

Be Gentle 911

Chapter 911

Luke's objective was for Xavier to stay away from Bianca. If Xavier did not want to leave the country, Luke had other options for him.

"Would you like him to spend some time inside then, Uncle Daniel?" His voice was cold, clearly not in the mood for negotiation.

"Please, no!" Daniel cried out in shock.

Xavier was indignant when he saw his father begging and groveling. He did not believe that Luke did not have any dirt. Luke got lucky in the corruption case; someone had taken the fall for him.

Perhaps he could find another one...

Luke folded his arms together. His diamond wedding ring shone brilliantly under the lamplight, which stung Xavier's eyes.

Daniel tugged Xavier's shirt sleeve in case his son acted rashly. "Xavier is almost going to be a father, Luke. After that girl gives birth to his child, he'll have to marry a daughter of the Lerches. Why would he harass your wife then?"

"He can marry outside of the country." Luke stood up and headed toward the door.

If Xavier wanted to marry Melissa, he would not have impregnated the other girl. It was pathetic of Daniel to hope that the Tanners and the Lerches could be united by marriage.

Xavier clenched his fists and stood up when he saw that Luke was about to leave the room.

Daniel instantly held him down. "Stop it!"

"Would you rather that I leave the country then?" Xavier's eyes were bloodshot. He was not going to suffer in another country.

no other choice. He sighed when he saw Luke leave and close the door behind him. "What other choice do you have when he has dirt on you? Just do what he says for now. I'll enroll you in a college, and you can tell other people that you're furthering your

go." Xavier shoved his father away and left the room. He was not going to let Luke get his

went downstairs to the living room but did not see

"Where is my wife?" He asked.

I saw Mrs. Crawford go up the stairs earlier," the servant replied. "Right. Madam invited Mrs. Crawford to the lounge for

frowned. Why would Lacey invite Bianca for

was utterly ridiculous. He knew that everyone in the Tanner family hated Bianca to

worried about his wife, Luke turned around and headed

was shocked by the stench of blood when she pushed the door to the
sprawled in a pool of blood. She did not make a sound or movement. Evidently, she had already
to flow, staining her white dress red. It was a shocking

Bianca turned around

Lacey was already waiting in the room next door. When she heard Bianca's voice, she rushed out of the room and shoved Bianca away. When she saw the unconscious Riley, she pointed at Bianca's face.
"What did you do?"

Bianca was puzzled by the sudden accusation. She took a step back because the stench of blood was choking her.

"I didn't do anything. She was already like that when I opened the door," she said.

Bianca's cry for help attracted the attention of several people. Xavier rushed over and breathed a sigh of relief when he saw that Bianca *was fine*.

He was glad that she was not in danger.

"*What* are you doing, Mom?" Xavier held Lacey's hand. He was uneasy seeing Lacey pointing at **Bianca's face**.

Lacey grunted coldly when she saw that her son was still harboring Bianca. "What did I do? I'd like to ask what that woman **did!**"

Luke came over, hugged Bianca in his arms, and glared at the mother and son. "Please tell me, Mrs. Tanner. What did my *wife do?*"

Considering that Riley was still unconscious, she was not in the mood to listen to them bicker. She tugged Luke's shirt sleeve and said, "Call the ambulance, Luke."

"Are you hurt?" Xavier asked when he *heard that*.

Everyone felt awkward by his excessive concern toward **Bianca**.

Luke looked at Xavier unhappily. How dare that man covet Bianca in front *of him?*

shrieked, sounding a little disappointed. "That evil woman pushed Riley down, Xavier! Why are you so concerned about her? You're losing your

glanced inside the lounge and noticed Riley lying in a puddle of blood. His

quickly walked over and carried Riley in

ambulance." Xavier did not have much affection toward Riley. He kept her by his side because she looked like Bianca, and that she was bearing his

surrounding servants came to their senses and called the

grunted coldly. After the servant was done speaking to emergency services on the phone, she said, "Also, call

Bianca furrowed her brows.

in front of her. "How

voice made Lacey shudder. However, she was determined to frame Bianca today. "Bianca harmed my grandchild. Why shouldn't I call

calm. She looked at Riley in Xavier's arms and said, "Why would I harm

was at a loss for words. She could not possibly say that Bianca wanted to be together with

No one would believe that.

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The servant did not move.

She was caught between Lacey and Luke and did not know what to do.

The ambulance arrived shortly. Before Xavier carried Riley downstairs, he said, "Bianca isn't like that, Mom. The truth will be revealed once Riley wakes up."

Lacey was disappointed in her son. Why would he still be speaking up for Bianca when he was about to lose his child?

Her chest heaved with anger.

Seeing that the servant did not act, she took out her phone. "If you're not going to call the police, I will!"

Luke grasped her hand tightly and said sinisterly, "Think twice before you act, Mrs. Tanner."

Lacey was at the height of her anger. She wanted to pull her hand away, but she realized that she could not move her hand at all. The pain from her wrist caused her to tremble. "What are you doing? Are you threatening me?"

