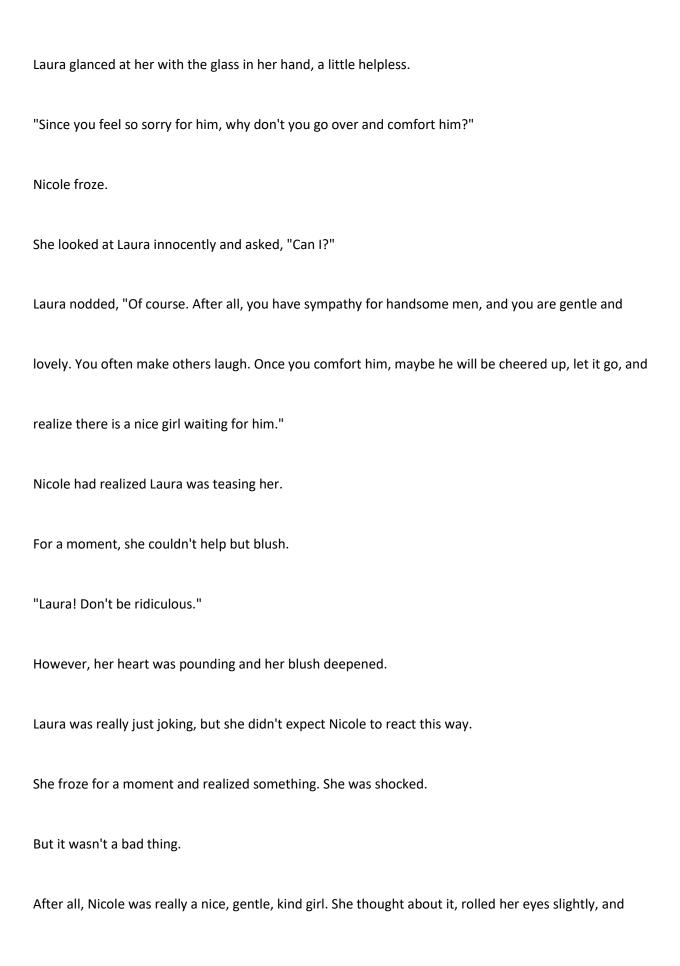
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Stephen left first because he had to work soon. Laura's scene was scheduled for later, so she could
rest a little longer.
After Stephen left, Nicole came in and looked around. She was relieved to find no one else in the
lounge but Laura and came in.
"So, how did it go?"
Laura smiled and asked Nicole to pour her a glass of honey water. As she drank it, she said, "He is a
smart man and knows what I'm talking about. We'll be fine from now."
Nicole then breathed a sigh of relief.
But she immediately frowned.
She said helplessly to Laura, "Laura, in fact, I feel sorry for Stephen. He's handsome, rich, gentle, and
considerate. He's a gentleman and comes from a good family. Why is he so unlucky?"
"He liked a girl and told her about his feelings, but he was rejected and learned that she already had a
boyfriend."
"I felt sorry for him."

