

Be Gentle 571

Chapter 571 Dinner Tastes Better Because of You

Bianca was in a great mood because justice was on her side and all charges against her were dropped.

She decided to cook dinner for Luke to celebrate.

'Til help you. You shouldn't do it alone." Luke wanted to help wash the vegetables.

However, Bianca ushered him to the study as she said, "Go get some work done. I can manage in the kitchen. Granny Florence will help. Don't get in the way."

She knew that Luke had a lot of work backlogged because he had taken a day off to spend time with her.

Although she was with child, Bianca was still physically active and capable. Besides, there was a caretaker to help her out, so there was no need for so many people to be in the kitchen.

Luke was shoved into the study by Bianca. He shook his head helplessly as if he was abandoned...

Bianca changed into comfortable maternity home clothes and started cooking. Granny Florence was right beside her helping out.

Luke was not a fan of drinking milk but loved milk jelly.

Bianca poured two cups of fresh milk into the pot and heated it for a few minutes, then poured in the white marshmallows and stirred gently with a spoon.

She waited for the marshmallows to melt before she poured the mixture into a large porcelain container. Then, she cut the fruits of various colors into cubes and added them to the container.

After that, she put it in the refrigerator to chill.

Luke had a sweet tooth, so Bianca added a lot of sugar.

the milk jelly in the refrigerator, she made several other special dishes, including braised fish, cola chicken wings, and fried

40 minutes, a delicious and nutritious dinner

where did you learn to cook? It's amazing!" The caretaker looked at Bianca's dishes

that Bianca's food tasted good, but she did not expect that her plating skills were on par with her cooking. The colors were eye-catching but well-balanced, and the foods were plated gracefully. It was the full package, something that she would only expect to see in a

modestly and said, "Thank you for your kind words, I still have a lot to learn when it comes to cooking. Sometimes when I want to make a dish, I do my research online and read up on

Florence was amazed. When she started to learn cooking with a professional chef, it had taken her more than a year to learn to cook like Bianca. This just proved that Bianca's skills were far superior as all she did was study recipes online. Bianca was naturally talented, and Granny Florence was ashamed to compare herself

was done cooking, the caretaker brought the meal to the dining table. Bianca went to the study to tell Luke that dinner was

no one in

heard the sound of running water in

guessed that Luke was in the shower. She knocked on the bathroom door and said, "Luke, dinner is sound of running water

door was opened and Bianca was embraced into Luke's

blushed when she saw Luke naked, especially when she looked at his... Bianca said, "What are you was hot and red from

"*Baby*, I want you..." Luke kissed her on the lips and started to touch her all over.

Bianca shook her head and said, "No, dinner is ready. It's... Uh... Not the best timing..."

In the end, she gave in to *him*.

They had not gone all the way in a while due to her **pregnancy**.

She knew that Luke had been controlling his urges by showering in cold water these days.

Bianca loved Luke and was willing to please him through other *means*.

The caretaker knew better than to bother the couple after they did not show up **for dinner**.

When the two reappeared, it was already an hour **later**.

Bianca kept her head down the *entire dinner*.

She ate without saying anything, but her face was scorching hot.

Her hands were especially sore.

Bianca thought of where her hands were an hour ago and how she was using those same hands to hold her cutlery. Even after washing her hands several times, she still felt **icky**.

On the other hand, Luke was enjoying dinner and would look at her with contented eyes from time to time, which made her even more **embarrassed**.

the two went to rest in their independent private space where the caretaker would not

Bianca on his knees and covered her abdomen with his big hand, as if he was comforting the baby. He then domineeringly kissed her lips

was almost out of breath from

Eventually, Luke let go of her.

licked her lips and praised her, "Tastes good, very

Bianca's face turned redder.

cheekily said, "I'm talking about the dinner

Bianca was speechless.

could not help but smile. He squeezed her tender cheek and said, "Dinner tasted better because
was as red as

talked to her, his voice was low and sultry. It was impossible for her to not fall hard

Bianca's phone suddenly rang.

looked for her phone and noticed that it was on the coffee table. He reached for it with his

Wanda was calling, he handed Bianca the phone and said, "It's Aunt

Chapter 572 Bianca Bumped Into Queenie In The Hospital, Blood Test To Be Done...

In a blink of an eye, it was Saturday.

Saturday was when Wanda and Bianca had agreed to meet in the hospital.

Luke had something to attend to and could not accompany Bianca to the hospital, so he asked Zander to
drive Bianca to the hospital instead.

Luke instructed Bianca to take pictures of the report and send it to him when the check-up was
completed.

As soon as she arrived at the hospital, Bianca received a call from her aunt, saying that she was in
Building 6, Room 606.

Wanda told her to go to the specialist's outpatient room.

Bianca walked toward Building 6 but when she got to the front lawn of the hospital, she saw Queenie
Zeigler dressed in a business suit.

Queenie was clutching her chest with a frown as she hurried to the outpatient room.

Queenie did not notice her and disappeared around the corner in a blink of an eye.

Bianca wanted to say hello to her but it was too late.

Bianca frowned and was worried about Mrs. Norman. Was she sick? Why was there no one
accompanying her?

For some reason, everytime she saw Queenie, Bianca would feel an unspeakable affection for her.

However, she was Leia's mother.

