

course." Luke slightly lowered his head and made his promise to the old couple smiled and nodded. After saying goodbye, they helped each other up and walked in the other watched the old couple as they walked away. She realized how blissful it would be for two people to willingly accompany each other until they that she would grow old with Luke the old couple disappeared from view, Bianca was still looking in that her head back to face her. "They're already gone, you looking at?" "That old couple is so loving to each other. I guess that's what you call true love. Old couples are the most precious. It means that they've loved each other for their

Chapter 566 Bianca Could Not Believe What She Heard

Jim did not say a word. His face was scrunched up, and veins bulged on his temples. It seemed that he was trying to hold back intense anger!

He continued to drag her deeper up the mountains!

Scarlett was very tired. She wanted to suggest taking a rest, but she dared not. Instead, she tried to keep up.

Suddenly, Jim pinned her on a thick and sturdy tree, and she shrieked in panic. "Ahh! Let go of me! What do you want?"

Angrily, Jim pressed his lips onto Scarlett's lips, not giving her the chance to escape.

"Jim, you're... you're hurting me..." Scarlett struggled and shoved timidly. Tears were welling up in his eyes.

Jim ignored her protests. He continued kissing her overbearingly, drawing blood from her lips. 1

Scarlett's eyes were filled with tears of humiliation and resentment, and they silently flowed down her cheeks.

She stopped struggling. However, her piteous looks only made Jim angrier!

so tightly that Scarlett's jaw was almost crushed to pieces. His eyes were bloodshot. "Look at how pitiful you are. How moving your tears are! Why were you crying next to the lake, Scarlett Quincy? Are you still thinking of that man? You haven't forgotten him, have you? How dare you think of him while you're with

her head tiredly and looked at

stained her long and black eyelashes. She looked like she was going to fall any time. "I didn't. I wasn't thinking of him. I... I was moved by the beautiful scenery. I'm sorry, I won't do that again. Can you... let go of me..." "You're lying! We share a bed every night, and you either stare blankly at the ceiling or secretly cry. You were even whispering that man's name while you were next to the lake. Do you think

that I'm deaf and can't hear you talking to yourself? You're so loyal, Scarlett, you truly love him!" Fires of jealousy burned in Jim's

left. I don't know where he is now..." Scarlett cried even harder. She looked like she was in pain. "I'm not bearing your child, Jim Holston. What else do you want from me?" "I don't want you to think of other men. If I catch you doing that again. I'll kill him!" Jim held on firmly to Scarlett's shoulders as though he wanted to crush them. His gaze was ferocious and hungry like

became paler. Tears did not stop falling from her

shoulders were trembling slightly. It was a

Jim became angrier when he saw her

Was she crying for that man?

Did she still love that man?

pierced his heart like a knife. He wanted to strangle the woman in front of

He flipped Scarlett over, took off her pants, and started violating her." Remember, I am your **man!**"

Scarlett sobbed. She was a conservative woman, and she felt incredibly *humiliated*. ¹

The fear that she was seen by other people, the humiliation that the man had subjected her, and her inability to push him away caused her to gasp for breath while she **cried**.

Suddenly, she felt pain in her womb, and she furrowed *her brows*.

She gritted her teeth, not allowing herself to make a **sound...**

Jim was overcome by jealousy, and he deliberately did not look *at*

Scarlett's face. He did not notice that there was something wrong *with her*.

It was when Scarlett passed out and a warm red fluid flowed out from beneath her that Jim stepped away in panic, i "Scarlett!" He came to his senses and called out her **name**.

He carried her and ran crazily toward the *lodge*.

Luke gently massaged Bianca's feet for a while, then let her soak her feet in the lake for a while. However, he remembered what Johann told him.

woman should not soak herself in cold water for

Bianca's feet and put on her socks and shoes for her. Then, he helped her stand

mountain path was rugged. Luke picked Bianca off her feet and carried

saw the following scene: A tall and incredibly handsome man was carrying a pregnant woman in a bridal carry, walking along the mountain path that followed the

stride was steady, as though the woman in his arms was as heavy as

woman in his arms was hugging his neck. Occasionally, she whispered something in his

man listened to her indulgently. He was smiling without showing a hint of impatience or blushed when she noticed that the tourists were staring at her. She buried her face in Luke's chest, not used to being the focus at that loving couple. It must be nice to be young." Some old couples commented when they how considerate that man is to his wife! He's also so handsome and caring. He must be a good husband! I don't care, darling, you must carry me..." When a young couple saw that scene, the female pretended to be angry and asked her boyfriend to do the same as

Chapter 567 A New Development

Scarlett did not manage to save her baby.