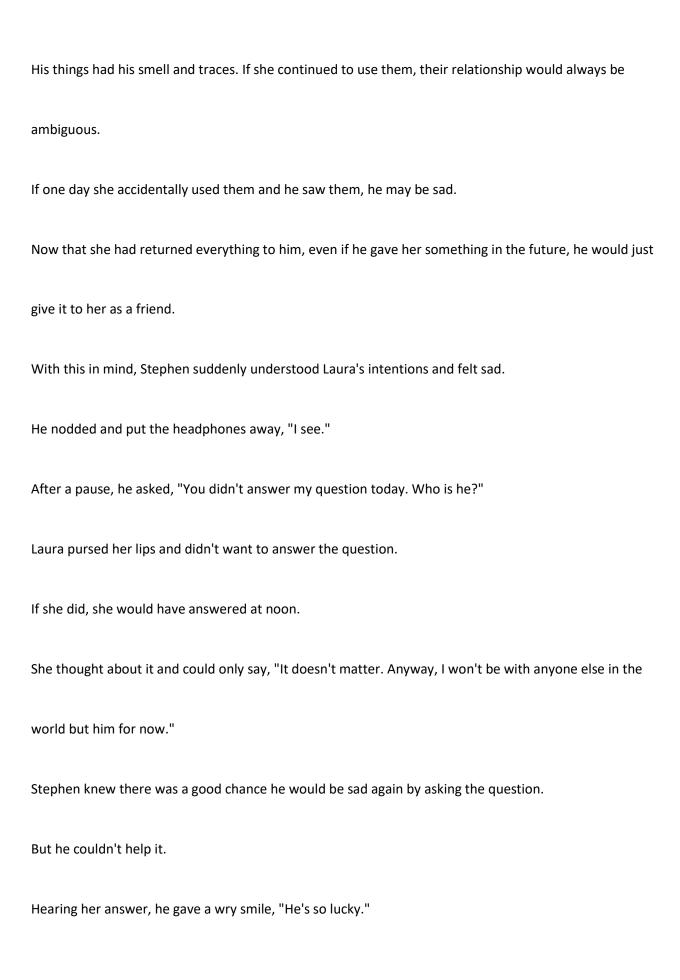


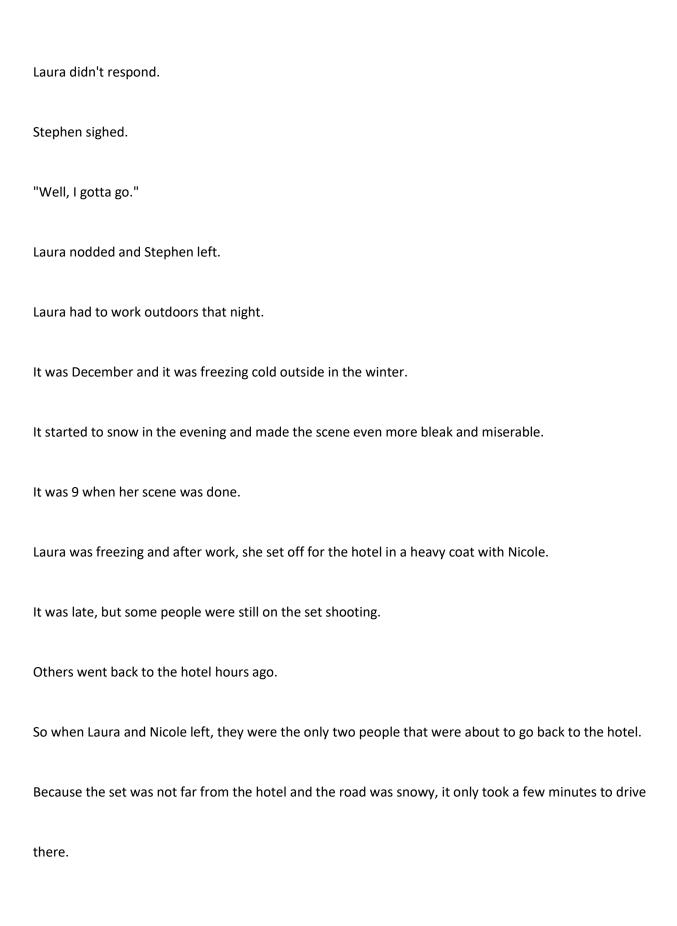


But she knew that Nicole w	vas not a snobbish girl and that she didn't like Stephen because of his status
or family background.	
From Stephen's behavior a	nd the way she felt about him, she could tell that he didn't value family
backgrounds either.	
So she thought it was good	if the two of them could be together.
She wanted everyone arou	nd her to be happy.
With this in mind, Laura clo	osed her eyes to rest in contentment.
In the afternoon, Laura pla	yed opposite Stephen.
Stephen worked late last n today.	ight and only slept for three or four hours, but he didn't look tired at all
He was still working hard a	nd the director and assistant director next to him nodded their heads a lot
out of satisfaction.	
Fortunately, they didn't ha	ve to work very hard today.
Both of them were experie	nced actors and were familiar with each other because they had acted in the
same show, so they worke	d well together.

The director noticed that their relationship was not as awkward as before.
During the break, they talked happily. The director knew that his plan to get them to make up today had
worked.
He couldn't help but sigh with relief.
Being a director was not easy. He had to worry about both the quality of the movie and the relationship
between the lead actor and actress.
But luckily, they made up. He didn't care about anything else as long as they didn't affect the crew.
They didn't get off work until 6.
Stephen had the night off but Laura had to work, so she needed to have dinner on the set and start
working when it was completely dark.
Before Stephen left, he looked at her and wanted to say something.
Laura knew he had something to ask. She pointed to a corner not far away and said, "Let's go over
there."
Stephen nodded.
They walked to a quiet corner. Stephen took something out of his pocket and asked, "Did you ask



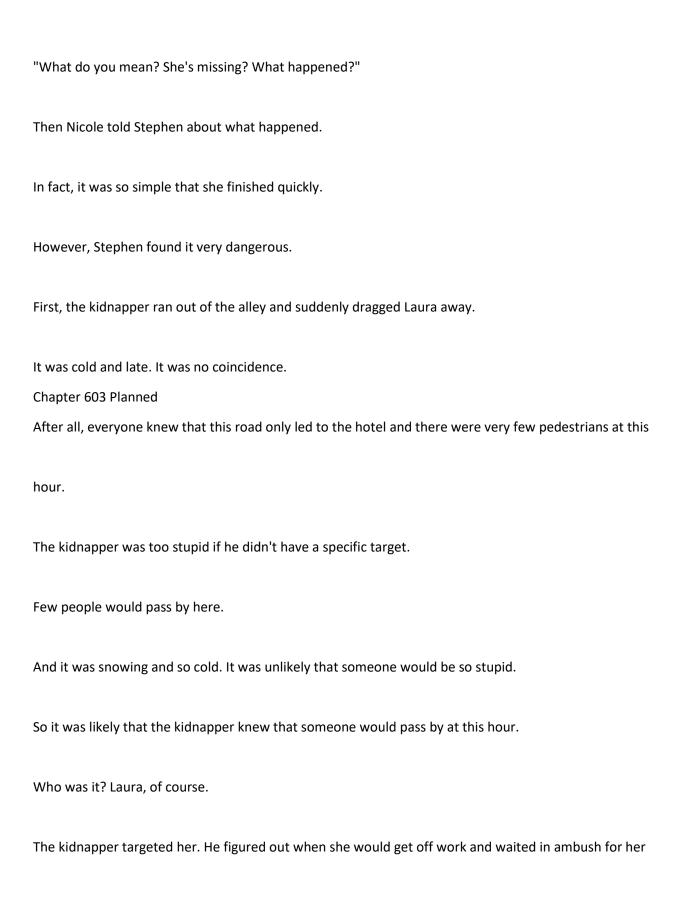




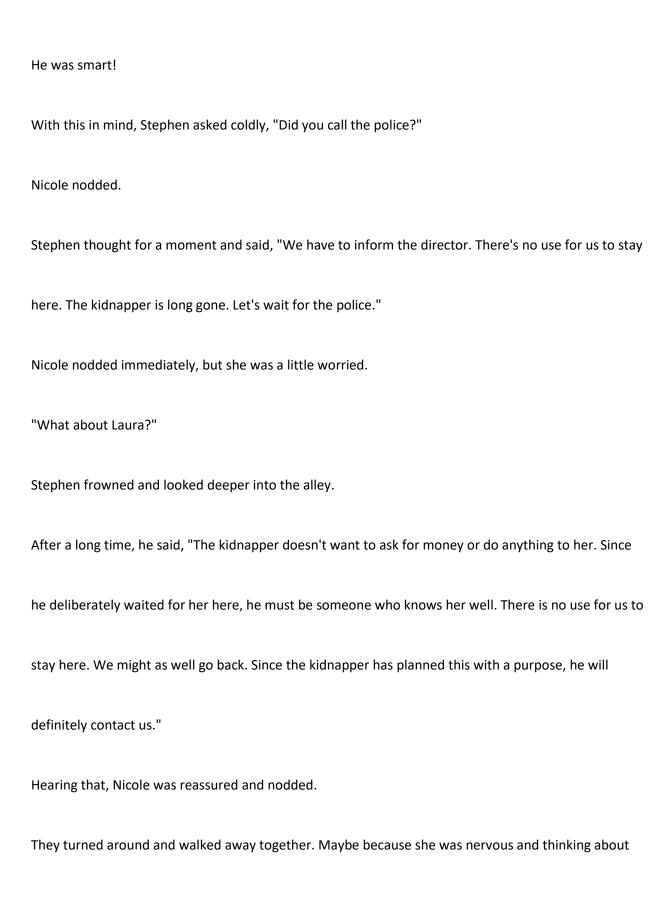
But Laura was starving and didn't want to order take-out, so she was going to walk back with Nicole
and buy something to eat on the way.
They bought some food and were walking towards the hotel when suddenly a dark figure rushed out of
the alley.
The dark figure quickly grabbed Laura and dragged her into the alley.
Laura didn't even have time to scream. Nicole was stunned for two seconds and immediately shouted,
"Laura!"
Then she dropped the food and rushed into the alley, but it was dark and empty.
She was instantly stunned. She didn't dare to go forward and there was nothing she could do.
There were few pedestrians on the road on a cold winter night.
The closest location to her was a night market a few hundred meters away.
But if she really ran over and asked for help, the kidnapper may have already escaped.
She had no choice but to take out her cell phone and call the police while running after them.
The alley was dark and there were no street lights. She could only use her cell phone for lighting on the
road.







