

Be Gentle 931

Chapter 931

"I'll go to the kitchen to help." Luke kissed Bianca's cheek lightly and walked to the kitchen with two bottles of wine.

"Okay." Bianca smiled slightly, her gaze following him to the kitchen before she withdrew it.

Queenie was initially a little frustrated at Luke because of Bianca's injury but seeing this tender scene, her dissatisfaction gradually subsided.

Sometimes, hits and bumps were inevitable. As long as Luke treated Bianca well and she was happy, she could feel assured as her mother.

"Bea, come and help me arrange the flowers?" Queenie put a black porcelain vase in front of her.

Bianca nodded, trimmed a perfume lily, put it into the porcelain vase. She gave it some nutrients.

She had not gone for any flower arrangement classes but she was so talented that it looked good even when she just intuitively arranged them.

Bianca put in a bunch of gypsophila as an embellishment. She glanced at Queenie and slowly said, "Mom, was there anything specific that you wanted to talk about today?"

Queenie smiled softly and shook her head. "It's not me, it's your father who wants to talk to Luke."

Bianca looked at the kitchen from a certain distance and was not sure what the two men were talking about.

She gave it some thought.

Leia came down from the second floor. When she saw Bianca, she was taken aback and frowned in disgust.

Bianca was arranging flowers with Queenie, and they looked like a happy mother-and-daughter duo.

screaming at Bianca in her heart, 'Who is she to pretend to be well-behaved and

thought that everything Bianca did was malicious. She was angry and planned to leave without paying her any attention. Queenie saw that Leia was all dressed up and asked, "Leia, we're going to eat soon. Where are

took off her sunglasses, and said, "Mom, I

frowned and replied, "Leia, can you reschedule your plans? Your sister and brother-in-law are here today. Let's have a meal together as

knew that Leia had always been hostile toward

trying her best to ease

heard that Luke was here, she was happy but scared. She clutched her coat tightly. If she stayed, she did not know what would happen to her, so she pretended to be embarrassed.

you haven't eaten at home for a long time. It's rare for our family to get together, so have a meal with us, alright?" Queenie was upset, thinking that Leia did not want to stay because

felt irritated seeing how uncomfortable

Jack saw her, he might blame it

no longer patient and kind with her. She thought it was because of Bianca. 'His real daughter came back, so I no longer matter

more Leia thought about it, the angrier she was at Bianca. Everything in the Norman family belonged

over and sat next to Queenie. "Mom, I'll delay my plans, but I have to go out for about half an hour,

Queenie felt better and held her hand. "Okay, go and come **back quickly.**"

"*Okay, Mom.*" Leia smiled and kissed Queenie on the cheek, aiming to show her dominance and provoke Bianca.

Even though Jack treated her a lot more coldly these days, she still had **Queenie.**

Since Queenie reunited with Bianca, she was afraid that Leia would have misunderstandings, so she tried her best to be fair and treated Leia just as well as before.

Therefore, as long as she still had Queenie's motherly love, Jack could not do anything to her no matter how indifferent he was *to her.*

Leia stood up and glanced at Bianca. She was arranging flowers beside her mother with a neutral *expression.*

Leia snorted inwardly and left with her coat in **her hands.**

Bianca glanced at Leia's back as she departed. When she was gone, Bianca asked Queenie, "Mom, doesn't Leia **feel hot?**"

The weather was getting warmer but Leia was wearing a thick coat as though she was terribly **cold.**

Queenie replied, "After coming out of that place, Leia's body seemed to be doing much worse. She'd feel cold even when there's a little wind. She's been wearing thick clothes for a while now and whenever I ask her to see the doctor, she'll say that she's okay. Sigh, it could be that her body is weak. I got her a lot of supplements but they don't seem to **be working.**"

"*But...*" Bianca wanted to say something but *hesitated.*

"*What's the matter?*" Queenie picked up Bianca's flower arrangement and **admired it.**

was proud of her baby girl—even her style of arranging flowers was the same as

shook her head, smiled, and replied,

that Leia's face was a little rounder than

a person in poor health gain

Bianca thought about it, the weirder she

her flower arrangement up and praised Bianca, "Bea, your arrangement is beautiful. I'll put it in the living room for everyone to

face turned red from the praise. She picked up Queenie's flower arrangement and replied, "It's nothing compared to your flower arrangements. Yours is layered, and the colors are harmonious and beautiful. They look professionally done! Mom, why don't you teach

learned flower arranging after marrying Jack to be able to jive with his social circle. Over the years, she had mastered this skill. She fiddled with the flowers on the coffee table and said, "We happen to have some extra flowers. I'll teach you now, pick a

Bianca sat closer to Queenie. She picked a sky blue porcelain vase and humbly learned from

In the kitchen.

handed the two bottles of red wine to Jack as he said, "Father-in-law, I heard that you're a fan of wine tasting. These two bottles of wine were brought back from a foreign auction some time ago. They're for

was very pleased that Luke understood the way of life and how to

two bottles of wine dispelled part of his

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"Luke, this incident has damaged Bea's reputation. It can't drag on. After Bea married you, there have been many misfortunes. If you can't protect her, let me protect her." Jack was distressed when he thought about his darling daughter.

Since he found out about the kind of person Leia was, he had paid more attention to Bianca. He could not accept that his favorite daughter was constantly hurt and wronged.

After all, Bianca was his flesh and blood. Jack felt bad that she had to grow up without him and go through so many hardships alone.

He was comforted that she still had good conduct and a kind heart.

Luke thought to himself that Jack was here to warn him. It seemed that he was dissatisfied with how the matter was being handled.