Queenie had persuaded her to leave Luke before, Bianca still held the same affection

The feeling she had was inexplicable.

her head and continued to walk toward

walking for about five or six minutes, Bianca arrived at the room that her aunt had told her

knocked on the door and went

Zander waited in the corridor.

female doctor with glasses who looked like she was in her 40s or 50s was examining Wanda's

Wanda, your situation is not optimistic. I think it is necessary to go for surgery. Delaying it will only make it worse," the doctor said in a serious tone. When she looked at Wanda, she had a pained

was gloomy. She touched her chest with tears in her

noticed Bianca coming in, she hid the grief in her heart and waved to her niece. Wanda put on a smile and introduced Bianca to Dr. Lake, "This is my niece, Bianca. I've mentioned her to you before. Please do a thorough check-up on her. I'm really worried that she'll have to go through what I

introduced Dr. Lake to Bianca, "Bea, this is Dr. Kirby Lake. She's a postdoctoral fellow from the University of Tokyo. She's currently a doctoral supervisor in the Department of Medicine at Harvard, majoring in breast cancer. She's an expert in the field. I feel assured that she's the one doing a check-up

Dr. Lake was a mature woman who looked plain compared **to Wanda.**

However, Bianca could tell that Dr. Lake was well-established in her field.

Bianca greeted the doctor politely, "Nice to meet you, Dr. *Lake.*"

Dr. Lake liked Bianca who was polite and well-behaved.

She could not help but observe Bianca. She jokingly said to Wanda, "Wanda, I didn't expect your niece to be so beautiful. How could you have hidden her from me? We could've been in-laws if my son had dated your niece. You should've introduced us earlier!" "Come on, your son is far away in Japan and is only in the country several times a year. I can't bear to send my niece so far away. Women who move to other countries with their partners have to start their lives in a foreign land with no one familiar to support them when they need it. I would prefer if Bea stayed in the country," Wanda replied with a light *sigh*.

Dr. Lake patted Wanda on the shoulder and knew that she was in a dark place. She immediately said domineeringly, "I was kidding! Wanda, don't let the negative emotions control you, **okay?**"

Bianca could see that although her aunt and Dr. Lake seemed like they were quarreling, they **were close.**

"Dr. Lake, how's my aunt doing?" she asked worriedly.

When she walked in, she thought she had heard Dr. Lake say that her aunt's condition was getting worse.

However, to her, Aunt Wanda always looked happy and *healthy*.

Sometimes, she even forgot that her aunt was a cancer patient.

"*Your* aunt, she..." A cloud of sadness appeared on Dr. Lake's face.

about to tell Bianca the truth but Wanda cut her off. "I'm in good health. I just need to take medicine every day. Kirby, please go ahead with Bea's

Lake immediately regained her professionalism and went on to ask Bianca

to Bianca while taking notes on her laptop. She appeared responsible and

Dr. Lake carefully inspected Bianca's breasts with her hands but did not find anything resembling a

and said, "Wanda, your niece's breasts have no lumps. She's

felt uneasy and insisted, "Can we do a B-Scan for Bea? I just want to be

asked hesitantly, 'Dr. Lake, I'm pregnant. I just want to make sure that the ultrasound will not affect

smiled and said, "Relax, ultrasound is not radioactive and has no effect on your fetus. It's possible to do a B-Scan

relieved and proceeded with

results showed that Bianca was

Lake did several other tests and they all showed good

suggested that Bianca up her glucose intake after she found out that she was 22 weeks pregnant and go for blood tests to screen for gestational diabetes as

Chapter 573 How Could Bianca Be Type O Blood?

Bianca glanced at Queenie after hearing what the nurse said. She smiled and explained, "You got it wrong. She's Mrs. Norman. We're not mother and daughter..."

The young nurse pulled the needle out of Queenie's arm and said somewhat awkwardly, "Oh, sorry, but you look so similar I mistook you for mother and daughter..."

Bianca smiled and thought nothing of it.

However, Queenie, who was beside her, became stiff.

She glanced meaningfully at Bianca and wondered why people who met her and Bianca for the first time all mistook them for a pair of mother and daughter.

'Shakira said this when she first met Bianca. Even the young nurse who's drawing the blood said the same.

'Could we really be mother and daughter?'

A bold guess came to Queenie's mind.

However, she quickly shook her head in denial. 1

Many people looked alike in this world. How could they have mistaken them as mother and daughter just because they were similar in appearance?

If they followed this fallacy, with so many similar-looking people in the entertainment industry, could they all be fathers and sons, or mothers and daughters?

finished having her

the needle wound with a cotton swab and asked Queenie considerably, "Mrs. Norman, are

her head and said gently, "It's nothing serious. It's just that I've been feeling dizzy lately, so I came to the hospital to get it checked. What's wrong with

to her belly and replied, "I'm 22 weeks pregnant, and the doctor suggested I come in for a gestational diabetes

looked at Bianca's belly with a complicated gaze, knowing that she was carrying her and

She still felt a little uneasy.

all, when Luke was with Leia, he had promised her that he was done with Bianca, but she did not expect him to have an on-again, off-again relationship with Bianca while dating

was more like they had never been

unknown reasons, he had chosen to keep it

knew that Leia was in love with him and deeply obsessed with him. However, the man had no feelings for her daughter and merely pretended to be affectionate with her. They even got engaged, but he eventually broke off the engagement in public, completely unaware of the damage his behavior had caused

always approved of Luke, but this was his only flaw that remained to be a thorn in her

thought of the damage the couple had caused her daughter, Queenie's gentle attitude suddenly turned a little cold. "Ms. Rayne, since you and Luke love each other, cherish your relationship. It's not easy for two people to be together. Cherish it. Even if you have any arguments in the future, don't use the pretext of breaking up to win other people's trust again. After all, not every woman is so strong. Leia is still at home recuperating from the emotional shock she got from

Queenie meant something else. She was accusing Luke of cheating on Leia and causing Leia to *go insane*.