Bianca put her hands on Luke. "The truth will prevail. If you'd like to call the police, Mrs. Tanner, then please go ahead. However, if Ms. Riley wakes up and proves that I am innocent, I think you owe me an apology."

"You..." Lacey's mind was racing.

No one should have seen Melissa commit the deed. How confident was she that she could pin it on Bianca?

The three people were caught in a standoff when Daniel came over. "What are you doing, you woman?"

Lacey immediately asked him for help. "Come and help me, Daniel. Bianca pushed Riley and doesn't admit it. I want to call the police."

Daniel was still worrying over Luke's threat. It was very stupid for Lacey to offend Luke.

gotten into your head? Did you see it yourself?" He roared, then turned to apologize to Luke. "Your Aunt Lacey doesn't mean it, Luke. Can you

loosened his grip and said coldly, "Please go ahead if you'd like to involve the police, Mrs. Tanner. There's something odd about this incident, and the police should conduct a

trust the police to do a good job," Bianca also

back was already drenched in a cold sweat. He knew the implication in

police came to investigate, what If Luke told them about what Xavier

Lacey was about to dial 911, he hurriedly snatched the phone and said, "This isn't the time to get the police involved. We should follow Riley to the hospital to see that she is

only a couple of years younger than Luke. His parents were worried that he was not married yet. Daniel was not very satisfied with Riley's status, but he had been anticipating the child to be

not know why Daniel was behaving like that; she thought that he was afraid of Luke. "Don't tell me that you're afraid of him, you coward! I want Bianca to spend the night in the lock-up!"

a heavy slap on Lacey's face. The phone fell on the floor and the screen

dare you slap me!" Lacey glared at Daniel and ground her teeth. "Are you crazy, Daniel Tanner? I've never been hit all my life! Very well. Looks like Bianca has managed to seduce you as well. I'll kill

Tanner residence instantly descended

a vase and hurled it

woman!" Daniel did not back

"Sir, Madam, please stop fighting." The servants tried to break up the fight.

Luke watched all that impassively. He would make Lacey pay for what she **said**.

"Let's go home, Luke." Bianca was not in the mood to watch the *farce*.

"Mm." Luke was not planning to be the mediator. He hugged her waist and prepared to leave.

While they were walking out, Bianca suddenly said, "Luke, I think that Mrs. Tanner will still call **the police**."

The entire incident was too suspicious. Riley was probably an innocent pawn in **Lacey's scheme**.

"No one will hurt you as long as I am here," Luke promised. It did not matter if Lacey called **the police**.

He could ensure that Bianca was safe from all *harm*.

"**What do** you think? Did Xavier arrange all that?" Bianca knew that someone was behind the incident, but she did not know *who*.

Xavier would be frightfully immoral if he were the mastermind.

After all, the baby in Riley's womb was his **child too**.

"**Xavier** was in the study when it happened." Luke was not in the mood to think about the incident. If he were pressed, he could think of several names on the top of his *head*.

For example, Lacey Foster.

day was Bianca's first self-defense lesson with Rain. She had to start from scratch because she did not have any experience

from the mansion came over and said politely, "Madam, you have a phone call from

Bianca guessed that it must have something to do with what

did not follow up with the developments of the incident after she and Luke left the Tanner residence. She did not know if Riley managed to save

Rain that she was taking a break and went to answer

was from Allison. After Bianca said hello, Allison directly said, "Come over to

shook her head helplessly as she listened to the

was not willing to utter an extra syllable

wrong, Madam?" Rain was Luke's subordinate, and she was courteous

to go back to Crawford Manor for a bit. Sorry about the interruption, Sensei Rain." Bianca had been calling Rain "Sensei Rain" despite her

all, she was Rain's martial arts

Should I tell Boss?" Rain

no need. I'm only going back to Crawford Manor and nowhere else. There won't be any danger." Bianca said as she went up the

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Bianca saw the bruises on Lacey's face. She indeed looks quite pathetic; Daniel did not hold back at all.

She stood there and faced Lacey and the Crawford family. Even without Luke, she did not feel afraid. "If you want to know what happened, Ms. Riley should know the best."

"Riley lost too much blood, and she's still in a coma! You're the one who harmed her! You'll be the murderer if anything happens to her!" Lacey huffed. Then, she turned to the police officers. "The culprit is over there. Quick, arrest her!"

The police officers looked at each other. It was up to the patriarch of Crawford Manor if they were able to take Bianca away.

Old Master Crawford glanced at the two police officers with a profound gaze and spoke authoritatively. "Lacey, are you sure that you want my granddaughter-in-law arrested?"

Bianca was moved. The old man might not be fond of her, but he was willing to stand up for her.

Lacey was cowed by Old Master Crawford's tone of voice. She stood up and continued wailing in an ugly manner. "I'm here so that I can get an explanation. Don't tell me that you're harboring that little b*tch?"