When Bianca met her in the hospital ward, she seemed paler and weaker than ever.

Her face was ashen with despair, and her gaze was vacant as though her soul had left her body.

"Scarlett..." Bianca felt sorry for the young woman.

She gently held Scarlett's slender arm. "Don't be too sad. Take care of your body. Your health is more important, and you can still bear children next time..." "No, I won't. I won't ever bear children anymore..." Scarlett shook her head slightly. She was in despair. "He was the one who got rid of the baby. That's fine. That unwelcome life won't experience happiness anyway..."

She was not fond of that baby at all. However, she eventually learned to accept the life in her womb and even anticipated its arrival.

Scarlett thought that she would not mind losing that baby, but she did not expect it to hurt so much.

Bianca was at a loss for words.

She could see that Jim cared for Scarlett a lot and cared for the baby in her womb even more. Why would he be the one to get rid of Scarlett's baby?

When Bianca came to her senses, she stood up abruptly and said to Scarlett, "Jim has gone overboard. The child is nonetheless his. How could he be so cruel? I'll ask him to find out." "No, don't." Scarlett shook her head.

attempts to stop her, Bianca opened the door and went to look

moment she opened the door, she saw that Jim was standing

were tired and bloodshot, and his handsome face looked haggard. What was most shocking was that Bianca could see streaks of tears on his rugged

bench behind him, Luke was sitting on a bench while smoking. He seemed to be frustrated

she saw Jim's face, she could not bear to say any of the accusatory words that she

not look like someone who would cry easily. Scarlett's miscarriage must have given him a huge

Scarlett, Sis?" Jim's worry on his face was evident, but he seemed hesitant to step into

felt sorry for Jim when she saw that he was feeling guilty. "She's very affected by the miscarriage, and her emotions are unstable

is a good girl, and she's quite innocent. You should treat her better next time. Don't let her go through this experience again. After all, a miscarriage is very damaging to a woman's

his fists tightly, and the sorrow and guilt in his eyes became more intense.

He stepped into the ward and closed *the door*.

Bianca could hear Scarlett wailing loudly and telling him to get **lost!**

She was shocked by Scarlett's reaction. She knew that women were usually emotionally unstable after a miscarriage, and they should not be agitated.

She knocked on the door, but Luke *stopped her*.

"**This** is between the two of them, Bea. You shouldn't be involved. Let's go home for now. Jim will handle it." Luke took Bianca's hand and prepared to lead **her outside**.

"**I'm** worried that Scarlett might do something stupid..." Bianca said worriedly.

"*Don't* worry. She'll be fine with Jim looking after her. You're also a pregnant woman, and you need rest. Take care of yourself first." Luke felt helpless about how Bianca loved to get herself involved in other people's affairs.

"But..." Bianca wanted to continue speaking, but Luke picked her up by the waist and walked out of *the hospital*.

As he walked, he told Bianca, "Can't you see that Jim was equally sad when Scarlett miscarried? They will have to solve their own problems, and Scarlett will have to overcome her own mental obstacles. If she can't get over it, all your talking will only be in **vain**."

Bianca did not reply. Indeed, Scarlett would have to help herself before she could help her.

A few days later, at T Corporation.

still looking for evidence.

discouraged Bianca from going to work. He was worried that the rumors and gossip in the office might affect her. After all, Bianca was someone with

insisted on going to work. She felt that skipping work at this time would only reinforce the impression that she was

Luke could only agree.

did not expect to be greeted by prejudiced gazes the moment she stepped into the

to Bella spreading the news, the entire T Corporation knew about the

in the design department who were closer to Bianca knew that she was not someone who would

were different with her colleagues from other departments. Bianca's relationship with the CEO was an open secret, and even though she had tried to prove herself multiple times, she could not shake off the impression that she got to where she was because of that man. However, those people dared not say anything because they feared their

and Nina were very protective of Bianca. They did not hesitate to argue with anyone who of them was a pregnant lady, and the other had a fiery temper. They had mercilessly rebuked anyone in the design department who dared to badmouth Bianca. For a while, everyone kept it

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Except on Bianca's first day at work, there were no further rumors about her going around in the company.