Bianca understood Queenie's love for her daughter as a mother, but she disagreed with what Queenie said.

She explained with a bitter smile, Mrs. Norman, I wonder if you've misunderstood something? You've only seen the surface of some things. I don't think you would say the same if you knew the truth. Excuse me for saying what I shouldn't. Do you really know your daughter, *Mrs. Norman*?

Do you know what kind of role she played between Luke and me? Do you have any idea who was responsible for **all this**?"

Queenie was somewhat speechless with the barrage **of questions**.

She naturally knew what Leia had for Luke was *unrequited love*.

She had tried to persuade Leia more than once that she should learn to let go, but the child was adamant and did not listen to **her advice**.

Thinking of Luke's sudden change of attitude toward Leia, Queenie narrowed her eyes.

She knew Luke's character. If the man did not want to do something, even coercion and persuasion were useless. 'That can only mean one thing... Did Leia really do something to **separate them**?

'No way!'

Queenie, who was eager to protect her daughter, immediately denied the idea. Leia was an obedient and simple child to her.

Queenie stared straight at Bianca and said, "Ms. Rayne, I don't know what you're talking about. I've raised Leia for over a decade. I'm her mother, so I know her better than you. Leia's innocent in this. Either way, you and Luke owe her an apology."

threw the blood-stained swab into the trash can and got up from the chair. "I'm sorry, Mrs. Norman. Although Luke and I were wrong to have deceived Leia, the crime and responsibility aren't on us. You should go back and ask your daughter Leia what despicable tactics she used to threaten me to break up with Luke... Also, I will never apologize to Leia because she deserved what she

Bianca gave Queenie a meaningful glance and went to Wanda who was in the

looked at Bianca's beautiful figure and pressed her lips together in

pregnant Bianca still looked graceful and slim

a trance, Queenie seemed to see her younger

then, Shakira had kept complaining to her, "Queen, we got pregnant almost at the same time but I have a waist as thick as a bucket while your waist is still so small. You look just like a young girl from behind. It's

dizzy again for a

rubbed her temples and decided not to think about the vexing question

not mentally well now. She needed to finish her procedures at the hospital as soon as possible and go home to take care of

an hour later, the results of Bianca's various blood tests

scanned through them carefully and said with a smile, "Wanda, your niece is doing fine. Everything is within normal

felt a little relieved. She patted her chest, and her eyes were a little red. "That's good. Bea being healthy is more important

Chapter 574 Whose Child Is She?

With mixed feelings, Wanda grabbed Bianca's blood test report and read it several times.

When she saw Bianca's blood type clearly labeled 'type O', her hand shook a little as she clutched the paper.

"Aunt Wanda, are you okay? Is there a problem?" Bianca sensed something was wrong with Wanda and walked up to read the report with her a little nervously.

"No... Nothing..." Wanda tried hard to control her emotions. "Kirby, the hospital's blood tests can't be wrong, can they?"

Kirby irritably rolled her eyes at Wanda as she rearranged the medical records on her desk. She said rather proudly, "Wanda, our hospital has never had a single medical error."

Wanda closed her eyes and tried to remember the incident more than 20 years ago.

More than 20 years ago, she was studying in Japan to pursue her dream.

As she knew her family was poor, aside from attending classes, she also did odd jobs to earn her tuition fees and living expenses.

One day, she received a letter from her elder brother when she was in school, saying that he had met a stunning and fashionable woman.

He said her name was Lily.

Her brother said Lily was elegant and charming, and his praises for Lily took up half of the letter.

Her brother said that he thought a dreamboat like Lily was only someone he could look at from a distance. Unexpectedly, she made advances to a silly boy like him and offered to be his girlfriend.

Kevin said he felt like he was going to faint from happiness!

letter, he talked about all kinds of trifles in his and Lily's

could feel her brother's deep love for Lily through the

brother said Lily was great in everything, but she was a big spender. He had to work very hard to earn money to

said he cooked, baked, and peeled fruits for Lily. He would go shopping with her as well. He would also massage and wash her feet. As long as Lily was happy, he was willing to do

Wanda thought her brother was possessed.

sensed that her brother was pampering that woman with no regard for anything

heard of that woman doing anything for her

though she had never met Lily, Wanda did not like her first impression

that Lily was too selfish. She was all about enjoyment and did not know how to give back after only

even wondered if Lily was with her brother for other motives. Was she only after her brother's

brother had also mentioned a small detail in the letter, which Wanda remembered very day, Lily got into a car accident when she went shopping. The car accident was so serious that she almost died on the spot. Her distraught brother then rushed Lily to

doctor said a blood transfusion was necessary, but Lily had type AB bank had run out of type O blood and type AB blood was also in short

Seeing Lily was about to bleed to death, Kevin shamelessly kneeled and begged the doctor to draw his blood to give to her.