"You're so lucky, Old Master Crawford. You already have four great-grandchildren, while I'm still waiting for my first grandchild. Thanks to Bianca, it's gone, and you're still harboring her. I might as well die..."

Bianca looked at the two police officers. "Is the case on record?"

The police officers nodded. "From the medical examination, the victim's back has signs of physical assault, which caused the miscarriage. It is considered criminal battery, and the police department has opened a case file the moment we received the report."

"Am I a suspect?" Bianca asked.

She remembered seeing Riley sprawled on the floor the night before. If that were the case, someone must have hit her from the back.

police dared not say that, so they spoke tactfully, "You were the one who discovered the victim. We'll need to record

chuckled coldly and looked at Lacey. "I'm not the person you should be looking for. Someone had deliberately injured Riley before I got there. However, I am willing to go to the police station to assist with the

officer breathed a sigh of relief when they heard that. They did not put her in handcuffs but instead escorted her courteously to

grunted coldly when she saw that. She might seem sorrowful, but she was secretly laughing up her

you go in there, don't ever dream of

ought to stay in prison forever,

Master Crawford stood at the door and watched the police car leave. "Inform Luke," he gave the

heard that, she said, "Luke is busy at work. You shouldn't bother him with such trivial

I bother you instead?" Old Master Crawford was no fool; he knew how much Allison hated Bianca. "Why aren't you on your granddaughter-in-law's side? Do you think you can be of any

you blaming me, Father? I'm not the one who caused Riley's miscarriage. Why should I help Bianca when she's in the wrong?" Allison and Lacey exchanged glances at each other. "I think Luke ought to divorce Bianca. She only brings bad luck to Luke and the family. If the media gets wind of this, T Corporation's share prices will

up!" Old Master Crawford could only find Allison's incessant chattering extremely

spoke no further. No one in Crawford Manor dared to go against Old Master

Seeing that she had achieved what she wanted, Lacey cleared her throat and said, "The police will get to the bottom of this, and I'll be leaving. My poor grandchild, why does he have to leave the world before he gets the chance to see it? Boo hoo hoo..."

She walked out of the door while crying.

She stopped her fake crying after she got into the car. She massaged her face, which carried a **vicious expression**.

After catching her breath, she took out her phone and gave a call to Melissa.

"**The** police brought Bianca away. It's up to you now, Melissa. Don't disappoint me." Her reflection in the rear-view mirror showed her vicious *gaze*.

"*Don't* worry, Aunt Lacey. Now that Bianca is inside, she won't get out that easily," Melissa said cheerfully.

"**Don't forget** that Luke Crawford is behind her," Lacey reminded her. She was not as **optimistic**.

"**I know**. I'll go and make arrangements now." After the call ended, Melissa mumbled to herself, "So what if Luke is behind her? As long as that little b*tch doesn't wake up and no one testifies for Bianca, she'll have to go to *prison*."

She dialed another number on *her phone*.

Riley lay unconscious on a bed in the hospital. Her face was pale, and she wore an oxygen **mask**.

Only a nurse was in the room with *her*.

After the nurse received Melissa's call, her gaze turned cold. She took out a syringe from a drawer and glanced at the IV drip bottle. "I'm only doing my job. You only have yourself to **blame**."

knocked on the IV drip bottle and prepared to insert the contents of the syringe into it. Right at that moment, a figure dashed into the ward and delivered a karate chop on the back of the nurse's nurse passed out, and the syringe fell on the

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in the police station for

first, several police officers came to record her statement. She gave her statement a few times, and the police officers asked the same

them what she remembered at the scene, though her statement did not seem to be of much

a female police officer guarded her in the

was not in a rush anyway. She closed her eyes

the door to the questioning room was opened, and a police officer came in. "You may leave now, Mrs.

her eyes. "Did Ms. Riley

The police officer shook his head. "Mr. Crawford and his lawyer came to bail you

'Luke...'

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That mistake allowed Lacey to frame her.

"I'm sorry, Luke." She apologized for her mistake.

If she had remembered what Luke told her, she would not have gone upstairs to the lounge, and none of this would have happened.

Luke sighed and hugged her tightly. "I don't blame you, Bea. Let's go home. The children are worried about you."

The couple left the police station.

Several reporters were standing outside of the police station. News that Bianca was brought to the police station for questioning had spread throughout A City.

The reporters swarmed up to Luke and Bianca when they saw them come out of the exit. "Mrs. Crawford, is it true that you have deliberately harmed a pregnant woman?"

"Mrs. Crawford, it is said that the pregnant woman is your ex-husband's lover. Did you harm her out of revenge or spite?"

"Mr. Crawford, how do you view what your wife did? Are you planning to divorce her to cut all ties with her?"

The reporters' questions got more and more ridiculous.

Luke glanced at the situation around him coldly. The police and Sean protected them, so they got to their car.

Jason was sitting in the side passenger seat.