He then told Jack everything.

After Luke was done talking, Jack's stern expression finally turned into a smile. "Not bad, you're quite far-sighted."

He thought it was a simple accident that Bianca was unintentionally involved in, but he never expected that the other party would even hire a hitman to frame Bianca!

Had it not been for Luke's foresight to protect the victim, Riley, Bianca might have been locked up and tried as a murderer.

The more he thought about it, the angrier Jack got. He had always been a calm person, but at that time, he slapped the chopping board with his hand and shouted, "How could they?! Whoever did it will never get away with it!"

How dare they hurt his beloved daughter?

They framed Bianca in the territory where he was in charge. He took it as a challenge to his role as the Provincial Committee Secretary!

On the other hand, Luke was calm. However, his expression turned vile at the mention of the person behind it. "When I find out who did this, I'll need some help from you."

one can get away after hurting my daughter!" Jack did not care what trouble being high-profile would cause, all he cared about was

Luke answered with a soft hum.

never allow anyone to hurt

made a table full

was holding Queenie's hands when the two men walked into the dining room. They were overjoyed at the table full of food. Queenie exclaimed, "Bea, I've been married to your father for so many years and he has only cooked twice. This is the second

curiously, "What about the

first day after we got married, he made me breakfast. Isn't that right, Mr. Norman?" Queenie teased retire, I'll cook for you every day." Jack held her hand and said, "Luke helped with this. Let's all take a warm fuzzy feeling when she saw the love that her parents had for each

so many years and so many major events, they still had respect and love for each other. It was a love story for the

at Luke who was serving food for the family and silently prayed in her heart that they would be the same in the

sat down. Queenie looked at the table and wondered, "I remember the helper said that the lean meat and eggs will be kept for dinner, so why were they cooked

Jack explained, "Bea can't eat seafood for the time being. Luke was considerate and made these two dishes for **her**."

Queenie praised Luke, "That's nice to hear. Luke, you're a **considerate man**."

"It's just a small matter." Luke accepted her *praise generously*.

Bianca gently held his hand under the table. She was smiling and said nothing.

Jack asked, "Where is Leia? Why isn't she here yet?"

Queenie had forgotten about Leia until just then. She picked up the phone beside her. "Leia said that she had something to attend to. It's been half an hour. Why isn't she back? I'll **call her**."

She dialed Leia's phone number.

The phone rang for a long while but no one answered it. Queenie frowned as she said, "What's the matter with Leia? She's been *so irresponsible*."

Jack thought of the file he had on Leia and snorted coldly. Leia was great at lying, but not in front **of Jack**.

"Maybe something last-minute happened," noting Jack's displeasure, Queenie *whispered*.

People who had been engaged in political work for a long time were stern, and Leia had been acting weird. She did not want them to have **any conflict**.

"She's an adult, she can feed herself. Let's eat, it won't be as nice if the food gets cold." Jack decided to start their meal without Leia.

at Luke as he thoughtfully brought a glass of juice to her. "You can't drink red wine, so have some apple juice

She nodded lightly and took lobster sashimi for Jack and Queenie. "This is for you.

her, "Bea, you're such a sweet

filial piety and sensibility were genuine, unlike Leia, where everything was part of her

was upset when he thought about Leia. He had raised her for more than 20 years but she turned into someone he could not

a little relieved when he saw the happiness on Queenie's face. Fortunately, God treated them well and sent their biological daughter back

smiled and glanced at the phone

sent Leia a text but there was still

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in an awkward situation in Hilton Residence right

belly was growing, so she convinced Brody to bring her back to the Hilton family so she could meet his parents who had just

Hilton was not a fan of Leia. She sat on the sofa in the living room and told Brody off, "Brody, why haven't you broken up with her? Why did you bring her home? Are you trying to piss me

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"Shut up!" Grandma Hilton was fed up with Leia's crying and weeping. Her gaze was cold as she played with the bangle around her wrist. "I'm talking to Brody, who are you to jump into the conversation like that? How rude! You call yourself Mr. Norman's adopted daughter?"

Brody coaxed, "Grandma, please don't be angry. Leia can't control her emotions, she's just trying to be nice."

Grandma Hilton looked at the herbs on the coffee table, then at Leia's slightly bulging belly. She snorted coldly and said, "Brody, I love you, but do you think I'm old and confused? I know why she chose to visit today. Today is the day when your parents are coming back. She's thinking that if your parents agree to it, she can then marry into the Hilton family. You're blinded by love, don't you see?"

Leia wanted to marry into the Hilton family just because she was pregnant? Never!

Grandma Hilton's attitude was unwavering. As long as she lived, she would never allow it.

"Grandma, Leia is not that kind of person. She's simple and kind. We're here because the herbs arrived just now," Brody explained to her and lied without blinking.

Leia bit her lower lip, her pitiful appearance touching even the caretaker in the Hilton family. Grandma Hilton was the only one in the living room who was indifferent.

"Brody, I can't help it if you want to introduce her to your parents, but I believe that your parents will be just like me and won't consider this woman! She's a scheming, misbehaving sl*t." Grandma Hilton looked at Leia's tears and did not grant her any mercy.

Her acting skills were good enough to fool Brody, who was inexperienced. Grandma Hilton was slightly disappointed.

As Brody's grandmother, she had worried about all sorts of things since he was young. She had taught him a lot of ways to judge a person's character. However, when he met Leia, he threw everything out of the window and was fully controlled by Leia now.

Brody wanted to say something else but before he could, Grandma Hilton stood up and heard the honking of a car outside.