She knew that it was all Luke's doing.

Bianca knew that the only thing left for her to do was wait!

She needed to wait for her innocence to be proved!

As usual, Bella Sloan picked on Bianca and ridiculed her from time to time.

However, Bianca was not at all bothered.

She was not a cowardly woman. She used to simply endure it because Ms. Sloan was her boss, so she would avoid her if she could. However, since Bella framed her, Bianca had seen right through her.

The news from Jason Doyle was enough to get Bianca excited.

Everyone had a price.

Jason finally found Mr. Yates after repeated verification.

was a witness who said he saw Bella open a bag with a white teddy bear outside the test venue. He later saw her take some documents out of the

time, because the test was about to take place, he had arrived late and was anxious to enter the test venue. He did not say anything to the examiner because he was nosy and did not want to get into

the test, he found out his grandmother was seriously ill so he went back to his hometown to visit

contacted him and found out that he was an eyewitness. As such, Jason asked for his help to testify for

he found out about Jason's intentions, Mr. Yates, who had identified the woman in the photo, hesitated and said that he needed to take care of his sick grandmother at

he heard that, Jason promised him that as long as he told the truth, he would be paid a lot of money that he could use to treat

for a while before finally agreeing to help prove Bianca's innocence for the sake of treating his seriously ill

Yates was on his way to A City from his hometown. He had agreed to accompany Bianca to the examiner to tell the

in a great mood after seeing this ray of hope. Her bad mood turned calm and eventually turned

same time, Bella was anxious because she received a call from the examiner. He told her that Bianca had found a new witness to prove her innocence, so the examiner asked her to go to the Education Bureau at 3

Bella did not expect Bianca to find a witness so quickly!

She thought that she had been utterly cautious when she stole the documents from her bag. How could anyone have spotted **her**?

She even wondered if the so-called witness had been bought off **by Bianca!**

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She decided that her only choice was to go to Mavis Laviere's office and ask her for a **solution**.

Bella was sweating anxiously as she knocked on the door, saying directly, "Ms. Laviere, Bianca has found a new witness. She wants to accuse me of falsifying statements. What should I do now? Can you *help me*?"

She had not been able to sleep well these past couple of days, so the dark circles under her eyes were particularly noticeable.

From the time that the CEO started to intervene in the incident, Bella knew that things would go badly, but she did not expect it to happen so soon.

Mavis dropped the pen in her hand.

arrogant face looked at Bella as she said sarcastically, "Ms. Sloan, why didn't you think about the consequences before you chose to slander others? You were dumb enough to even get caught by someone. You just can't do anything

her fists tightly and said, "Ms. Laviere, what do you mean? If it wasn't for your instructions, this wouldn't have happened to me! It's not fair that you're shifting all the blame to

tapped on the table, and the corners of her lips were curved into a smile of disdain that only grew wider. "Bella, you started this. What does it have to do with me? Do you have evidence that this matter is related to me?

not expect that Mavis could be so cold-blooded and ruthless. She sneered and replied, "I finally know how wretched your heart is. When I was doing things for you, you promised that you would have my back. However, the moment something goes wrong, you're cleaning your hands off this faster than anyone else... Ms. Laviere, do you really think that you can stay out of it if someone catches me? You're merely dreaming if you really think so! We're in the same boat! If you don't help me, I'll say something that shouldn't be said and confess to being the messenger serving the mastermind behind the scenes. Who knows what

caused Mavis to narrow her gorgeous eyes. She was crumpling the document in her hand. "Ms. Sloan, be careful with your words. What do you mean by we're on the same boat? Mastermind? Please show me the evidence. Otherwise, I'll ask my lawyer to sue

with anger but she knew she had no evidence on hand. The only evidence was the Snapchat that Mavis had sent

the contents disappeared the moment she opened the message. It was so quick that she did not even have time to take a

that she had become Mavis' abandoned pawn, but she was unwilling to go down like

when she tried to figure out what was in Mavis' mind, she learned that Mavis hated Bianca a lot. In order to please her, she schemed against Bianca again and again. She did not expect that after getting exposed by others and landing herself in such a situation, Mavis would be so ruthless. Instead of helping her solve the problem, she ridiculed Bella saying that she

She was dumb!