to pass by and drag her away.
With this in mind, Stephen took out his phone, opened the torch app, and walked into the alley.
After walking a few steps, he found some tire marks.
Three parallel marks. They were still very clear because there was an extra thin layer of snow on the
ground.
It was most likely created by something like a tricycle.
It explained why Nicole rushed in within twenty seconds but didn't see anyone.
Because the kidnapper carried Laura to the tricycle and left quickly, which confirmed his previous
thoughts.
The kidnapper knew Laura and even prepared the tricycle here in advance in order to take her away.
Why did he choose this alley instead of the road?
After all, there were very few people in both places.
He looked up. Because it was an old town, there were very few surveillance cameras there.
There were no cameras in this alley, but there were some on the road to monitor cars.
The kidnapper chose this place to avoid the cameras.

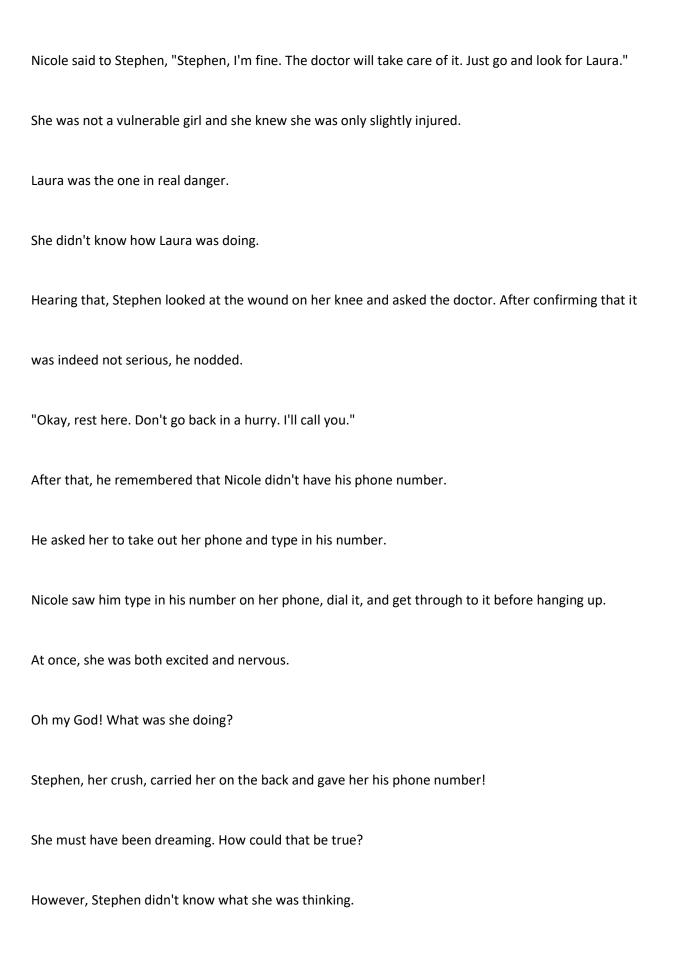


something, or was in shock, she took a few steps and suddenly screamed and fell to the ground. Stephen was startled and immediately turned around to look at her. He saw a large, sharp stone on the ground. Nicole probably didn't notice it and tripped over it. Her knee hit the edge of the stone and bled. Stephen's countenance changed instantly. He immediately squatted down, helped her up from the ground, and asked, "Are you okay?" Nicole was a little pale and her forehead was sweating from the pain. But she gritted her teeth and said, "I'm fine." Stephen looked up at her face and knew that she was holding back the pain. Because it was winter, she was wearing thick leggings. He couldn't see her wound and it was not convenient to treat it here. Stephen could only take his scarf off and simply bandage her leg before saying, "Hold on. I'll get you to the hospital right away." Nicole immediately shook her head. "Don't bother. I'm fine. We don't need to go to the hospital. Let's look for Laura first..."