The doctor scolded him for fooling around at first, but after checking his blood type, he realized he and Lily had the same blood type, so he drew his blood and gave it to Lily.

Her brother said happily in the letter that it was fortunate he had the same blood type as Lily. Otherwise, he might have lost the woman he loved.

At the end of the letter, Kevin said Lily was the woman he loved most. He was going to marry Lily, and he asked if she could come back for their wedding. **2**

Wanda really wanted to go back.

Alone in a foreign country, Wanda would feel homesick whenever night came and was overwhelmed by all kinds of pressure.

She missed her father and brother and wanted to return home more **than ever**.

However, she had no money at that time. She did not even have the money to buy a plane ticket, and she was busy with exams that threatened to send her back to her home country if she failed, which was not what she *wanted*.

Therefore, Wanda remitted all the money she had saved from doing odd jobs to her brother as a token of love.

Wanda thought it would not matter if she went to meet her sister-in-law after she finished her studies **here**.

She even planned to bring them lots of *presents*.

Then, Wanda received another letter from Kevin with only a few simple words.

Her brother told her that Lily was pregnant and she was going to be an aunt. However, Lily had suddenly disappeared.

mad as he looked for her everywhere but it was to

wanted to scold Lily for fooling around. Why was the woman so restless when she was already

wrote back to her brother and comforted him by saying that everything would take its course and that he should not be too sad. What was his would always come back, and he could not force what was

brother wrote to

letter, her brother said Lily had suddenly returned with their daughter, and he was going insane after Lily left their daughter with him, she suddenly became arrogant and bad-tempered. She even forced him to sign a

caused her brother to have

did not want a divorce at all. He even cried and begged her on his knees not to leave him and their

Lily forced him to sign the divorce agreement by threatening him with her

eventually relented and signed the divorce agreement. Then, the woman vanished without a trace

afraid that her brother would do something stupid, so she hurried back home. The first thing she saw when she returned to the Rayne family was a glassy-eyed

doll-like baby girl he held in his arms was her

first sight, the adorable child melted Wanda's

was the start of her love for her niece and it had been more than 20 years

Chapter 575 Found Out About The Delivery!

Over on the other side.

Leia was sleeping amid a pile of stuffed dolls in the cozily decorated room, her body kicking and thrashing in various contorted positions.

"Ah! Snakes! Help!"

Her eyes instantly opened, her pupils wide and filled with horror.

She dreamed of countless snakes coiling around her neck, choking her. Some of them opened their mouths to tear her to pieces!

The maid, who was cleaning, heard Leia's screams. She immediately put down the vacuum cleaner, wanting to run to Leia's room to check on her.

However, a figure in high heels dashed straight into Leia's room faster than her!

Queenie unlocked the door from the outside and took Leia, who was in bed, into her arms. "Leia, did you have another nightmare? Mom's here. Good girl, don't be afraid..."

Leia nestled in Queenie's arms. "Mom, I'm so scared. Now that my career and reputation are gone, I'm even afraid to go outside. Is my life over?"

Queenie wiped her tears with a broken heart and gently chided her, "Nonsense. How could my daughter's life be over? You're still young. You have plenty more chances to strive. At worst, you just have to start from scratch. It's alright not to have a career in the entertainment industry. It's so tiring to film every day. You can follow me to the company to learn business once you've recovered."

Leia sobbed. "Mom, I love acting,"

was distraught by Leia's tears. She repeatedly said to appease her, "Okay, whatever you say. If you like to be in showbiz and enjoy acting, I'll let you

into tears. "Mom, you're so nice to me. Will you always be so nice to me? Will you forgive me for what I've done? Will you abandon me like how my birth parents

face was so thin from her illness, and her big eyes were filled with tears as she

Queenie's heart instantly ached and softened.

looked at her daughter with pity and dotingly touched her nose. "What silly things are you saying? I promise I won't abandon you. I'll forgive you and treat you as well as I do now. You are my precious daughter, after

not see the glimmering green light under Leia's blanket as she said these

there was a small delicate

with satisfaction and played with the recorder in her hand under the blanket. A curve appeared on the corners of her

suggested, "Leia, curling up at home all day isn't healthy

Aunt Neile invited us to the golf course. I'll take you with me." "But I don't want to go out. People must be laughing at me..." Leia huddled under the blanket like an

Queenie persisted in pulling her out of bed. "Who dares criticize you when I'm around? No one has the right to comment on my daughter! Aunt Neile hasn't seen you in ages, and she'd love to see you. There are a lot of young people like you at the golf course too. Making new friends will not only broaden your social circle but it'll also help make you feel better." "Alright, anything you say." Leia prepared to get up when she heard that.

Those who had access to the golf course were either rich or noble. It would be good for her to make more friends.

She had to make plans for *her future*.

After all, her adoptive parents already knew that their biological daughter *was alive*.

If the true heiress was brought back to the Norman family one day, would she have a place **here?**

The golf course.

It was the weekend today, so the golf course was particularly *bustling*.

There were refined officials, graceful madams, and of course, charming heirs and beautiful elegant heiresses at the golf **course**.

A golf ball flew over the sandpit in a beautiful parabola, rolling steadily on the grass and precisely into the hole.

Perfect golf skills.