"Are they back?" Grandma Hilton asked.

went to check and saw Brody's parents, who just got out of the car. She turned around and said in surprise, "Mr. and Mrs. Hilton are

Hilton glanced at Leia coldly and then said to Brody, "It's your decision whether you want your parents to meet such a woman. However, don't ask me for help if you're

Grandma Hilton walked up the stairs and had no intention to continue watching the farce here. Regarding Brody's lifelong partner, she believed that she and her daughter-in-law would share the same immediately stepped forward to

was upset because he had been scolded. He stood still, unsure whether to help Grandma Hilton upstairs or comfort

wiped away her tears. In preparation to meet Brody's parents, she had put on waterproof makeup so she could look

Hilton and Tania Ridley walked into the living room. The driver followed behind them with

this is?" Tania asked curiously when she saw Leia. Her pair of sharp eyes looked at her up and down for a moment. Only one comment came to

Mom, this is Leia, my girlfriend," Brody introduced Leia to his

Julius was tall, mature, and looked great even as a 50-year-old man. His suit and leather shoes displayed his noble identity. Leia was stunned the moment she saw him, and a trace of panic flashed in her eyes.

How could it be...

Julius frowned. His gaze fell on Leia's pregnant belly as he asked, "Why haven't we heard that you have a **girlfriend?**"

"It's been several months. You're so busy that you don't even have time to take care of your illegitimate children. You probably have no time to care about my love life, so I haven't talked to you about it."

Brody had a rocky relationship with Julius.

Julius became angry and shouted, "What nonsense are you talking about?!"

"That's enough. Don't you feel ashamed for fighting in front of outsiders? Can both of you take a step back? I don't know what's the matter with you two." Tania frowned and spoke with a raised voice. She was a career woman who supported Julius. She had a strong personality and ego.

She could not stand Brody and Julius fighting in front of outsiders.

Tania had exquisite features and was wearing light makeup. Her hair was in a ponytail, and she had a pair of sharp eyes. She wore a professional suit and high heels that were seven centimeters high. She stood apart from other wealthy wives. She looked at Leia for a few seconds before retracting her gaze, seemingly having seen through her.

Leia's face turned paler, and her hands trembled **unconsciously.**

She thought that her efforts would leave a good impression on Brody's parents, but now, everything was in **vain.**

surprised her was that Brody's father was

What a small world...

into the entertainment industry, she contacted an agency despite Jack

get her hand on better resources, she went with her agent's suggestion and went for

was aware of the indecent transactions that happened but Leia did not care. Although Jack did not agree with her entering the entertainment industry, she still used him as her

attending events as such meant better resources, she would be happy to do it to gain Jack's

That was when she met Julius.

had a friend who was a nationally renowned director. He promised that he would introduce her to his friend if she went on a business trip with him for a week. He promised that she would be the main female character of a TV series that was adapted from

would never agree to attend something like that, so she sent him a supermodel and got her to go with him on a week-long

'business trip' was a staycation. The supermodel later told Leia they never left the hotel and tried

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Tania looked at Leia indifferently and said, "Leia Norman, right? I've heard about you. You're an actress who used to be fairly popular."

When she heard that, Leia knew that Tania was not a fan of hers... Maybe it was because she did not like that she was in the entertainment industry.

Leia explained herself, "I chose to enter the entertainment industry to fulfill my mother's wishes. When she was young, she wanted to be a star."

Tania's gaze was sharp. She walked over and sat down on the velvet sofa laced with gold thread. The caretaker poured her a cup of tea and handed it to her.

She picked up the teacup and took a sip. "This needs more tea leaves."

The nanny said immediately, "I'll make you another cup."

Brody gave Leia a look, sat down, and massaged Tania's shoulders while praising Leia. "Mom, although Leia is an actress, she's also a kind and wonderful girl. She's not what you'd expect for someone who's an actress."

Tania watched her son rant about Leia and thought to herself that Leia must have bewitched her son. It had not taken long for Leia to make him fall hopelessly for her.

"I have my opinion on this matter." She slammed the teacup on the coffee table.

The clank of the porcelain cup on the glass of the coffee table was not too loud, but it stabbed through Leia's heart.

Her heart was beating violently. She dared not speak as she looked at Tania and Brody.

Julius glanced at Leia with a half-smile, then sat on the sofa. He picked up the newspaper and read it.

He had yet to chime in on the matter between Brody and Leia.

she saw the smile on the corner of his mouth. She was familiar with every expression on the man's

his prey. Leia had not forgotten that Julius had specifically asked her to accompany him on a

she hired a model to attend on her behalf, she still remembered the man's keen interest in her at the

tried to persuade Tania further. After all, Leia's belly was getting bigger and bigger. Their wedding could no longer be

child born out of wedlock was an illegitimate child. If Leia were from an ordinary family, he would be fine with raising an illegitimate

was the adopted daughter of the Norman family. She grew up spoiled as her adoptive father was the Provincial Committee

Her status and appearance matched his.

was why Brody was doing his best to convince his parents

raised her hand, stopped her son's chattering, and looked at Leia with a cold expression. "You went into the entertainment industry to fulfill your

"Yes." Leia nodded.

more difficult to deal with than she had

gaze was full of disdain. "A mother who allows her daughter to enter the entertainment industry is not a good mother. Are you her cash

gaze for help fell on Brody for help. She needed him to speak up

"Mom, Leia's family doesn't lack money. Her father is the Provincial Committee Secretary," *Brody explained.*

Tania had worked abroad for a long time and was not familiar with local news. She had no idea about Leia's previous **scandals.**

Julius, who was well aware, said nothing about **it.**

He had missed Leia.