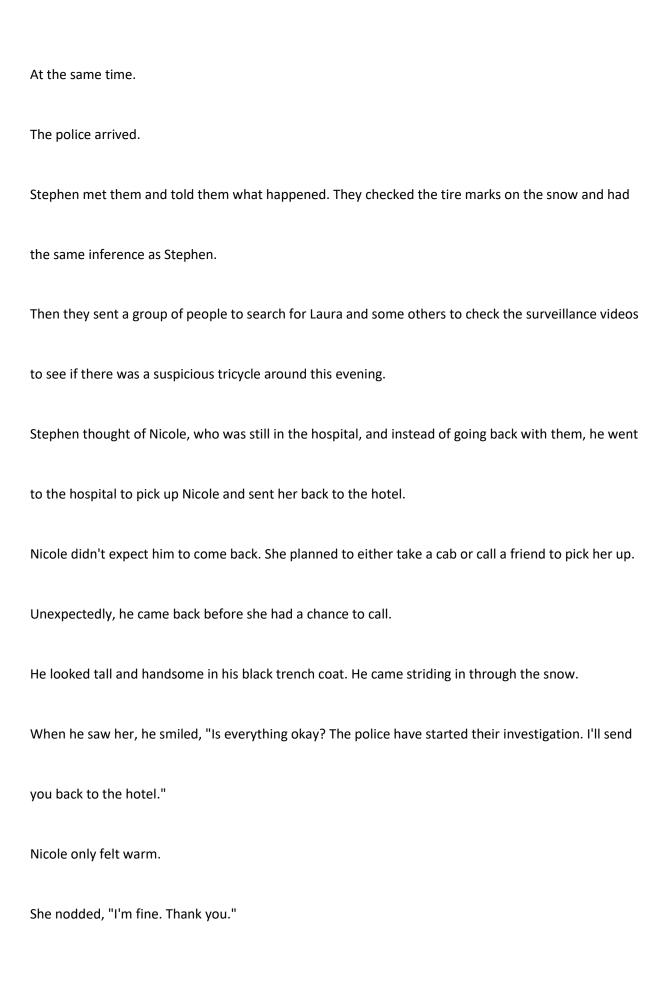


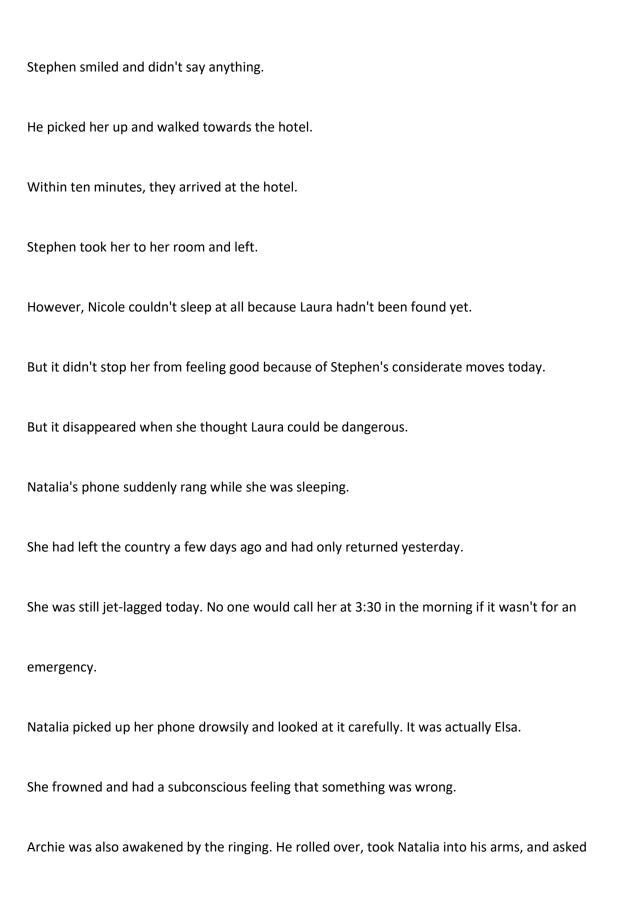


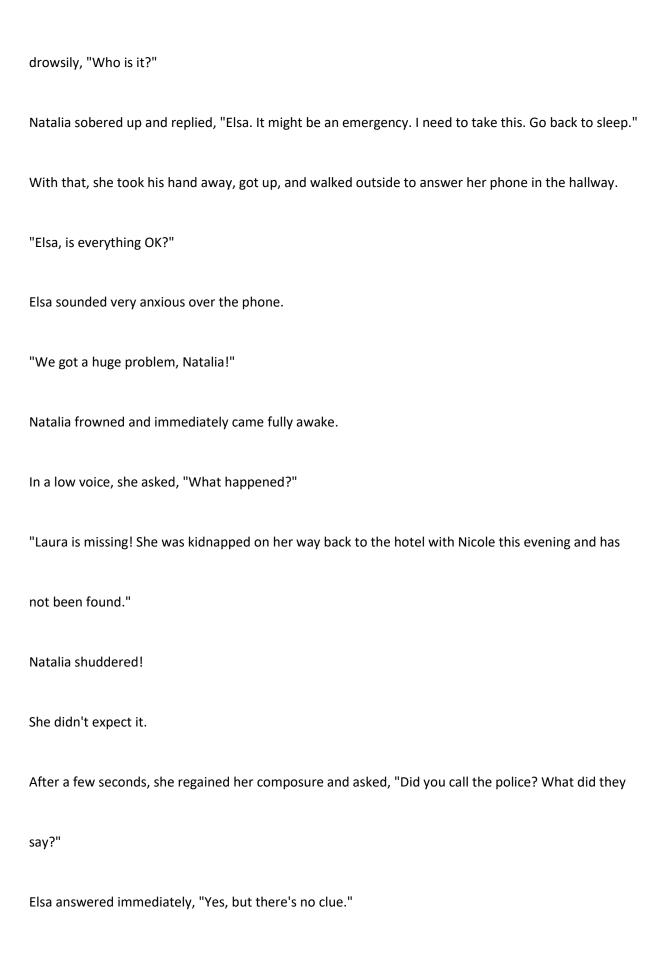




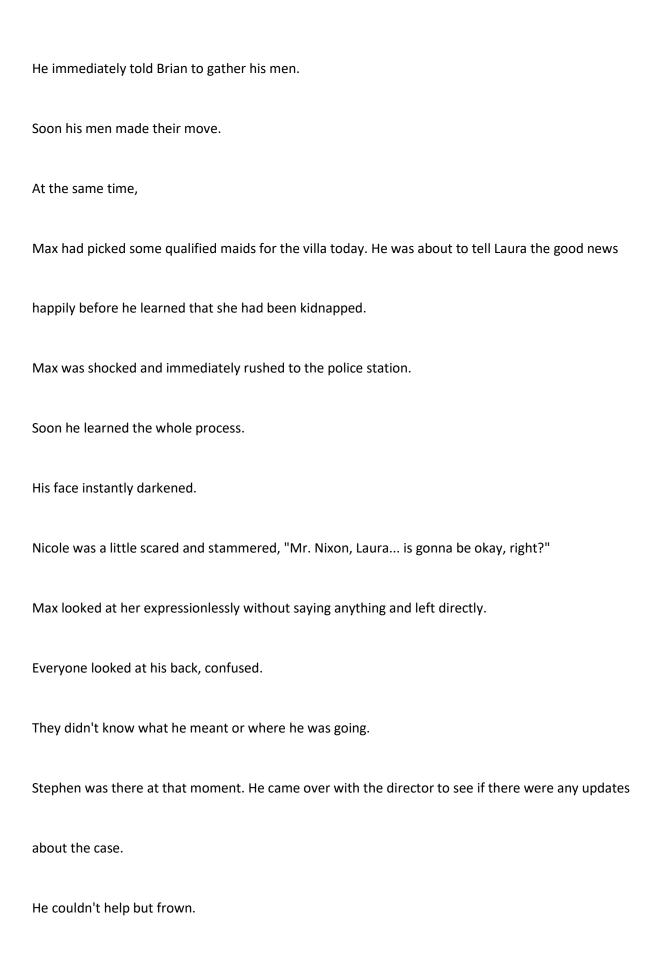
He saved his number calmly and returned the phone to her.
Then he said seriously, "Don't leave after your wound has been treated. Wait for my call. If you really
want to go back to the hotel, call and have someone pick you up. It's too late. It's not safe for you to go
back alone. Laura already had an accident. You must not make things worse, OK?"
Nicole nodded.
She looked obedient.
Stephen looked at her and for some reason, his mood suddenly got better.
He smiled and stroked her head.
After that, both of them froze.
Stephen quickly withdrew his hand and gave an awkward smile.
"Well, I gotta go."
Nicole nodded, "Okay, go ahead."
Then Stephen left.
After he left, Nicole covered her blushing face, squealed inwardly, and bowed her head shyly.