Shakira could not help applauding. "Queen, you're *amazing!*"

dressed in a simple short-sleeved sweatshirt and white sweatpants. Her hair was tied up in a long ponytail, which peeped out from the back of her baseball cap and swayed in the

shed her corporate sophistication, looking youthful and

she stood next to Leia, they looked nothing like mother and daughter but sisters

good game!" "Mrs. Norman, your skills are such an eye-opener..." "How long did you train to get such good skills? Mrs. Norman, can you share some of

other graceful madams gathered around Queenie, praising her profusely to

looked at these rich madams with a half-smile and an indifferent but elegant expression. Her gaze fell on Leia who was quietly holding the club without saying a

obediently walked up to her and said sweetly, "Mom, you played so

touched her head. "Leia, I'll teach you how

woman ingratiatingly came up to

to a handsome young man in a black T-shirt on the golf course, she said, "Mrs. Norman, you needn't teach Ms. Norman to play. My son's a pretty good player. Why don't we let him teach Ms.

knew Mrs. Norman's daughter was now

Chapter 576 Tampered With It!

Queenie jumped off her seat like a spring.

She looked at Shakira. Her expression changed, and she asked excitedly, "Is... Is that true? But why didn't 01' Norman and I find anything useful when we looked into it?"

Shakira poured Queenie a glass of water and asked her to sit down.

She speculated, "Did someone delete Vyen's profile because they didn't want you to find anything out? It must be that Allison woman... My husband works at customs, so I pulled some strings and checked Vyen's recent immigration records. She has been living abroad for more than 20 years and is now a naturalized foreign citizen. I heard she came back to A City to visit her relatives."novelxo

Queenie muttered, "Vyen went abroad more than 20 years ago? Shakira, is Vyen still in A City? I want to go look for her now!"

As she spoke, Queenie grabbed her car keys, dragged Shakira along, and was about to hurry out.

Shakira stopped her in time and advised petulantly, "Queen, are you out of your mind? Vyen has already left A City! Besides, even if she were still here, will she own up to the bad things she did if you just go to her like this?

You'll not only alarm the enemy but ruin everything I've worked so hard to investigate."

Queenie had always been smarter and more rational than she was now, but she was impulsive and irrational when it came to her biological daughter.

Queenie, who had been full of strength, suddenly looked like a deflated balloon now.

She resignedly sat back in her seat. "Shakira, you're right. We have to give it further thought. We'll find out what happened back then once we find Vyen and get her to tell the truth. I just don't know how my poor daughter has been doing all these years..."

not help but cover her face. The pain in her eyes was

all right if her daughter was leading a

if her daughter had her limbs forcibly broken and was miserably reduced to being a filthy beggar on the streets, as was often the case with children abducted by human traffickers, she would never feel

kept reassuring her, saying, "Queen, we'll take things one step at a time to find your daughter. Don't panic. You've waited for more than 20 years anyway. What does it matter to wait a few more days? There's no information on Vyen's family. The woman must have tampered with it. Otherwise, why can't we find anything about her family? It proves that there's something wrong with that woman. I'm sure your daughter's alive. Let's take our time, and we'll find out the truth eventually." "Yeah." Queenie calmed down her overwhelming emotions after hearing what she said. Her gentle eyes instantly twinkled with a hint of perseverance. "I believe I'll find my biological daughter soon!" "You will." Shakira patted her hands, feeling as determined as

T Corporation.

successfully cleared her name from the

she returned to work, everyone looked at her

had so easily cleared her name and even got rid of Ms. Sloan. Everyone knew she was not an ordinary

She had the boss backing her.

Bella got fired, Ms. Laviere called a meeting with the employees of the Architectural Design Department to officially appoint Tom as the

of the Design Department celebrated the happy occasion with

In particular, Bianca and Nina were very happy for Tom. Tom had a good character and great working ability. Everyone was convinced of his competence to take up the design manager *post*.

Bianca said sincerely to Tom, "Congratulations on your promotion, Mr. Lewis. I hope the Architectural Design Department will get better and better under **your leadership**."

"Thank you. Just call me Tom. What's with the mister?" Tom's face turned red. **1**

Nina said mischievously, Mr. Lewis, you'll be much busier with your work now. You gotta work hard. We're very optimistic about you!"

Sue looked somewhat upset.

If it were not for her pregnancy, she might have had a chance to compete with Tom for *the position*.

However, after touching her stomach, she gave an inaudible sigh and said jokingly, "Hey, I could have gotten the manager position if it hadn't been for my pregnancy. Mr. Lewis, don't you think you got it **easy?**"

Tom smiled kindly and said very humbly, "Yes, thank you for letting me have it, Sue. To be honest, Sue surpasses me in both seniority and ability. I was just lucky. Otherwise, I wouldn't have been able to get the **manager post**."

Bianca put her arm around Sue's shoulder and consoled her with a smile. "Sue, though you didn't get promoted, you'll be giving birth to a lovely baby soon." i "I agree!" Nina immediately gave a **thumbs up**.

When Sue heard Bianca say that, she instantly smiled. "That seems to be **true!**"

Everyone laughed, and the office was filled *with joy*.

Bianca and Nina teased Sue a little more. Soon, they all went back to their respective seats and got back to work.

a busy afternoon in

nearly time to leave work when she got a notification from

to unlock her phone and logged into Facebook. She saw a friend request, and that person had sent her Melody, a former high school classmate.

might know this person, Bianca chose to accept the

as she accepted the Facebook friend request, a message

I'm Melody Lerche from Year 3 Class 1. Long time no see. Our class is having a reunion tomorrow night. Would you like

Melody who sent Bianca

Bianca remembered her.

always had an air of superiority because she had good looks and was a member of the

be honest, Nina was the only classmate Bianca was close to in high

Chapter 577 A Pushover? I'm Afraid They're Going To Be Disappointed!