Bianca looked out of the window. The reporters were crowding on the road like zombies just to get the latest scoop.

told the media?" She asked

with a plot." Luke did not go into the details. He glanced at the group of reporters behind him and told Jason, "Get the media to shut

awkwardly as he scrolled on his tablet. "People are already making up stories

"Suppress it," Luke said.

was wracked by guilt. She leaned against her seat and said in frustration, "I'm so stupid to be

the news continued to spread, not only she would be affected, but also the Crawfords and T

not going to be enough to bring me down," Luke said determinedly as he hugged her

sighed. "I hope that Ms. Riley will wake up soon. She might be attacked from the back, but she should recognize who her

not say anything but hugged

rested her head on his chest and listened to his steady

chest was her support through

caused trouble for Luke

Bianca watched as Jason made phone calls to the various media outlets and asked, "Why isn't Ms. Riley **awake yet?**"

"Her body is weak, and the curettage procedure took a great toll on her. That's why she's still unconscious," Luke replied.

Bianca was surprised. How did Luke know that?"

Luke continued to explain to her, "Xavier hired a nurse to take care of Riley, but the nurse was bought over by those people with a plot. When Gale arrived at the hospital, the nurse was injecting something."

His tone of voice was casual, but that caused Bianca to sweat in fright.

She had naively expected that Riley would eventually wake up and prove her innocence, but she did not expect that those people did not want Riley to wake up **at all!**

If Riley died, she would have become a murderer. No matter how influential Luke was, she would be held culpable if no one else could prove her innocence, which meant that she would not be freed *either*.

"So, Ms. Riley is..." Bianca was worried that Riley might *die*.

"Don't worry, Gale has kept her in a safe place and has subdued the nurse. Johann has analyzed the contents of the syringe. It's a drug that could instantly stop someone from breathing." Luke had an ominous premonition when he was told that Bianca was brought to the police station, which was why he got Gale to go to the *hospital*.

He had to handle the situation at the hospital, which meant that Bianca had to stay in the police station **for longer**.

He held her fair and tender hand and brought it close to his lips. He kissed it gently and apologized to her, "Sorry for making you wait in the police **station, Bea.**"

"You did nothing wrong. I'm the one who's at fault. I should've listened to what you said..." Bianca understood that there was a reason he was delayed.

for his warning, she would have to prepare to spend the rest of her life

gently tapped her lips with his finger to stop her from continuing the

knew that Bianca went to the lounge because she was concerned about

was not the one

many black-hearted people existed in the world. They would not hesitate to harm others to achieve their own desires

wondered who it was this time that harmed his wife to achieve their nefarious

her lips together. She had brought him trouble yet again, but he did not complain about it at all. There was nothing more that she would ask from

every word that you say, Luke." She turned her head and looked into

smiled gently. "You only have to remember that I

Jason had been listening to what their boss was saying to Bianca. They thought that their previously aloof boss had been more humane after he was reunited with Bianca. Even so, those cheesy lines made them feel

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was about to pop a bottle of red wine to celebrate when she received a phone call from a mysterious person. Her smile instantly vanished, and she yelled out loud, "What did you promise me, you useless

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The other person on the end of the phone became annoyed when they heard Melissa's threat. They were assassins, not menial workers!

"Ms. Lerche, according to your job description, it was supposed to be an easy hit. Now that our assassin has gone missing, it shows that the job isn't as easy as you first described it. The money that you gave us is not enough to compensate us for losing the assassin."

"You want to talk money with me? If you can't settle this issue satisfactorily, you'll see what's coming!" Melissa shrieked. She was livid about Riley's disappearance, and she had forgotten that she was talking to an assassin organization.

She might be the client, but she would be the target if necessary.

The assassin chuckled and replied, "Naïve woman!"

Melissa flung her phone at the wall out of anger.

Crash! The phone was smashed into bits, and the call was cut off.

Melissa dashed out of her room and yelled, "Where is the driver? Bring me to the hospital now!"

She arrived at the hospital in an hour.

The hospital staff did not divulge any information about Riley no matter what Melissa asked. It was as though someone was deliberately withholding information.

Without any other option, Melissa had to go to Lacey again.

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The news that Bianca was taken away by the police spread quickly throughout A City. Several reporters appeared at the usually peaceful mansion.

black Land Rover stopped at a distance and surveyed the situation in front of

we do, Boss?"

from the back entrance, and bring the children to the other mansion for now." Luke's expression was cold. He had already thought of

The reporters that camped at the front gate had disturbed their regular

worry." Luke caressed her petite face, and Bianca felt the warmth spread all over

always found a way to relieve her of her

true in the past, and it was also true

a smile on

had brought trouble to him and

what Lanie and Rainie thought about

the long way and went into the mansion through the

had already prepared the children. When the car stopped, the caretaker came out of the house with the three children. Lanie and Rainie each dragged a small suitcase behind them, while Tommy carried

The family of five got into a car and left the mansion.

Tommy leaned on Bianca and looked at her curiously. "Many people were in front of the house earlier. Mrs. Solano said that we shouldn't let them in because they're all bad people. Is *that true*?"