Natalia pursed her lips and subconsciously scratched the railing.
After a long time, she lowered her voice and said, "Don't let anyone know about this except the director.
Make sure to intercept any news before the media leak it out."
Elsa immediately agreed.
Because this kind of thing had happened before. A celebrity was kidnapped and the kidnappers only
wanted money.
But the media found out about it, reported it, and even got involved in the case.
Later, the kidnappers killed the celebrity under public pressure.
The press would not be able to help but would only make things worse.
Elsa knew about it too, so she would have done it even if Natalia hadn't told her to.
Chapter 605 Beautiful Daughter
Then Natalia told Elsa some dos and don'ts.
Elsa agreed and hung up the phone.
Natalia immediately told Archie about it.
Archie was powerful and good at finding someone in the country.



He patted Nicole's shoulder to comfort her, "Don't worry. She'll be fine."
In fact, he was confused.
Why was it that when Laura had an accident, it was not Natalia but Max who stepped in?
Max was Annie International's shareholder and Laura's boss, but he had never stepped in other stars'
accidents before.
But this time he personally asked about it and even looked anxious.
Was there something going on between them?
Stephen didn't think they were a couple. He just thought that Max's attitude towards Laura was a bit
strange.
But he didn't think much about it. After all, the most important thing now was to save Laura.
At the same time.
Max had just come out of the police station when he was grabbed by someone.
Bang!
He was caught off guard. His collar was grabbed and he was pinned against a car.







Diego approached her with a bowl of food coldly, squatted down in front of her, and placed the bowl on
the ground.
"Damn, I couldn't find that check you showed me last time. You lied to me, didn't you?"
Laura looked at Diego. Because she hadn't eaten all day, she was so weak that she could barely
speak.
Her mouth was taped shut and she couldn't make a sound, so she could only look at him quietly.
Diego thought for a moment and called out to those men outside, "Hey, what do we do now?"
A fat man with tattooed arms walked in.
"Since she doesn't have any money with her, let's call her mom! Her mom must know where the money
is."
Diego frowned, reluctant.
"I don't wanna call her. If I call and tell her I have her daughter, everyone will know about this. How can
I get away with it?"
Hearing that, the man laughed out loud.

"Wow, you wanna get away with it and continue being the father of a famous actress? Do you think your beautiful daughter would agree?" Chapter 606 It Will Be All Yours As Diego spoke, he pointed at Laura, who looked at him with a poker face. She couldn't make a sound with duct tape on her mouth. Diego's expression altered. "So you are saying..." The man with tattooed arms rested a hand on Diego's shoulder and said with a grin, "Buddy, with all due respect, you're too soft-hearted sometimes. Your wife and daughter don't want you in their lives and try to get you out of the picture. You wouldn't let go because you can't forget the good times you had together? What's the point?" Laura almost threw up upon hearing these words. "He wouldn't let go because of the good times? "Like that could be true! He wouldn't let go because he wanted more money!" Though Laura found this remark rather phony, Diego was pleased to hear that. He chortled and said, "You know, a day together as husband and wife means endless devotion the rest of your life. I'm her father at the end of the day. I don't wanna go too far."

A hint of mockery flashed through the eyes of the man with tattooed arms.

Nevertheless, he managed to show a look of admiration on his face.

"I knew you were loyal, man! Even so, buddy, you gotta keep things in perspective. Now you've already

taken her here, do you think she'll let you go off the hook if you set her free?"

Diego was stunned by this question.

He had been giving Laura and her mother some hard times for so long. During these years, Laura had

gradually become famous and richer with high social status. Now, she was no longer the helpless girl

he could twist around his little finger.

However, because he was still married to her mother, he was, in the legal aspect, Laura's stepfather.

Thus, with Laura's mother being his leverage, he never worried that Laura would disobey him.

Over the years, he had grown used to it. As time went by, he started to believe that Laura would have

to do his biddings at the end of the day regardless of what he did to her.

Hence, when he kidnapped Laura here, he never considered that Laura might seek revenge afterward.

Seeing Diego stand there in a daze, the tattooed guy laughed and patted him on the shoulder. "Think about it. The bottom line is, we want the money. As for her, nobody cares." With that said, he headed out with his lackeys. Diego stood there for a while. His countenance changed. When he looked back at Laura, who had been tied to a concrete pillar, his eyes suddenly showed a trace of viciousness. He crouched down and yanked the piece of cloth from Laura's mouth. "Diego! Are you freaking insane? Do you know what you're doing? Untie me, now!" Laura started shouting the instant she could speak again. Diego gazed at her. The trace of viciousness grew more and more distinct. A while later, he said coldly, "Stop shouting! No one can hear you no matter how hard you try." Laura's expression changed at once. With a pallid face, she looked at Diego in disbelief and asked, "Where are we?" Diego unfeelingly stuffed a piece of pretzel into Laura's mouth and said, "Don't ask questions. I won't answer anyway. Just eat and drink when you have the chance. Then, you'll get going."