Bianca thought about it for a while and eventually replied.

Bianca: [I'll see how it goes. I'll try to make time for it.]

She wanted to see what Melody was up to.

It took a long time before Melody replied with a cheeky smile emoji.

Melody: [I look forward to seeing you, Ms. Rayne. Many of our classmates are eager to see you again! We're holding the gathering in Endless Night. I'll send you the address.]

Then, Melody sent Bianca an address and a private room number.

Bored, Bianca leaned over her desk with her phone in her hand.

She did not think her classmates were looking forward to meeting her like what Melody said. After all, other than getting good grades, she was a dull person to be around back in school. She had even suffered the same high school emotional abuse she suffered in junior high because of her unlikeable personality.

Melody was considered one of the instigators of her emotional abuse.

Bianca cupped her cheeks with her hands and continued to wonder. 'Do those classmates who bullied me before still think I'm a pushover and want to embarrass me?' novelxo

In that case, I'm afraid they're going to be disappointed!'

Bianca told Luke that she was going to the class reunion.

Luke thought Bianca was too much of a shut-in. Except for going to work, she only stayed at home and did not even bother to go shopping. He thought it would be good for her to expand her social circle and nodded in agreement.

He was going to Endless Night tomorrow night to attend a dinner party too. It was just a different private room from hers.

not be caged all the time like birds, but Luke was worried about letting Bianca out, so he asked Nina to accompany her to the

evening, Bianca and Nina arrived at Endless Night

Night was one of the top luxury clubs in A City, known for its

told the waitress the private room number and she enthusiastically led

they were about to reach the private room, Bianca saw a young woman with big wavy curls a distance away. She seemed to be waiting

woman with exquisite makeup saw Bianca, her eyes suddenly narrowed

held her hand high and greeted Bianca warmly, "Hi, Bianca. Do you still

woman had deep double eyelids and was wearing exaggerated contact

had a good memory, but she did not seem to remember anyone like

look of confusion, the woman tugged her red lips and said with a smile, "Have you forgotten me? I'm

hard to recall, and when she heard her saying that she was Melody, she began to remember. "Oh... It's you, Melody. You look quite different from before. I'm sorry, you've changed so much that I didn't recognize you for a

smile instantly froze on her

indeed changed a lot and it was because she had undergone

at Bianca's still beautiful and gentle face, Melody felt slightly depressed and
Bianca doesn't remember me?

'Then what's the point of holding this class *reunion*?'

Back then, she and Bianca had been the most popular candidates in a homecoming queen voting contest organized by the *students*.

Melody had a group of close friends. She even spent a lot of money to buy votes but still lost to Bianca with more than 100 votes. Bianca, that nobody, won the title in the *end*!

It was disgusting to think about it!

Those boys who voted seemed to be blind. They preferred to be fooled by Bianca's pretty and goody **two-shoes appearance**!

At that time, she led a group of people to the classroom to settle scores with Bianca and asked her to give the title of homecoming queen to her!

After hearing what she came for, Bianca only rubbed her tired eyes and drawled, "Homecoming queen contest? Sorry, I'm not interested. Whoever wants the title can have it. Please make way, Ms. Lerche. I want to read..."

That scene had become a shameful secret in *Melody's heart*!

Melody did not expect to be able to get Bianca to attend the **gathering**.

She thought Bianca was timid and afraid of *meeting people*!

Therefore, she naturally attended with her rich boyfriend to make a fool **of Bianca**.

However, when Melody's gaze fell on Bianca's baby bump, there was a flash of disbelief on her face. "Bianca, are you preg-pregnant? How far along are *you*?" *i*

Bianca replied indifferently, "I'm a mother now. This is my second **pregnancy**."

twinkled a little as she looked even

gaze instantly fell on the neat short-haired Nina. "Is she from

1 too? She seems familiar, but I'm

Bianca's arm, Nina told Melody off, "A busy person like you is always so forgetful. I'm Nina Langdon. I always sat in the back, remember? We used to quarrel a lot about handing in our homework." "Oh, oh. It's you, Nina. You had long hair when you were in school. I can't recognize you anymore after you cut

smiled awkwardly as her gaze once again fell on

more and more beautiful under

she was pregnant, she was not at all bloated like ordinary pregnant women. Instead, she was indescribably gentle and

had a big smile on her face, but her eyes were getting a
Bianca into the private room. It was huge with about 30 people
fell on the three women when
particular, Bianca caught the most
glanced around. What surprised her the most was that Melissa and Xavier were
Year 3 Class 1's
are there other people around

Chapter 578 Their Imaginations Ran Wild

Melody hugged the elbow of her rich boyfriend and deliberately acted lovey -dovey in front of Bianca.
"Bianca, let me introduce you to my fiance. His name is Saul Blatt, the heir to Blatt Corporation. Saulie,
this is Bianca Rayne, my classmate from Year 3 Class 1."

Melody deliberately spoke loudly when she explained Saul's status!

Her words instantly attracted the attention of the people around her, which was what she wanted.