Chapter 569 Her Fate Was In Bianca's Hands

Mavis stood up calmly and walked toward Bella with her chest puffed.

Bella trembled and did not dare to move. She gritted her teeth and said, "Ms. Laviere, don't go too far! What do you want to do?"

Mavis narrowed her eyes and replied, "Ms. Sloan, it's not what I want, but what you want."

In Mavis' eyes, Bella was nothing more than an obedient puppy.

If the puppy was behaving, she would reward her with snacks. If the puppy went against her wishes, she would give it up without a second thought.

If it were not for the fact that Bella had helped her out a few times, she would not have even bothered befriending her.

Bella yelled, "Mavis, don't think that I'll be afraid of you just because you have something on me! It is what it is now. I'm not afraid of spilling! It's okay for my reputation to be ruined, but Ms. Laviere, what about you?

You're all high and mighty in the company. If I tell the truth, do you think that people would still respect you?" "Oh? What do you want me to do, then?" Mavis raised her eyebrow slightly.

"This happened because of you, so you have to clean up this mess for me. If it weren't for you, I wouldn't have plotted against Bianca. Ms. Laviere, I don't need to lay everything out for you. You're a smart woman, so you should understand what I mean." Bella's mood eased slightly.

did not want to give Mavis an ultimatum as she still had to rely on Mavis to help her get out of this sneered and thought to herself, 'Bella has learned how to threaten

in Bella's ear in her most threatening tone, "Bella, I'm warning you, some things can be said out loud, and some things have to be kept deep inside of you! I have evidence of all of your bad deeds! The worst you'll be charged with for slander is a small fine and you'll be detained for some time. If news about your graft goes out, you'll be in deep trouble! Not to mention that no one in this industry will dare to talk to you again. It's also possible that you'll get to enjoy free prison meals for a few years. Bella, think wisely about the path that you're about to

her back and looked at Mavis in disbelief. She did not expect that Mavis could be

bleakly. Her eyes met Mavis' and she said sarcastically, "Mavis, I now understand why the CEO would choose Bianca, an ordinary woman, rather than you, someone who stayed by his side for ten years. You're selfcentered and selfish! That's why Mr. Crawford doesn't want you! If I were a man, I wouldn't want to be with a scheming bitch like

words pierced Mavis' heart, poking her at her most painful

The wounds were bleeding!

up a random object on her table and threw it at Bella. "Out! Get out of

screamed until her voice

gave Mavis a pitiful look and then walked out without looking back. She slammed the

Mavis angrily swept all the documents on her desk to *the ground!*

Her anger was like a tornado that ruined everything it came across. Her eyes were filled *with spite*.

Bella had reminded her about the cruel reality-Luke did not **love her!**

However, so what if he did not love *her now?*

She had been in love with him for ten years, and Mavis was confident that she could continue to love him. As long as he was not married, she would still have a chance to **get him!**

On the other end.

Luke, Jason, Nina, and the others went to the Education Bureau with *Bianca*.

Mr. Yates and Julie testified for Bianca and the case quickly came to an *end*.

Although Bella tried her best to argue her case, there were two persuasive witnesses and *physical evidence*.

Jason managed to get his hand on the surveillance footage. The video was not entirely clear because the camera was far away and the angle was not great. Despite the blurry video, it was still clear that Bella Sloan had scavenged through Bianca's bag and stole her documents.

decision was sealed with the sound of the

Education Bureau issued an announcement to inform the public of the truth. They restored Bianca's innocence and severely condemned Bella for using improper means to slander others because of personal

was suspected of defamation and was going to be taken away by

breathed a sigh of

police were about to take Bella away, she suddenly rushed to Bianca. She grabbed Bianca's hand and begged her, "Bianca, I'm sorry. I'm so sorry, can you forgive me?

would be ruined if she went

was talking to Julie and Nina. When Bella rushed over, she could not react in time. If Luke had not held her in his arms, she would

alright?" Luke had to make sure that Bianca was

fine." Bianca shook her

shot a sharp look at Bella, his eyes bursting with anger. His voice was as cold as ice as he said, "Bella, what do you think you're

Chapter 570 The End Is Near

Bella knew that Bianca was kind and the CEO was obsessed with her. As long as she could put in a good word for her, then she still had a chance.