While speaking, he thought of something and squatted down again to seize Laura by the collar. "Just tell me the truth. Where is the five million dollar check? I promise to release you once you tell me where it is. Huh? How about that?" Laura stared at him. Suddenly, she felt amused. Thus, she started to laugh. "Are you deranged or something? You had a chance to get a lot more money, but you cast it away and took such a big risk for just five million. You need to have your brains examined!" Diego never thought that Laura would have the nerve to rebuke him at this juncture. At once, his temper rose, and he slapped her in the face. "Tell me where the check is!" he growled. His body was quivering because of rage. That slap forced Laura to face the other side. A salty taste of rust slowly spread in her mouth. She inhaled deeply and said in a calm voice, "How about this, you let me go first, then I'll tell you where the check is." Diego glowered at her. Fury had almost turned his eyes scarlet.

Laura, however, was not scared. Her composed eyes quietly met his. Even her tone was pretty much business-like. "I don't know what's going on between you and those people out there, but I can tell they don't take you seriously. They told you to bring me here against my will. I bet they are probably just using you to get money. The check is worth five million. How much do you think you can get after they take their share? "You should set me free. The money will be all yours. And you don't have to divorce my mother either. You can still rip me off again with the divorce issue in the future. And I can't do anything to stop you, can I?" Diego wavered by Laura's offer. After all, it was five million dollars! If he could pocket all the money, he could buy a lot of... Also, he would never have to live like this anymore. As if he had thought of something, Diego's eyes revealed madness. Staring at Laura with a nearly hysterical look in his eyes, he said under his breath, "Is it true that you'll



Therefore, he wasn't on high alert for them. Even so, just to be safe, he decided to seize more leverage. "How about this? You tell me where your mother is. After I verify everything, I'll let you go immediately." Laura's face instantly turned cold. "Diego, this is between us. Leave my mother out of this!" Diego sneered. "Leave her out of this? Like that's possible! She's your mother and my wife. Whatever concerns you and me also concern her. Plus, I know you're no longer that little girl you were. Don't you try to fool me. "Didn't you just hook up with a rich man? You're much more cunning now. If you refuse to give me money after I set you free, I can't really do anything to hurt you, can I? Or your sugar daddy will go after me. "But that's not the case with your mother. We're a lawful married couple. Though it may not be proper to scold or hit her, I can make love to her, can't I? But if something went wrong with her newly planted

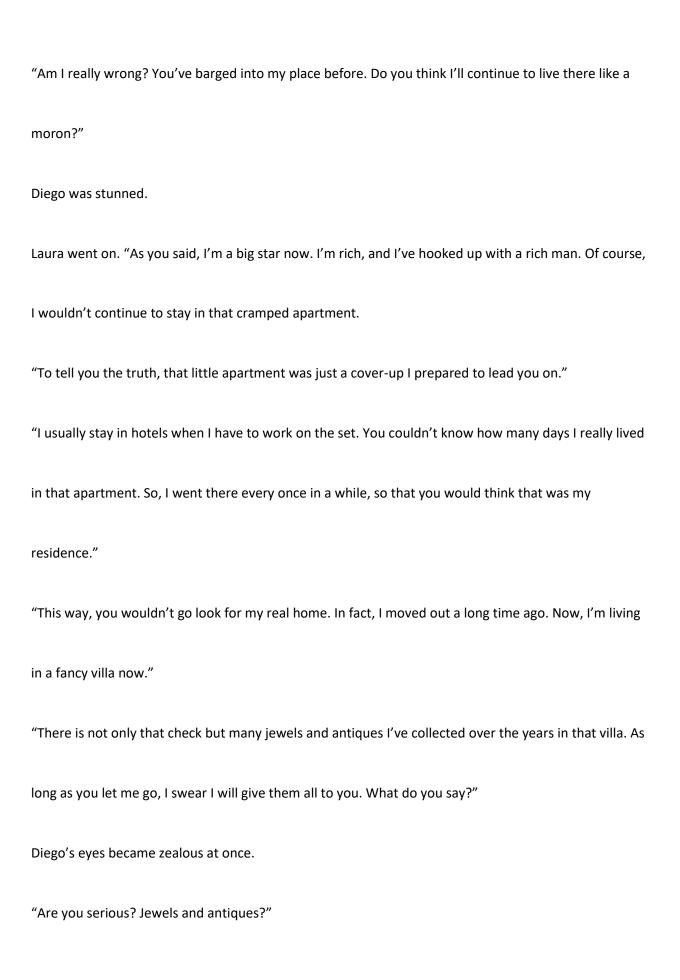
heart during our lovemaking process and gave her a poor recovery, I wouldn't be the one to blame,

because it's not something that I can control. "In that case, the court wouldn't hold me liable, would it? Thus, you'd better tell me her whereabouts. This way, I'll be relieved, and so will you. Then, we can finally make a deal. You'll give me the money at the same time when I give you freedom. Isn't that perfect?" Laura quivered with fury. She knew Diego was brazen, but she didn't expect him to be this shameless. Gritting her teeth and staring coldly at him, she bellowed word by word, "You wish!" Seeing her attitude, Diego's face turned icy cold in an instant. "That's to say, you were trying to trick me, am I right? Because this is a trap, you still can't risk telling me where your mother is. Laura Davies, do you really think I'm an idiot?" As he said this, he abruptly reached out and clamped a hand over Laura's chin. Laura felt that the bones in her chin were about to be crushed. Her head was jerked upward by Diego's hand.

At this precise moment, someone asked from outside, "Hey, did she cough up the information?"

Diego looked over his shoulder at that group. Before he could say anything, Laura clenched her teeth







As he spoke, he walked toward Laura while unbuttoning his shirt.

Seeing this, Diego frowned, then reached out to stop him with a fawning smile on his face.

"Gee, no need to do that. We haven't had the money yet. This girl has a temper. Who knows what she would do if you cornered her? If she's dead, we will lose both the money and our leverage. Just wait for me to prise the whereabouts of the money out of her tonight. Then, you can do whatever you want to her. I promise."

Hearing this, the man stopped in his tracks and banished the thought of touching her right away.

The tattooed guy laughed, then said, "Diego, never knew you could be so merciless. She's your

stepdaughter after all! You wouldn't feel sorry for her if she was destroyed by us?"