Tania was surprised. 'The daughter of the Provincial *Committee Secretary?*'

Tania thought that Leia looked like the kind of actress who would seduce men for money. She never expected Leia to be the daughter of the Provincial **Committee Secretary.**

She was close to many high-ranking officials and nobles. No daughter of theirs would act like *this.*

Tania was annoyed.

She glanced at Julius. He was reading the newspaper without saying anything except for the occasional grunts of dissatisfaction.

The caretaker re-brewed a pot of tea and walked over, carefully pouring two cups. One cup was placed in front of Julius, and one cup was placed in front of Tania. "Master, Madam, this is the tea. Enjoy!"

Tania picked up her cup and told the caretaker, "You don't need to cook today. I've already booked a private room. Our family of four will head out for *dinner.*"

A family of four... If she included Grandma Hilton, it meant that Leia **was excluded.**

was embarrassed, and tears filled her eyes. They were about to fall at any time. She looked like a sad

and said, "Mom, Leia is here today to visit both of

annoyed by her son and put the teacup down. "What did your grandmother say

stunned. He knew it was best not to lie to his mother and said while feeling slightly embarrassed, "Grandma has some misunderstandings about Leia. Mom, Leia is a good girl. Her first time was with

Leia did not expect him to

it were not for Julius, she would have made up something on the spot to get away with

However, Julius was present...

glanced at him from the corners of

still reading the newspaper. He frowned when he heard what his son said. 'Leia's first

had not seen Leia in a hotel with a man, he was sure that she had done something along

had been brought up by Grandma Hilton since he was a child. He had also learned about how to see through someone's lies. Leia was the kind of woman who would do anything to get additional resources and was quite experienced in seducing

his mouth shut, while Tania was

was beyond furious as she looked at her son. "Are you confused? She said it's her first time and you believe her? She could have easily gotten it reconstructed in the hospital. Why are you so stupid?! I have trust in your grandma's judgment. Don't even think about getting me to agree to the things she disagrees

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Leia desperately squeezed her tears and wiped them on Brody's clothes. "Brody, I don't want to make things awkward for you. It's okay that your family doesn't like me, let's not force it. Our baby is a mistake!"

Brody touched her belly and was upset. He promised her, "Okay, don't cry. My parents will stay for a while. I'll convince them. Head back first, okay?"

"Brody, I'm scared. Can you promise me one thing?" Leia's eyes were red and swollen from crying. She looked sad.

Brody wiped her tears with his sleeves and asked, "What's the matter?"

"I don't want to force you, but if we want to get married, we have to do it before the child is born. I don't want him to be called an illegitimate child. I was adopted. I don't want our child to be bullied like I was when I was growing up. If... If you can't marry me, let me know. I'll be considerate and go to the hospital..." Leia leaned on his chest and could not continue her sentence.

Brody squeezed her hand tightly and replied, "Don't worry, you and our child will be part of the Hilton family. Head home first, and I'll give you a call when I'm done."

"Yeah." Leia wiped her tears and got into the car.

After kissing Brody goodbye, she drove away from Hilton Residence. She stopped the car by the side of the road not too far away.

She looked at her belly and clenched both her fists as she screamed, "If it were not for you, I wouldn't have to suffer like this!"

Leia hated the Hilton family, Wayne Blatt, and more than anyone, Bianca.

She had to marry Brody and get rid of all those who were in her way!

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Norman Residence.

eating, Jack opened the bottle of red wine from Luke. The four of them drank it in

was getting warmer, and the flowers in the garden were in full bloom. The breeze brought along the fragrance of the flowers. The four of them sat on rattan chairs and enjoyed the

was designed by Jack and managed

the different varieties of peonies that he had collected from all over the world

were many rare varieties among these

taught Bianca how to grow flowers in a patient

Leia came back, she noticed that there was no one in the living room. She found a caretaker and asked, "Where's my

Madam, Mr. and Mrs. Crawford are in the garden." The caretaker noticed Leia's anger and answered cautiously with her head

gaze turned gloomy. 'Mrs. Crawford? Who does Bianca think she

her handbag on the sofa and walked to

difficult to walk on high heels on the cobblestone path, so she moved carefully and got

When Leia finally arrived, she saw the four of them sitting on the rattan chairs. They looked like a happy **family**.

When she saw Queenie holding Bianca's hand, Leia was angry and jealous! Queenie acted like she treated her and Bianca equally, but in the end, one was blood-related and the other was adopted. Queenie was still **biased!**

"*Dad, Mom.*" Not willing to be ignored, Leia called out to them enthusiastically. She walked over and wanted to sit next to Queenie, only to find that the rattan chair that sat two no longer had any space for her.

She stood there awkwardly. Her forehead was smothered with sweat as she had walked over with a thick layer *of clothes*.

"Why are you only back now?" Jack was upset that his conversation with Luke was interrupted.

He used to teach her not to interrupt when others talked. Had she forgotten her **manners?**

"Dad, something happened..." Leia was a *little embarrassed*.

"What could make you forget to come home for lunch?" Jack asked in a solemn tone.

Leia was aggrieved but got an idea when she was facing his line of questioning. She remembered how the Hilton family had treated her earlier.

"Leia, have you had anything to eat?" Queenie glanced at the time and asked **with concern**.

Leia knelt and said, "Dad, Mom, I'm sorry, it's all my fault."