Bianca picked him up and placed him on her lap. "They're only doing their job." She did not want to criticize *the reporters*.

Tommy did not look like he understood, but Lanie did. "Daddy said that we shouldn't disturb other people's daily lives even though we're working. They're not doing the right thing, Mommy," he said *coolly*.

Bianca was impressed by her son's opinion. Indeed, Luke had been a good educator to his *children*.

She nodded. "You're right, Lanie."

The twins had found out what happened from the news on television, and they glanced at each other. Rainie hopped off her seat and clung to her mother. "Mommy, Lanie and I believe that you're innocent."

Tommy did not know what was going on, but he did not want to be left behind. "I believe in you too, Mommy!" **He shouted.**

Bianca was moved. She was worried that her children might be negatively affected by what happened, but what they said let her know that she had nothing to worry about.

Luke took out three bottles of yogurt drink from the mini-fridge in the car, then poured Bianca a glass of fruit juice.

"You didn't eat or drink in the police station. Have something to drink for now. We're still an hour's drive away from the other mansion in *the countryside*."

Bianca took the glass, though she was worried about him and the children. "It's not very convenient, **isn't it?**"

"**Don't** worry, we have a driver. I've already applied for extended leave for Lanie and Rainie." Luke glanced at his phone and saw a message from Johann. "Also, Riley should be awake by now."

vitals were stable. She should be awake by

the case... Sue is managing the company in my absence. I'd like to go to the hospital tomorrow." Bianca did not plan to visit Riley. She would rather stay away from anyone related to the Tanner

her future depended on Riley's

She thought that Riley deserved pity.

lost her child, and her body was harmed. Bianca remembered the time when she gave birth at eighteen years old. She seemed to have lost an irreplaceable part of her

the driver will send you there tomorrow." Luke did not

family of five arrived at the other mansion an hour

other mansion was a two-story building. It was smaller than their previous mansion, but it was built in a cheered and went to pick

Bianca carried the luggage into the

The furnishings of the other mansion was in a European pastoral style. Bianca felt at

put the children's luggage down and said, "I bought this mansion when Rainie and Lanie were younger because they wanted to go on weekend vacations. I had been busy, and I never found the chance to bring them here. This place has been left vacant for the past few

Chapter 916

"What's wrong?" Bianca lowered her head and looked at Tommy. His round face was full of grievances as though someone had treated him unfairly.

Tommy hugged her leg tightly and complained, "Mrs. Solana says that I can't sleep with you."

The caretaker felt helpless when she heard the little boy say that, but she did not want to be too agitated in front of Luke.

Bianca patted Tommy's head. Before she could say anything, Luke said, "Tommy, do you remember what I told you?"

Tommy turned his head and looked at him. He thought for a long while before saying, "You said that I'm a big boy now!"

"And you need to learn to be independent," Luke added the second half of the sentence that Tommy forgot. He bent over, patted Tommy's head, and picked him up. "That's why you should pick a room that you like and don't always cling to your Mommy."

Tommy blinked innocently and reflected upon what his father told him.

Eventually, Tommy compromised and jumped onto the floor. "Alright, I'll pick the room next to Lanie's!"

"Mm." Luke nodded.

The caretaker held Tommy's hand and led him to the bedroom.

Soon, Sean came upstairs with Lanie and Rainie's backpacks.

Bianca smiled at Luke. "The caretaker will be very busy unpacking for the children. Let me help her."

Luke had hired a cleaner to clean the mansion periodically. Without a live-in caretaker, the beds remained undone.

"Alright."

Rainie put on the

opened the closet and could not help but smile when she found a set of pink bed sheets inside. Luke knew what Rainie's favorite

the bedsheet and placed it on the

me help you, Mommy," Rainie

They fitted the bedsheet, then prepared the pillows and

at her mother busy at work and was slightly confused. Her Mommy was so kind, so why did other people want to ruin her

"Mommy..." Curiosity eventually overcame Rainie.

her head and looked at her daughter. "Yes, my

do people want to harm you?" Rainie asked the question that had been troubling her. This incident, as well as the previous abduction, had affected

Bianca's heart softened. She hugged Rainie.

know either." She smiled gently. Perhaps life was fair like that. After giving her a loving husband and a happy family, fate threw a few obstacles in her

Rainie rested her head on her mother's chest. "I think those people are evil. You're the best Mommy in the world, and you love Daddy and us. Why must they do that to you?"

"We can't control what other people do to us, Rainie. What we can control is how we deal with it. As long as we remain true to ourselves, they won't be able to hurt us," Bianca patiently explained to Rainie, hoping that it will alleviate the little *girl's worries*.

Rainie was still young, and she should not carry too many negative **emotions**.

"Mm." Rainie sniffed, and the worry in her eyes went away. "Let's make the bed and go and help Lanie and Tommy."

"Alright." Bianca ruffled her hair. Rainie was *so considerate*.

After helping out the kids, she saw Luke standing on the balcony, talking on the phone **with someone**.