Diego narrowed his eyes, took a cigarette from that man, and lit it. Smiling, he said, "Stepdaughter? I

shouldn't have taken her in at all. I supported her for over a decade. But the moment she became

successful, she tried to get rid of me, so why would I care about her at all?"

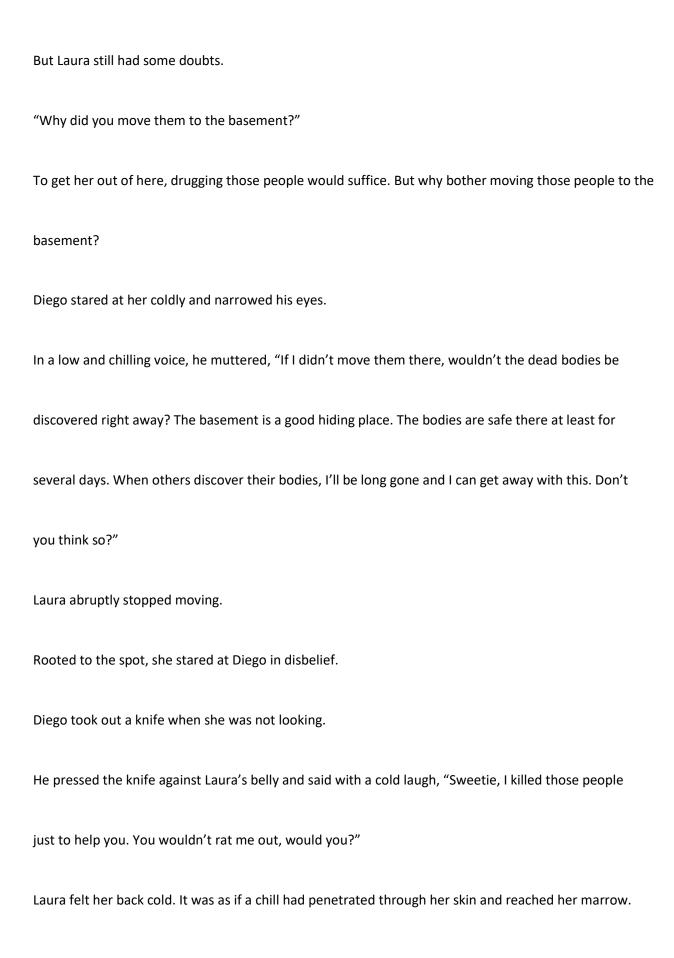
That man was relieved after hearing this remark. He placed a hand on Diego's shoulder and continued

to chat and laugh with him.

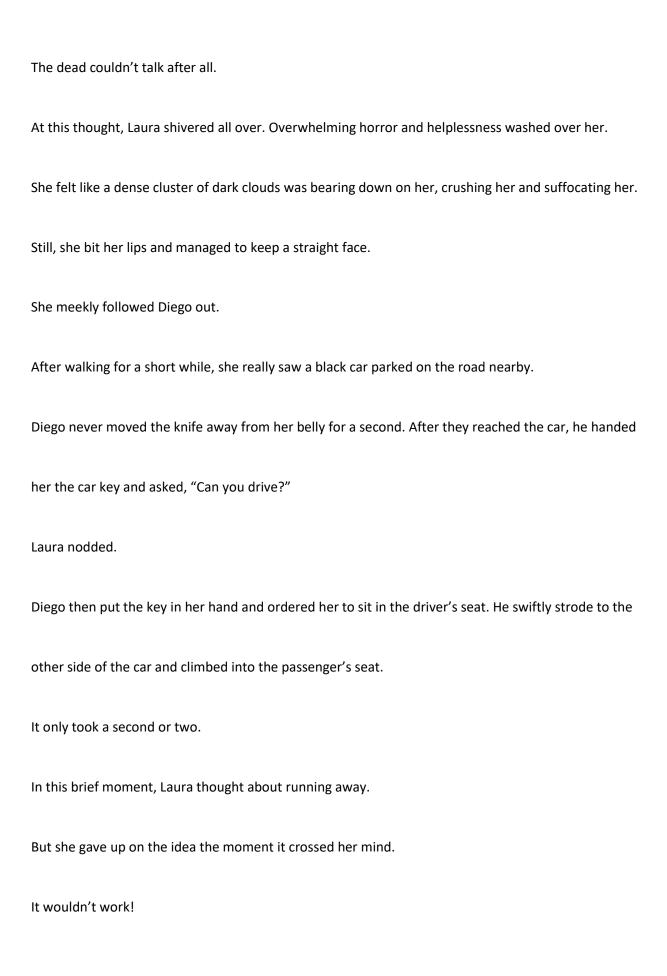
Chapter 608 Taking Her away

Diego didn't show up again until late at night.

This time, there was no sound outside. It seemed that the rest of the gang had all fell asleep. Laura was not sure whether they were asleep or left. Anyway, it was very quiet outside. Diego walked in stealthily, holding a bunch of car keys. He came over and untied Laura. As he untied the ropes, he remarked, "Don't make a sound. Just come with me. The car is parked on the road not far away. We'll go there and get straight into the car." The tape on Laura's mouth had long been removed, so she could speak now. Hearing this, Laura asked with concern, "Where are the others?" Diego cast a look at her. This look was meaningful. For some reason, it sent a chill down his spine. She felt as if a snake had climbed onto her back. Diego immediately laughed a sinister laugh and said, "I drugged them and locked them up in the cellar." The so-called cellar was probably just a basement. This was a factory. It certainly had a basement to store things that were rarely used.







This place was deserted. No one was around to help. As a woman, she had no way to outrun Diego. She had nothing to use as a weapon, either. Even if she ran, Diego would catch her back in no time. If that infuriated Diego, who knew what would happen? Thinking of this, Laura couldn't help but swallow. She then put the key into the keyhole and grabbed the steering wheel. Diego put on the seat belt and glanced at Laura. Seeing that she had been very obedient, he nodded with satisfaction. "See, isn't this nice? Now you're doing what I say and saved me a lot of trouble. You can rest assured. Once I get the money, I'll let you go right off and won't bother you again." Laura forced a smile, then slowly started the car. The car ran at a steady speed. Diego, sitting in the passenger's seat, never let the knife move an inch away from Laura's waist. It was not that Laura didn't want to escape with the car. She didn't do it because she knew she couldn't

move faster than a man.