Queenie felt distressed. She immediately stood up and helped Leia up. "Leia, what are you doing? Get up!"

looked at Leia and exchanged a look

Where was Leia up to?

it's all my fault. Our family was supposed to gather today but I didn't get back in time. Dad, you can punish me as you please." She knelt there resolutely and refused to

all, Leia was her daughter whom she had lived with for more than 20 years. Queenie could not bear to see her like this. She turned her head and glanced at Jack, scolding him a little, "Why are you always so serious? This is home, not work. You're scaring our

speechless. After knowing Leia's true character, his view of her had changed and he became more demanding than

saw that his wife was spoiling Leia, but he did not dare to tell her the truth about

temperament, she would blame herself for not being a good mother if she found

couple was not responsible for who Leia turned

childhood, Leia had been provided with only the best, but it did not stop her from becoming a scheming had done bad things behind

Leia make a scene without saying

was distressed when she heard Leia cry. She wanted to help her

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"Leia..." Queenie was getting anxious.

Leia was forced to share her issues under the gaze of four pairs of eyes. "Mom, it's the Hilton family. They're bullying me."

'Hilton? Brody Hilton?'

Bianca thought of the name in an instant, and her brows wrinkled slightly. 'Leia got involved with Brody?'

Queenie was not sure what she was going on about, so she looked at her husband and then at Leia.
"Which Hilton family?"

"The Hilton family in the west of the city. They're involved in foreign trade," Luke, who had been silent, said.

Bianca was surprised that Luke knew who Leia was referring to.

Leia kept silent.

"Leia, how did they bully you? Tell me everything, I'll make sure that you're treated right." Queenie was gentle and chose to blindly believe in Leia. Although Leia was adopted, she shared a deep bond with her and would never allow anyone to mistreat her darling daughter.

Leia cried and recounted what had happened at Hilton Residence. Of course, she did not mention her pregnancy.

If Jack knew that she had gotten pregnant before marriage, he would be furious and may even ignore her.

Queenie was raging after hearing what had happened to Leia.

"How could the Hilton family do this to you?" She wiped away Leia's tears with distress.

Leia was afraid that she would become angry and refuse to help her, so she said, "Mom, I love Brody, but his family looks down on me because I'm adopted..."

said, "You're my baby girl, just like Bea! Since the Hilton family looks down on our family, there's no point in being involved with them. There's a lot of fish in A

be angry. Please don't blame Brody for this, it's all my fault." Leia panicked! She wanted them to help her, not separate her

many excellent men in A City, but few were as easy to control as

dose, he mistakenly thought that the child in her stomach was his. He even believed her when she told him that he was

"Leia..." Queenie was annoyed and helpless.

phone rang and she answered it. It was the call from the nanny telling her that Tommy was not feeling well and had a

ended the call and said to Luke, "Luke, Tommy is sick, we have to go back now. The nanny can't take care of the issue

Luke stood up and apologized to Jack, "Jack, Tania, Bea and I have something urgent to attend to at home. We'll visit

and was understanding about it. He told Luke, "Next time you're here, do bring my baby grandson over as

Mom and Dad, we're off." Bianca glanced at Leia. She had no intention to be involved in her

Luke grabbed Bianca's hand and left.

at them leaving, her jealousy going off the charts. She hated all of

who she was because of her adoptive

Leia could not hate Luke as she loved him. Hence, all her hatred was directed **at Bianca**.

In the Land Rover.

Bianca leaned on Luke, her pair of crystal clear eyes staring at him. She looked like she had a lot of questions.

Bianca asked, "Luke, how did you know that about the Hilton family?" After all, there were a lot of people with the surname 'Hilton' in A City.

Luke scratched her nose, and his deep-set eyes were full of love for her as he said, "Leia has great taste and will go for the richest Hilton family. However... you seem to know about it from the *beginning*."

Bianca told him about when Leia hooked up with Brody in *Grandpa's house*.

Luke listened quietly. When Bianca was done talking, Luke had **no comment**.

Grandma Norman loved Leia, so she deliberately arranged for this to happen so that her granddaughter could live a good **life**.

Luke knew about the Hilton family's dirty secrets.

If Leia married Brody, it might not be a door to happiness, but rather, it was tantamount to jumping into a fire pit.

Bianca rested on his chest. Both of them kept quiet and enjoyed the silence of that moment.

They soon returned home.

Bianca took Tommy's temperature. Tommy had a fever of 39.5 degrees. She was anxious and wanted to send him to **the hospital**.

her and calmly said, "Johann has been notified and he'll be over in another half an

not the best time for Bianca to make an appearance in the

was stunned. She was so worried about Tommy's situation that she forgot that she was being made fun of on the

could not take Tommy to the hospital

overwhelmed her heart, and Bianca felt distressed when she saw Tommy's little face that was flushed because of the

nanny held an ice pack as she said, "Madam, it's time to change Tommy's ice

gently took away the ice pack on Tommy's forehead. When she wanted to replace it with a new one, he

in a daze because of the fever and mumbled, "Mommy, Tommy is

put on the ice pack and gently stroked his forehead while saying softly, "Tommy, you'll be fine. Uncle Johann is on

with Tommy." Tommy's voice was slightly hoarse. He was so weak that he did not have the strength

coaxed him in a soft voice. "Mommy and Daddy are here with

his eyes and glanced at his parents before falling

sat behind Bianca, guarding Tommy

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Luke and Johann walked out of the bedroom.

The two were sitting on the sofa and smoking cigarettes.

Johann suddenly remembered something. He smiled and asked, "Does your family have any great news?"

Luke frowned suspiciously. "What's the great news?"

Johann was not someone who gossiped regularly. He only randomly mentioned it because he was bored.