She did not go near him. Instead, she looked at him from *afar*.

Luke turned around to look at her and said to Old Master Crawford on the other end of the phone, "It should be settled **by tomorrow**."

Old Master Crawford trusted his grandson. He had found out the details behind the incident.

"*Tell* Bianca not to be so careless next time so that she doesn't get into trouble again," he added.

If Bianca were not so trusting, she would not have been involved in the incident.

"*She doesn't* go around looking for trouble, Grandfather. On the other hand, some people need a lesson," Luke said and ended *the call*.

Tanners must be behind

could not tell if it was Xavier, Daniel,

Luke entered the house.

his hand. The back of his phone was hot; he was on the call for a very

"Who is it?"

He was asking about the situation." Luke put the phone in his pocket and took her hand again. "Are you still busy with settling

only a few beds. That's not too much trouble." Bianca held his hand and sat down on the couch. "What else did

did not plan to tell her what Old Master

had been attracted by Bianca's innocence, and he would protect her no matter how difficult things might

that Luke was hiding something from her, but she did not ask any

Bianca a call

just saw the news, Bea. What's going on? Why were you taken to the police station?" Queenie sounded worried. Jack and she had not been keeping up with the news for the entire day. They would still be oblivious to what happened to their daughter if they had not turned on

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After Bianca put her phone away, she felt Luke hug her from behind.

"My wife." Luke's voice was cloying. He hugged her tightly as though intending to fuse her body with his.

Bianca felt the firm hug from behind and casually placed her hands on his back. "Are you done with your work?" She said, feeling quite carefree.

"Not yet. What did Dad and Mom say?" Luke asked curiously.

He placed his chin on her hair and took in the fragrance of shampoo. Her unique body scent always refreshed him.

Bianca smiled gently, turned around, and hugged his muscular waist.

Luke's profound eyes were sparkling brighter than the stars in the night sky. She could see her reflection in those eyes.

"They said that I should tell them if I need any help, but I told them not to worry because I have you beside me." Bianca leaned on his chest. The warmth on her cheek was like a volcano.

Luke could hear the trust in her voice, which aroused him greatly. He bent over and picked her up.

"Ah, Luke!" Bianca suddenly felt her feet leave the ground, and she reflexively hugged Luke's neck.

"It's getting late, Bea. Let's rest." Luke brought her into the bedroom.

Luke placed Bianca on the bed. Before she could catch her breath, Luke leaned on her body and locked her in his embrace.

Bianca dared not move a muscle when she smelled the masculine hormones emanating from Luke's handsome face. "Didn't you say that we're resting, Luke? If you're not tired, you can continue working, and I can accompany you..." She pretended to be oblivious.

not going to put his entire body weight on her delicate body. He placed his hands next to her, which caused the bed to sink. She had some wiggle room, but she could

his head and took in her breath.

her mouth, but before she could say anything, Luke's lips covered her

her lips sealed, she could not voice out

her passionately and enjoyed her

drunk a glass of milk before going into the study.

taste the milk in her mouth, which further aroused his curiosity about exploring her

in the bedroom continued to rise. Bianca felt as though she was softening in his arms and melting on the gentleness had always caused her to

actions were like a spark that lit up Bianca's

eyes were unfocused, and she eventually surrendered her will to him. She did not care if he still had work or if she had to wake up

gently as she hugged the man tightly. The only thought left in her mind was to be with that man

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Bianca woke up early the next morning, but she could not get up because her body was sore all over.

Her body flipped over, which woke up Luke. He hugged her tightly and brought her body close. "Good morning, Bea."

Bianca was tickled by his beard stubble. She laughed and tried to dodge. "Good morning, let go *of me!*"

Luke narrowed his gaze but did not let go. "It's still early. Sleep with me for a while more."

"It's not early. Rainie and Lanie will wake up in half an hour, and I'll have to prepare breakfast for them." Bianca had been thinking about that. There was no live-in caretaker in the mansion, so she had to do the **cooking**.

The children did not have to go to school, but they were used to waking up early. As their mother, Bianca would not let *them starve*.

Luke continued to kiss her.

Bianca was tickled by his beard stubble and thin lips. "That's enough!" She said while laughing and trying to dodge.

Luke stopped and looked at her in satisfaction. "Bea..."

"Alright, I really have to get up. It's still early, so you should rest for a while more." Bianca glanced at the time. If she did not get up and make breakfast, Rainie and Lanie would have **to wait**.

Moreover, Luke had to go to work.