Bella had always acted high and mighty in front of Bianca.

She was too proud to beg a woman she once looked down on.

However, she had no choice but to beg Bianca under such circumstances.

Bianca stared at Bella and said coldly, "All this was determined by the Education Bureau. I have no right to interfere."

Bella's makeup was melting from all the crying. She looked extremely miserable as she said, "You can still interfere! As long as you're willing to forgive me and say a few good words in front of the CEO... Bianca, please forgive me. I will be grateful to you for the rest of my life..." "Ms. Sloan, I think you have to wake up to reality. There's solid evidence and witness statements. Nothing I do can change the decision made," Bianca replied calmly.

Besides, even if she could help Bella, she would not do that.

She asked for it!

She would never forgive Bella!

head of the Education Bureau nodded and sneaked a look in Luke's direction. He was thinking about how to deal with this matter so that Luke would

was clear that Luke and Bianca were extremely

if I go to prison, what will happen to my mother? She's having an operation next month. What if there's no one to take care of her? We're both women, why should women embarrass other women? We're

colleagues. Please consider how I've helped you a lot in the workplace. Please, I beg you..." Bella went on and would not give up. She looked humble

no longer her usual proud

no longer stand Bella and started screaming at her, "Ms. Sloan, how dare you?! You've always made things difficult for Bianca in the company. You gave her projects with the heaviest workload and assigned her the worst customers. Is this what you call 'help'? Oh, I suddenly remembered one more thing. Do you remember that time when our company and Vivi Group got into a partnership? It was Bianca's turn to speak when her data on the flash drive was corrupted, resulting in her getting scolded by the chairman of Vivi Group. I'm sure that was your doing

stiffened as her tears flowed. She hurriedly denied it, saying, " No, it wasn't me. It really wasn't me that was blinking too much and her unnatural body movements betrayed

had sharp eyes and noticed the issue at

His eyebrows were tightly furrowed together, and his eyes locked onto Bella. He was onto her.

Nina accused Bella in a righteous tone, "Are you still lying, *Ms. Sloan?*

Before something went wrong with Bianca's flash drive, Ms. Yanis brought everyone from the team and the representatives of Vivi Group to a dinner party. Out of the blue, you told everyone that you had a stomach ache. You told us that you had to go to the bathroom and asked us to leave first. You only showed up half an hour after we started our dinner. The next day, Bianca's flash drive was problematic. It's the same thing as what you did to *Bianca now...*"

Bianca remembered that time when the document she saved in the flash drive had suddenly disappeared without *a trace*.

When she was going through the files then, she happened to have kept the manuscript in the cabinet that was locked with a password. Her quick thinking had successfully resolved the issue back **then**.

Now that she thought about it, it was highly likely that Bella was behind it. What a horrible woman!

Since she joined the company, she had been plotting against her. Bianca had cold chills when she thought about it!

"It wasn't me, it really wasn't me..." Bella dared not look at others, and her pupils kept shifting about.

Luke's expression was the coldest. After all, he was the most insightful one of **them all**.

had been busy with work at that time and Bianca's response was satisfactory, so he did not think too much about it. He merely thought that Bianca had

out that Bella had tried to

amusing, indeed!" Luke said

spoke in a graceful but cold voice, "Mr. Lange, do what you want to

chubby Mr. Lange nodded and bowed. He had a big smile as he said " Mr. Crawford, rest assured, you'll be satisfied with the end

almost drained of her strength. Her tear-stained face was filled with despair as she shook her head and cried out, "CEO, I'm sorry! I shouldn't have framed Ms. Rayne. Please, give me a chance. I'm

Luke and Bianca over and over until her voice went

stood beside Luke. She looked at Bella and ignored her tears. "Ms. Sloan, if an apology could erase all sins, then think of the horrible problems that would arise in this world! When you slandered me, did you think of what would happen to me? Just because of some personal grievances, you have repeatedly targeted me and framed me, just to ruin my reputation. You're not worthy of my sympathy! It's impossible for me to forgive you! It's no use to keep begging me. The law is the law. You're wasting your kind, but she was not kind enough to forgive those who harmed her as if nothing had