That was the famous Blatt Corporation!

They were not as powerful as the four great family corporations of A City, but Blatt Corporation was
considered one of the top ten corporations in A City.

Saul had a well-built body and a square face. He looked wealthy, and his gaze carried a lecherous glint.
His eyes would sparkle whenever he saw any woman with decent body curves, which did not make
people think highly of him.

Bianca did not want to be too acquainted with him, though she smiled at Saul out of courtesy. "Nice to
meet you, Mr. Blatt." "It's my pleasure to meet you, Ms. Rayne." Saul looked at Bianca's smile in
amazement and could not look away.

He even forgot about the fact that Bianca was pregnant. novelxo

Before the gathering, Saul had heard her girlfriend say that Bianca had snatched the title of
homecoming queen from her using unscrupulous means. Melody also said that Bianca was a plain-
looking woman, but she worked at a nightclub and was a seductress.

He did not think too highly of Bianca then. After all, he had seen his fair share of seductresses.

However, when he finally met the real Bianca, he realized that his assessment was premature.nvëlx.o

woman's eyes were as charming as a cat's, and her gaze was pure. Not only was she beautiful, but she
carried herself like no other woman could. Melody was no match for Bianca's

glance, Saul desired to get that woman on

was unpleasant when she saw her boyfriend looking at Bianca like

thought for a while and pretended to mention casually, "Bianca, half a year ago, I had a gathering with my friends at Club Virgo, and I thought I saw someone who looked like you peddling adult goods there. Some men even forcefully hugged her... Don't tell me that the woman is

room fell silent after Melody said

was a well-known nightclub in A City. Everyone who could afford to go there was either wealthy or everyone knew that a woman who worked in a nightclub was either loose

men's imagination ran wild after hearing Melody's statement that Bianca went to peddle adult goods

might only be a salesperson there, but how many women who went to work in a nightclub could say that they did not have

that fell on Bianca were filled with mockery, condescension, and

furious. At that moment, she even felt like slapping

She realized that Melody's intention of inviting Bianca to the gathering was to humiliate *her!*

That scheming woman deserved to be taught a *lesson!*

Meanwhile, in a VIP private room in Endless Night.

The lights were dim, and a thick smell of smoke and alcohol permeated the air. The entire space was filled with *booming music*.

Several dozen men and women were sitting together. Some were making out, some were chatting with each other, some were playing drinking games, and some were singing on top of their lungs.

Luke sat alone on the couch, **smoking silently**.

The man's cold and gentlemanly attitude was a mismatch with his *chaotic surroundings*.

However, that did not diminish the women's interest in **him**.

"**Mr. Crawford...**" A sexy woman said in a coy voice as she writhed closer to **Luke**.

Her soft hand hugged his neck, preparing to bring herself onto his sturdy *leg*.

Luke reached out and forcefully brought the woman's face to view.

He grimaced as he looked at the face with thick make-up. "*Get lost!*"

He tossed that disgusting woman away!

did not show any mercy at

was about to cry from

sheepishly got up to her feet, then hid herself in

women saw that and dared not approach him, even though they were still interested

at his watch. It was getting late. Such business engagements bored
of the faces in the room were familiar to him, while others were new
were obscured by cigarette smoke. It was like the scene of
he was single, he used to indulge in such
after Bianca, all he wanted to do after he went off work was to go
man in a business suit walked up next to Luke and carefully asked him, "She's not your type, Mr.
Crawford? Tell me what you like and I'll find a few for you. How

Chapter 579 In Her Anger, She Was At A Loss For Words!

On the luxurious couch in the private room.

Jim hugged the woman on his lap more tightly and landed a heavy kiss on her red lips. "Lulu dear, you
really know how to make me happy!"

He took out a thick stack of cash from his wallet.

Then, he stuffed the cash into Lulu's wide-open neckline. "Those look like the real deal." "You're so
naughty, Mr. Holston!" Lulu pretended to be shy and playfully punched Jim's chest.

She looked smugly at the other women, who were looking at her enviously.

Sitting opposite Luke was Percy, who was playing a dice game with an indifferent expression on his face,
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The other player was a handsome gentleman.

The people looked at Luke, then at the grim-faced Percy.

They knew that Luke was not interested in other women because he was a prude and a clean freak.

Meanwhile, Percy's reasons seemed to be queer in comparison.

His sexual orientation had long been a topic of discussion. There were even rumors that he was gay and
that he harbored all types of handsome men in his house. Of course, those rumors were purely
speculative.

Young Master Mallory was the lord of A City's criminal underworld. The sight of him alone could make
children cry.novelxo

one dared to discuss that when he

noticed that Luke was checking his watch repeatedly. He lifted his wine glass and said, "If you miss the
mother of your children that much, why didn't you bring her

his wine glass and drank its contents. "She is also in Endless Night," he

of eyes fell on him as soon as

you've been checking your watch." Percy

tried to instigate him. "If Sis is here, why not get her to join in the
Luke stood up from the couch.

"Are you leaving?" Percy said.

want to meet your Sis? I'll bring her here." Luke opened the door and
not want to drink, and so he left the room

people sighed. Luke's dependence on his wife looked like

Meanwhile, in the other private room.

was angry at Melody's lies about

Melissa was already a despicable individual who had butted heads with Bianca on more than one
occasion. Her sister was equally as despicable!

No wonder the two of them are family!