As the CEO of T Corporation, Luke was almost never late for work.

that Bianca insisted on getting up, he also got up. "I don't feel like sleeping if you're not next to me. I'll help you with

need. You can prepare for work." Bianca walked next to him and pecked him on the

brought her chin closer to intensify

took a step back, and raised a finger to warn him. "Don't go

Luke said helplessly. That gentle kiss was enough to

her teeth and washing her face, she went downstairs and prepared to

supposed to be a temporary stay, and there were not many ingredients. Bianca looked at the eggs and spaghetti and thought for

and Lanie were not picky eaters, so the eggs and spaghetti were enough to satisfy them. On the other hand, Tommy was a picky eater, and he would expect more at

remembered that there was a small vegetable farm in the backyard, and a gardener would often tend to it. She took a basket to the backyard and picked some ripe tomatoes. She would use the tomatoes to make a

also picked two zucchinis before returning to the

made five plates of spaghetti with tomato and zucchini sauce and squeezed some fresh fruit juice for

was done, she was about to go upstairs to get the children to come down when she saw Luke and the children coming down the

and Lanie were in good spirits, but Tommy

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Tommy slurped a mouthful of spaghetti and smiled. "It's delicious, Mommy!"

Bianca wiped the tomato sauce from his face with a napkin. "Here, have some juice."

"I love you, Mommy," Tommy gave Bianca a flying kiss after his mouth was clean.

Bianca's heart softened. Seeing that her kids were happy, she felt as though she could weather through any storm.

Luke and she would maintain the happiness of this family.

After the caretaker clocked in for work, Bianca changed into casual clothes, put on a mask and sunglasses, and left the mansion.

The reporters scrutinized every one of her actions. She had to keep herself in disguise.

Sean brought her to the hospital.

The car stopped, and Gale came over to open the door. "Good morning, Madam," he greeted Bianca.

"Good morning." Bianca lowered the brim of her hat in case someone recognized her.

The news had continued to spread throughout the night.

If someone recognized Bianca, they would say that she was a murderer.

The power of mass media came from harnessing public anger and curiosity.

way, please." Gale led the way and walked in front

and Gale did not go toward the elevator lobby. Instead, they went into a

entrance was specially built for celebrities and other

is spending a lot of effort in keeping Ms. Riley safe,'

Bianca into the elevator and pressed the button for the

"Riley is on the top floor?"

replied. He received a message through his Bluetooth earpiece informing him about the situation

continued, "Riley is already awake. Dr. Johann is giving her an examination

Bianca and Gale stepped out of the

ward was on the right of the corridor. Two bodyguards dressed in black suits were standing outside the door like

turned their heads and greeted Bianca when they saw her. "Good

Bianca nodded at them.

Gale opened the door, Bianca could hear Riley crying. "Please, Doctor, return my child to

Johann read Riley's health report, seemingly immune to such pleadings. "Sorry, we didn't manage to save your child. However, you can still be pregnant if you take care of your health."

Bianca entered the ward and saw that Riley was crying pathetically. "Everything was going fine. Why did you take my baby **away?**"

Johann nodded and put the report away. "The patient's condition is stable, but she isn't in control of her emotions. We should get a nurse to give her a dose of tranquilizer."

"**Thank** you," Bianca said and went close to the bed.

Riley seemed to have found her savior when she saw Bianca. "Please take me out of here, Mrs. Crawford. I want to meet Xavier."

She found herself imprisoned in the ward the moment she woke up. None of the people were willing to give her **answers**.

The child was no more. She had to find Xavier for an explanation!

"Are you sure?" Bianca kept a safe distance from her, seeing that her face *was pale*.

"*Of course!*" Riley noticed that the man standing next to Bianca was dressed the same as the bodyguards in the ward. She seemed to have thought of something and looked at Bianca suspiciously. "Are you holding me captive *here?*"

"**I'm** not holding you captive. After the curettage procedure, you were unconscious for two days. Someone tried to poison you so that you would never wake up, and Luke, my husband, got someone to protect you." Bianca told her the truth.

She could see that Riley wanted Xavier's *protection*.

However, Luke had told Bianca that Xavier had left the hospital after bringing Riley to the hospital and paying the bill. He did not even wait for the results of the **operation**.

"**That's not** possible! There are laws in this country. You must be lying to be. You must be jealous that Xavier loves me. That's why you keep her locked up here so that he can't visit me." Riley's eyes widened drastically, and her expression *turned savage*.

two steps back and sat on the couch. She glanced at Gale and wondered if she should tell Riley that Xavier had never visited her for the past

remember how you lost the child?"

Riley's body stiffened!

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banquet, the servant had told Riley that Lacey was inviting her to the lounge to discuss something. She did not want to go at first, but the servant had wished her "Congratulations," which made her think that Lacey had finally recognized her relationship with

not find where Xavier was and went directly to the

no one in the lounge. While waiting inside, Riley felt someone pushing her from behind. She stumbled and managed to grab onto the table before she

turned around and saw Melissa Lerche, Xavier's

to run away, but her pregnancy caused her to be clumsy. After Melissa pushed her on the floor, she punched and kicked her until she lost

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Riley did not answer.

Chapter 919

"Who is this?" Riley asked.

"Allegedly, she's supposed to be the nurse that Xavier hired to take care of you, but she's actually an assassin. She was going to inject a drug into your body to make your heart stop, but we've managed to subdue her in time."