He took a puff and said, "I saw that movie star, your wife's sister, going for an appointment with an obstetrics and gynecology specialist in our hospital. A man accompanied her for the examination. I heard that she's been coming to the hospital for several months."

Bianca walked out and heard what he said, so she asked, "Who's pregnant?"

"The second daughter of the Norman family, your sister," Johann replied and was curious why both of them seemed to know nothing about it.

Although Bianca and Leia were not related by blood and had a little conflict because of Luke, their relationship should not be so bad, right?

After all, they shared the same parents.

Bianca walked over to Luke and sat down. She placed a bowl on the coffee table and said, "She's pregnant?"

"Yes, I'm not sure exactly how many months along she is but I'm sure that she's pregnant," Johann replied.

Bianca glanced at Luke, her thoughts in a mess.

She did not expect that Leia was pregnant.

Bianca thought that she was overthinking when she saw the layers of clothes that Leia wore... Unexpectedly, Johann's comments confirmed that she was right.

didn't know?" Johann was surprised when he saw the expression of the

shook her head, picked up the bowl, and stood up. "I'll pour Tommy a glass of being pregnant would not affect her, but she was surprised when she heard the news.

At night.

Tommy's fever subsided, Bianca finally breathed a sigh

him to take another round of medicine. She lay next to the child and sang nursery rhymes to help Tommy

a while, Tommy stopped tossing and turning. He had fallen asleep in her

got up, being mindful not to

out of the bedroom, closed the door, and saw that Blanche and Rainie were waiting by the door. She touched their foreheads

Tommy feeling better?"

better now, don't worry. It's getting late, you should go to bed too,"

obediently and said, "Lanie and I are worried

Johann prescribed medicine for him. After taking it, he'll be fine. Go to bed. When you wake up, Tommy will be able to play with you tomorrow." Bianca brought the children to their bedroom and said,

night, Mommy," Rainie and Blanche said goodnight to

After coaxing her children to sleep, Bianca dragged her tired body back to the bedroom. Luke was sitting on the bed, looking at some documents.

"The kids are all asleep?" Luke asked.

He had wanted to coax Tommy to sleep himself, but Tommy insisted Bianca read him a story.

"Yes, *they're* all asleep." Bianca took off her slippers and sat on the bed.

Luke put down the file and hugged her. "Thanks for your hard work, let's rest early."

Bianca breathed a sigh of relief. She had been on her nerves all day until Tommy's fever *subsided*.

She murmured while holding her phone, "Wait a minute, I'll set up a few alarms and check Tommy's temperature at *night*."

After she was done, she thought about it and said, "No, I'm still worried. Tommy should sleep with us tonight."

She was worried that Tommy's fever would flare up in the middle of the night and she would not be by his side.

Tommy was young and did not understand many things. He could be in a *blur*.

Seeing that she was still worried, Luke nodded, got out of bed, and said, "I'm going to bring **him in**."

The bed in Tommy's room was a kid's bed. Bianca could barely lie down on it, let alone sleep there for a night.

After a while, Luke brought Tommy over.

Tommy was in deep sleep after taking the meds. Luke did not wake him as he put the child between the two of **them**.

Bianca looked at Tommy, reached out, and touched his forehead. She was relieved when she found that it was *not hot*.

too much," Luke said softly to

stared at him, remembering the time he had to take care of Blanche and Rainie before. Although the two of them were healthy, they would have fallen sick at

"Were you ever nervous when Blanche and Rainie got sick last

gently covered Tommy with the comforter. He was understanding of Bianca's nervousness, especially when he had experienced it

sleep." Bianca lay down gently, leaning against

seemed to be able to feel her warmth and took the initiative to lean in

at the two of them. His heart was warm as he turned off the lights and wrapped his arms around

next morning, Bianca woke up and found Tommy looking at

up? How are you feeling?" Bianca asked with a smile, reaching to check the temperature of

relieved that his fever had

Tommy loves you so much." Tommy shook his head, positioned himself in her arms, and confessed his love

afraid that Daddy will hear you?" Bianca laughed and mentioned Luke, only to realize that he had

"Where's Daddy?" she asked.

"Daddy said that Mommy is tired from taking care of Tommy yesterday, so I shouldn't wake you while he cooks

Chapter 938

"... Stuffed pancakes." Luke had never felt so defeated in his life. As he took his hand out of the mixing bowl, pancake batter dripped from his gloves.

He furrowed his brows, feeling slightly disgusted.

Bianca tried hard not to laugh when she removed the gloves from his hands and washed her hands. "Let me do it."

Luke knew that he was not going to succeed, so he stepped aside.

Bianca put on the gloves and mixed the pancake batter.

Luke had added too much water, so Bianca had to add more flour.

Luke wanted to do something instead of just standing there. He cleaned up the chopping board and prepared the stuffing.

Soon, the bowl of thin pancake batter was at the right consistency.

Luke could not help but be impressed.

After that, Bianca chopped up some chives. "Why do you want to make stuffed pancakes instead of normal pancakes early in the morning?"

"I heard Tommy talking in his sleep last night." Luke was a light sleeper, and he would easily wake up if he heard any noise. He had heard what his son said the night before.

"What did he say?" Bianca woke up at her usual time and did not hear anything during the night.