Nina was about to say something, but Bianca gently tugged her and stopped her.

Then, Bianca smiled gently and said, "You weren't mistaken. Indeed, I was peddling adult goods at the
nightclub **that day...**"

She was not lying. That night, she was introducing contraceptive products to Luke in that *nightclub*.

However, she was not familiar with Luke **back then**.

She blushed whenever she thought how Luke had deliberately pranked **her**.

However, that was a story in the **distant past**.

A smug smile appeared on Melody's **plastic face**.

Bianca knew very well Melody's intention of inviting her to the **gathering**.

Melody wanted to humiliate her.

The biggest grudge between them was that Bianca had snatched Melody's title of *homecoming queen*.

honest, she did not know that she was part of

not expect that Bianca had so readily admitted that the woman she saw in the nightclub

that, but Bianca was smiling when she admitted to it. Did she not have a sense of

That was outrageous!

had a sweet and animated smile on her face, which was a fine addition to her delicate facial

classmates sitting next to her

the immature girl back in high school, the current Bianca was more charming and

could not keep her mouth shut any longer. "Sis, didn't I tell you that Bianca isn't as pure as she seems? Now, do you believe me? Don't you know that she already had a boyfriend back then, but she seduced Xavier anyway? A loose woman like that deserves to work in

to be sorry for Bianca when she heard that. "I didn't expect that the woman to ybe you... how could you work in that kind of place? If you don't have money, we're more than willing to lend it to you. We're friends after all, and I'd help you no matter what... but why would you rather give up on

and replied nonchalantly, "Perhaps I've already given up on myself..." "..." Everyone was speechless, including Nina. She did not expect that the down-to-earth Bianca could be so infuriating at

women, Bianca, and it's important that we have self-respect. If you need money in the future, you can come and look for us. You don't have to sell... yourself there." Melody deliberately paused in the middle of the sentence, making it sound as though she had difficulty

sitting in a corner. He really wanted to speak up for

tightly clenched fists showed that he was trying very hard to hold himself

Chapter 580 Luke's Murderous Intent!

Melody hated Bianca to the bone!

Bianca's appearance had caused her academic ranking to fall from number one to number two!

Not only was Bianca a better student academically, but she had also snatched the title of homecoming queen from Melody!

Even those boys who had courted Melody had shifted their affections to Bianca!

Back then, when she saw Bianca in the nightclub, she wanted to call her out on the spot. She left the country soon after that and only returned a few days ago. Ever since then, she had been thinking of how to get back at Bianca!

She was caught off-guard by Bianca's response!

How could that woman be so unperturbed when being humiliated in public?

Melody was losing her composure!

To prevent herself from being embarrassed, she made up an excuse and went to the washroom.

On the other hand, Saul became more interested in Bianca after she had proudly admitted to her "special job."

After Melody left, Saul's eyes were transfixed on Bianca's beautiful face.

nudged closer to Bianca and asked confidently, "How much money does your sugar daddy give you, Bianca? I'll give you double that. Will that make you fall for

her urge to retch and glanced at Saul contemptuously." Excuse me, Sir, your girlfriend is still around, and I'm a pregnant woman. Do you think that your words are

a lecherous smile on his face. "How can that woman compare to you? In fact, no one here can compare to your otherworldly features... I've made out with pregnant women before, and the sensation is incomparable to anything else. I don't think any straight man would be able to resist

hands started to feel

"Get lost."

was thoroughly disgusted by that

such an immoral scumbag

burning with anger. He was clenching a beer bottle in

dared to lay a finger on Bianca, he would smash the beer bottle on Saul's head without

hand was about to touch Bianca's shoulder. She furrowed her brows, protected her stomach, and

was also prepared. The beer bottle was

Before he could make a move, he heard an **agonized wail!**

Bianca was shocked. She looked in the direction of the wail and noticed that Saul's right wrist was twisted into an impossible angle by a well-manicured hand. It was obvious that it was **broken**.

The man who suddenly appeared was **extremely handsome**.

It was Luke Crawford! *nvëlx.o*

His face often appeared in financial news. Everyone knew who he was.

The private room instantly descended into silence when everyone noticed him. Even the booming music stopped *abruptly*.

Was that the actual Luke Crawford?

Was it only a dream?

Everyone confirmed that they were not dreaming. However, they could not understand why that godlike man would suddenly descend upon their **gathering**.

Bianca clumsily stood up and walked toward Luke. She breathed a sigh of relief and *felt secure*.

"You're here..." she said.

"*Mm*, I'm here to pick you up." Luke put Saul's broken wrist away, took out a handkerchief, and carefully wiped his hand. At the same time, he hugged Bianca close to him. The love and indulgence in his eyes were **immeasurable**.

returned from the washroom at that moment. When she saw the scene in front of her, her face scrunched up as though she had swallowed a dead

'How is that possible?

Bianca's sugar daddy be the famous

'Perhaps... she's only a plaything...

woman like her only deserves to be a man's

how Melody comforted herself. She quickly walked toward

look away from Luke's breathtakingly handsome

not believe such a handsome man could be real. He was ten times more handsome than his photos in

are you here, Mr. Crawford? Are you acquainted with Ms. Rayne?" Obviously, Melody knew who Luke was, even though she never would have the chance of encountering that handsome man in any other

hugged Bianca and smiled gently. "I'm here to pick up

when she saw that