"Xavier sent her here?" Riley felt a sudden pang of anxiety, and tears fell from her eyes.

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Bianca shook her head. If Xavier did not want the baby, he would have already forced Riley to abort it in the first three months of the pregnancy. "That's not necessarily the case. Maybe the person who harmed you had arranged for the assassin."

Riley did not say anything. She flicked her finger and played the second video.

In the video, Xavier was sitting in a nightclub drinking liquor.

Riley could not see his expression clearly, but she could see that he was flanked by two women, and they were performing lewd acts.

Looking at the details of the video, it was shot only yesterday.

Riley could not believe it. She hurled the phone against the wall. "That's all fake! You're lying to me!

"That can't be true! That can't be true!" She yelled hysterically while covering her head. Her eyes were opened round and wide as she glared at Bianca.

Bianca stood up and ordered Gale, "Get the nurse."

"Yes." Gale pressed a buzzer to inform the nurse to inject Riley with tranquilizers.

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"It'll last for the rest of the day," the nurse answered as she disinfected the wound and reapplied the
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"**You should** tend to your injuries," Bianca told the bodyguard whose hand was bitten.

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Chapter 920

Bianca placed a lot of food products in her shopping cart.

Sean followed closely behind her. He was fully aware of their surroundings.

Bianca sighed. She thought that Sean would attract more attention to her. Fortunately, it was quite late
in the morning, and there were not that many people in the supermarket.

She pushed the shopping cart to Sean. "Can you help me with the shopping cart, Mr. Zander?"

"Yes, Madam." Sean continued to push it.

Bianca picked up some poultry and bought some fruits for the children.

After piling the shopping cart with food, she said to Sean, "Let's go to the checkout counter, Mr.
Zander."

"Yes, Madam." Sean pushed the shopping cart to the checkout counter.

There were not many counters that were open at that hour. Several people were queuing at each of
those counters.

Bianca randomly stood in line at one of the counters.

Sean glanced at the queue in front of them. Those people had loaded shopping carts with them.

"Madam, this supermarket belongs to Mr. Holston. Should I inform him?" He whispered.

Bianca shook her head. "Let's wait in line. It won't take long."

Sean nodded and patiently waited in line.

of them were two middle-aged women

heard the news about the T Corporation CEO and his wife?" One of the women

talk of the town now. Why wouldn't I know about it?" The other woman

frowned. She did not expect that people would be talking about her even in

lowered the brim of

wicked woman. Not only she harmed that pregnant woman, but she also secreted her away. I pity the Tanners. They lost their baby, and the baby's mother is nowhere to be

so? I've read an article saying that the woman wasn't hidden but murdered. To think that this could happen in modern times. How scary!" The woman said while drawing a line across her

frowned even harder. How did the rumors evolve to become

saying that she

her head to look at Sean. He seemed to be very angry and wanted to argue with the

knew that he had to keep Bianca's identity

hasn't the police arrested her yet? Murder is a serious

because T Corporation is rich and influential. The police might be harboring her too! They say that they protect all citizens, but I'm guessing only the rich ones," the woman

"**So is** she getting off the hook just like that? I've heard that the Tanners are quite influential too. Are they going to let their daughter-in-law go missing without doing anything?"

"**Haven't you** heard? The pregnant woman is only the Tanner son's mistress, and they haven't registered their marriage yet. The Tanners might be rich and influential, but they're nowhere near as influential as the Crawfords. They reported it to the police, but they can't do anything more than that."

While listening to the gossip, Bianca took out her phone and browsed a **news website**.

The website reported about Riley's disappearance.

Under the article were the readers' comments. Many people were guessing that Bianca had secretly *killed Riley*.

Bianca was helpless. The news article was making wild speculations instead of reporting based on facts, but it sounded *very convincing*.

Her reputation online was in tatters.

Some people were speaking up for the Tanners. Some were saying that Luke was blind to have married a **murderer**.

Bianca believed that if she took off her sunglasses and mask, the women would throw their eggs and tomatoes at her.

As *she* continued to browse the website, she was particularly flabbergasted by one of the headlines.

"The Shocking Truth! Bianca Rayne Still Loves Mr. Tanner, Deliberately Harms A Pregnant Woman."

Bianca was speechless.

She felt very wronged.

a step forward and glared at the women. "Watch

it? I'm only repeating what the news on the Internet says." The woman was slightly intimidated, though she did not want to admit

about to retort when Bianca tugged his hand. "It's fine,

the woman placed her items on the conveyor belt, she was still muttering, "How strange! That's what everyone is thinking now. Don't tell me that he's related to

was slightly frustrated. If Bianca had not stopped her, he would not have shown any mercy to those checking out, Bianca and Sean left the supermarket with three full

got into the car, Sean said, "Please don't mind what those women were

don't care at all." Bianca breathed a sigh of relief as she took off

was stifling to be wearing that

home, Mr. Zander," she

Sean started the car and drove toward

Bianca's phone started ringing.

was from Sue. "Is everything alright,