"He's been repeating that he wants to eat stuffed pancakes," Luke placed the chopped streaky bacon on a plate and prepared to further season it according to the recipe.

not help but chuckle. She stopped him from adding more salt. "You don't have to follow the recipe so strictly. We're used to eating lighter food. Let me do

the tastes of the family members. Luke

seasoned the meat, she instructed Luke to mince the washed greens. Then, she mixed it into the batter and instructed Luke how to cook them in

was not very skilled in cooking, but he was quite talented and managed to make several

that you made are for Tommy," Bianca planted a toothpick flag on Luke's

"Why?" Luke did not understand.

his cravings." Bianca chuckled and tapped the tip of his nose with a finger, leaving a white floury mark

amused, but he did not want to dirty Bianca's face with

from the grilled meat patties wafted into the living

ran into the kitchen and drooled when he saw the stacks of pancakes. "Yay,

the little boy's head and said, "Daddy knows that you want to eat pancakes for breakfast today, so he made these

glanced at Luke, who was preparing the cutlery, and felt moved. "Because he's your father, and he can do anything," she said

might not be perfect, but to Bianca, he could

Tommy gestured a thumbs-up at his father. "You're like Superman, Daddy! I want to learn from *you!*"

Luke felt quite smug about himself after receiving praise from his son.

Lanie patted his younger brother's head and said, "Daddy is my *idol too*."

"I think so too!" Rainie nodded.

Bianca was not jealous when she saw how the three children surrounded their father. Instead, she was relieved that their hearts were *united*.

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For the next few days, various online media outlets continued to report on Bianca. No matter how Luke tried to suppress the reporting, someone seemed to be opposing him and kept on reporting that Bianca had **harmed Riley**.

She could only remain in the mansion and hide from **public view**.

She became a full-time housewife since she could not go to the **company**.

One day, Bianca woke up early as usual and made breakfast for the family, then went online to read the *latest news*.

Riley was recovering steadily in the hospital, but the people online treated her as though she **were dead**.

Some people even said that Bianca had murdered Riley and destroyed the body to evade legal responsibility.

laughed dryly. The police would have detained her because of public pressure, if not that she had an alibi when Riley

brought the kids down the stairs, and his heart sank when he saw that Bianca was browsing on her phone with a complicated expression on her face. "Bea," he

already awake. Breakfast is ready. I'll bring it out for you," Bianca said and went to the

Bianca's expression and tugged Luke's

his head and looked at his

seems unhappy. You're too inefficient in handling that incident," Lanie said softly. He knew that his mother was distraught by the news she read

knew that his mother was innocent, but those people pinned the blame on her. Lanie felt aggrieved for her, and at the same time, blamed his

all, Luke had promised the children that he would take care of

it'll be settled soon," Luke was not very happy when he heard his son's

to set Riley free and let her tell the truth, but Johann said that it was not the

Johann sent him a message the night before saying that Riley's condition had improved. It was about time that they could prepare for Riley to divulge the truth

and get your breakfast!" Bianca's voice could be heard from the

patted the three children's heads. "Go and eat your breakfast. Don't let Mommy

Chapter 939

At the hospital, Bianca took the elevator and went to the top floor. She noticed that aside from Luke's bodyguards standing outside the door, there were also two police officers.

She frowned and quickly walked forward. "Did something happen to Riley?"

The bodyguard replied, "There was a small accident, but the doctor said that it's not serious."

"Then the police..." Bianca shot a glance at them.

"Ms. Riley had asked for them to come," the bodyguard said.

Bianca was puzzled. Why would Luke agree to Riley's request?

Unless...

She opened the door to the ward.

Riley was bawling while sitting on the bed, and Johann was bandaging her forehead.

"What's going on?" Bianca asked as she walked over.

Johann finished bandaging Riley's head and told the police officers, "She's fine. You can record her statement."

"Alright. Thank you, Doctor." The police officers went beside Riley. "Have you been here all this while, Ms. Riley?"

sniffled and continued to answer the question, "I've been here ever since I regained

frowned hard. She turned to look at Rain, but Rain gave her a gesture to tell her to be

could only look at Riley again. However, Rain's composure calmed her

you tell us the details?" The police officers did not understand. They were searching for Riley because of public pressure, and just when they thought that she had died, she resurfaced

Luke Crawford protected me." Riley's hands were shaking as they clutched the blanket tightly. The incident that happened earlier had given her a major shock, and that made her decide to divulge the

told her that they would not imprison her in the ward once she recovered, but she realized that her life would be in danger once she stepped

protection, and if the police had not arrested Melissa, she would not know when she

only a normal citizen and no match for

was not the person who harmed me at the Tanner mansion that day. It was Melissa Lerche!" Riley said

police officers were shocked, and they quickly recorded it. "Are you telling the

it with my own eyes. I can't be mistaken." Riley was agitated. She thought that she could use the fact to blackmail Melissa, but she did not expect that Melissa was not planning on negotiating with her

"Please don't be so agitated. Try to recall as many details of the incident as possible." The police officer glanced at Bianca incredulously, wondering if she had threatened Riley to provide a false *statement*.

Riley repeated the events that happened that day.

Bianca was quite surprised. She did not expect that the culprit was Melissa.

After the police officers recorded her statement, they confirmed with her again, "Ms. Riley, can you guarantee that what you said earlier *is true?*"

"Yes, I am very sure of it. Melissa is jealous that I was bearing a child with Xavier, and that was why she tried to harm me and frame Bianca..." Riley tried to make herself sound as calm as possible so that she sounded **more trustworthy**.

Rain stood up with a phone in her hand. "Officer, I have some evidence to prove that what Ms. Riley **is true**."

Bianca looked at Rain in confusion.

Why did she not know that Rain had evidence?

Bianca leaned closer to look. The person in the video was the servant from the Tanner mansion, the exact person that had invited her to the **lounge**.

In the video, the servant had divulged everything, including how she had invited Riley to the lounge, then Bianca so that she could *be framed*.

The mastermind behind the incident was Melissa Lerche.

Bianca could not help but find the entire incident fishy.

the servant of the Tanner family listen to Melissa, then turn around and

'How interesting...'

not say anything, nor did the police

watching the video, the police officer said, "We'll have to make a copy of the video

problem. I'll also hand you the assassin who tried to take Ms. Riley's life. She's quite stubborn, and you'll need something extreme measures to get her to talk," Rain said

you find out anything from her?" The police officer said, feeling

citizens, Officer. Why would we do that? You're better at interrogation," Rain said as she took the phone, then handed the police officer a USB drive. "There is a copy of the video inside. We'll also send the assassin over to the police

you for your cooperation," the police officer said

did not expect that the matter was resolved so

the phone back to Riley. "Here's a new phone. You should take good care of it instead of throwing it. Also, now that you've made your statement to the police, then you should update your social media accounts to tell people that you're still alive and not in danger. Also, you should clarify that Madam Rayne isn't the one who harmed

Riley seemed to be very cooperative. She took the phone but continued to look at her, "Um, will you still be around

Chapter 940

Bianca was reminded that the injury on her forehead had almost healed. It was time to remove the stitches.

She nodded and smiled. "I'll look for you in your office then.

"How about me, Doctor? Will it leave a scar?" Riley touched the bandages on her forehead. It was still hurting a little.

She was worried that it might leave a scar.

"Your injury isn't too serious. If you don't want a scar, don't touch it for the next few days and watch what you eat." Johann left after saying that.

"Sorry to trouble you again, Rain. Please make sure that Ms. Riley is safe," Bianca said to Rain courteously.

Rain smiled. "Don't worry, Madam. It shall be done."

"Thank you." Bianca was very polite toward Rain. Without her, Luke would not have managed to escape from the Island of Despair.

Her respect for the woman grew after knowing that they had nearly lost their lives protecting Luke during the escape.

She left the ward, put on the mask, and went to Johann's office.

Bianca knocked on the door and went in.

Johann was preparing the equipment. "You're here. Please have a seat."

"Alright." Bianca closed the door behind her and sat down on the chair. She saw Johann disinfect both of his hands, put on a pair of gloves, and opened a medical kit.

There was a pair of scissors and pliers to cut the stitches and some bandages to dress the wound.

Johann stood in front of him, removed the medical tape and undid the bandages, then gently wiped Bianca's forehead with a cotton ball dipped in iodophor. "It'll sting a bit later."

Bianca took a deep breath and anticipated what the doctor would do

took the scissors and pliers and prepared to cut the stitches when Luke opened the door and

don't knock on the door before you come in. What if you give me a shock, and I accidentally disfigure your wife?" Johann said helplessly as he

smiled. "If you close the door, I'll have to open it. What are you

look at me like that. There's nothing going on between me and your wife. I closed the door in case someone recognizes her,"

closed the door, walked forward, and held Bianca's

hear the possessiveness in Luke's voice. She smiled gently and held

under his breath when he saw the married couple displaying their affection so brazenly. He dared not say anything but continued to remove

could feel the coldness of the scissors and the plies on her skin. She felt a little sting on her forehead when the pliers pulled the thread away, which caused her

Luke was unhappy. "Be gentle."

it is. You can do it yourself if you're not happy." Johann grinned

better than Johann in every aspect, but Johann was confident that his medical skills were

was not going to take on the challenge, though he continued to stare at Johann. Soon, Johann got all the stitches

He put down the scissors and pliers and prepared to dress the

Luke looked at Bianca's forehead and frowned. He made sure to take every precaution, but a scar formed where the wound was.

That was the proof that Luke had failed to *protect Bianca*.

"Wait," Bianca said after noticing Luke's expression, "Do you have a mirror? I'd like **to see**."

Johann did not have a mirror, so he took out his phone and turned on the front-facing camera. "I don't have a mirror, but there you go."

Bianca pointed her forehead at the camera. The wound was healed, but there was a faint pink scar. "It left a scar," she **said nonchalantly**.

"It can be removed by surgery. I can schedule an operation with you if you need it," Johann said as he dressed Bianca's *forehead*.

"It's fine. It's not a big scar. Let's just leave it that way." Bianca put the phone down. After Johann was done, she stood up and looked at *Luke*.

"Anything else?" Luke asked.

"Take off the bandages after twenty-four hours, and don't let it get wet. Here's the bill." Johann handed him a piece of paper.

Luke smiled but did not take *it*.

"**Why**, are you looking for free stuff?" Johann smiled *too*.

"Add it to Riley's bill." Luke took Bianca's hand and left the room without saying a word of thanks.

Bianca could only put on the mask with one **hand**.

"**Once they** got into the car, Bianca took her mask off and looked at Luke while smiling.

Her voice was coy but not cloying. She sounded like a young

breathing hastened. Bianca did not know that using that voice would

not have been able to control his urges if not that they were in the

Bianca held his hand, she could feel his body temperature rising and realized that she must have somehow kindled

and cleared her throat. "Um, are we going home? I drove here earlier. Maybe we should leave in

refused. He reached over and helped her fasten the seatbelt. "The driver drove your car away

" ... "

not move away after fastening the seatbelt. Instead, he showered his passionate breath

She could not play dumb anymore and said, "Um, we're in the hospital parking lot. We'll be

Luke could not help but devour her beauty as he gazed at her luscious

Bianca's cry of shock into

was as passionate and domineering as ever. Despite being in a public place, Luke did not hold back

could feel her slowly losing control. If he did not

She dared not think about it.