Perhaps before she could run away, Diego's knife would already be stabbed into her body. In the past, she would not believe Diego had the guts to take her life. But just now, she learned that Diego had killed so many people and hid their bodies, which made her realize that Diego was no longer the man she knew in the past. The Diego she knew was indeed hateful. But he was a coward. He only dared to commit minor sins - bullying women, gambling, and fighting. He would back off when he encountered real tough guys. But now, he was different. Today's Diego was more like a vile, poisonous serpent. He appeared to be weak and negligible. But at some point, he could dart out and bite without mercy. Once the poison reached the blood, the victim would have no hope of surviving. Laura was sure that if she really attempted to disobey Diego, Diego would absolutely kill her and flee. So she didn't dare to make any rash moves. However, she couldn't just sit back and wait, either. After deliberating for a while, Laura suddenly asked, "Do you have any empty boxes?"

Dazed, Diego looked at her with a frown. "What boxes?" Laura gave a stiff smile, "Didn't I tell you I have many jewels and antiques in my villa? Don't you want them all? Then you have to prepare some boxes to put them in. I don't have anything to pack those things for you to take away. The suitcases I have are the ones I've used before and can be easily recognized. I do have some other small suitcases, but they're not big enough for all those antiques." Truthfully, she was betting her life on this plan. She bet that Diego would not give up taking those valuable antiques. As she expected, Diego asked with suspicion, "What antiques do you have in your place?" Laura was relieved to hear that, because Diego had swallowed the bait. She heaved a sigh in relief in her head. But her tone was still nonchalant, "I have many. What kind do you prefer?" Chapter 609 Forgetting the Password Diego sneered and said, "The most valuable kind, of course. Do you really believe I want the antiques for collection?"

Laura laughed, "Then things are simpler. Jade products and paintings are quite valuable and easy to carry around. You can have a look yourself when we get there." Diego felt that today's Laura was a bit weird. She was being so meek that Diego found it kind of surreal. Granted, considering the current situation, perhaps Laura really didn't dare to defy him. But she voluntarily told her where her collections were and invited him over to take them. She even asked him which kind he preferred and advised him to pick the more portable ones. Was she planning something? When Diego looked at Laura again, his eyes gradually become dubious. However, Laura didn't seem to have noticed it. She was still focused on driving, as though she merely made a casual suggestion and had no hidden agenda. Diego felt uneasy and undecided. Just then, Laura suddenly let out a cry of surprise and pointed at a store by the street selling clothes and suitcases.

"They have suitcases for sale. You wanna buy one?"

Diego looked back at that store. This place was not downtown, so few people were around. The store was not big, only two salesmen were in there.

Yet, Diego cast a vigilant look upward. Surely, there was a surveillance camera.

He turned around with a frosty face and pressed the knife more forcibly against Laura's waist. Through

clenched teeth, he growled, "Cut the crap! Just keep driving!"

Laura curled her lips and muttered, "You always mistake my goodwill for ill intent."

Then, she did shut her mouth as Diego ordered and continued driving in silence.

About 20 minutes later, the car pulled up in a neighborhood strewn with villas.

Laura pointed at a villa a short distance away and said, "See? That's my house. Will you go there by yourself or should I go with you?"

Diego looked around cautiously. Since he was with Laura, the security guard didn't suspect a thing.

But this was a neighborhood for rich people, so it was well-equipped with security facilities.

Diego didn't know whether anything unexpected would happen if he went in on his own and left Laura

alone in the car.

Therefore, to play it safe, he d	ecided to take Laura with him.
Holding the knife against Laura	's waist, Diego bellowed, "Go there with me."
Laura arched one brow but dic	n't object. She followed Diego out of the car.
Holding the knife behind her b	ack, Diego forced Laura to the door of that villa and ordered her to open
the door.	
That stumped Laura.	
In fact, she didn't even know t	ne password!
Because this was not her home	!!
That day, she got really drunk,	and Max brought her here. She woke up in this villa the next day.
What she told Diego at that de	relict factory was a lie. She made it up just to trick Diego into getting her
out of there.	
She thought she had to make a	last attempt to strive to live, even though she didn't expect it would
work. However, Diego bought	her lie so there they were.
She believed she had thought	of everything. Yet, she didn't realize she had forgotten the password to
the villa.	

Max told her the password the other day. He said that this would be her home from now on. When her mother recovered from the surgery, she would need a nice place for recovery. This neighborhood was quiet and agreeable, which would be perfect for her mother to live in.

Laura didn't take it to heart back then. She thought that she might not agree to move in here.

Thus, when Max told her the password, she didn't really try to memorize it.

Now, this was awkward!

Diego's face fell when he saw Laura stand there motionlessly.

"What are you waiting for? Open the damn door!"

Laura's face stiffened and then showed an embarrassed smile.

"Oops... sorry, I forgot the password. Can I make a call to ask about it?"

Diego's eyes widened. He stared at her incredulously.

"Didn't you say this was your house? How can you forget the password to your own house?"

With a forced smile on her face, she said, "You know, I usually live in hotels and rarely come home.

Plus, I have to go to live in that apartment for a few days once in a while to fool you. It's no surprise that

I forgot the password here.
"Besides, this villa is too big for me to live in alone. So this villa is more of a warehouse to me that I
hardly ever visit."
However, how could Diego be convinced just like that?
Gazing at her coldly, he said with a sneer, "You can't have randomly picked someone's house just to
fool me, right?"
Laura hurriedly shook her head.
"Of course not. Do you look like a gullible man? This is really my house. I can even tell you which color
the carpet inside is. You can verify it yourself after you get in in a moment."
Diego was almost convinced by that.
He looked at Laura with slightly dubious eyes and asked, "Who are you calling?"
Laura compressed her lips and said, "My boyfriend."
Then, she quickly added, "He's abroad on a business trip, so he still doesn't know I'm missing. He
wouldn't get suspicious if I called him.
"If you're still concerned, I can turn on the speaker. If I say anything I shouldn't say, you can just stab

me to death. I won't complain."

Diego thought for moments. Though he knew this was risky, he felt it wouldn't be a big deal.

After all, Laura's boyfriend was in a foreign country. Even if he noticed something fishy, he couldn't rush

back to rescue her in time.

When he handled those gangsters this afternoon, he already planned out his escaping route.

Now, all he needed to do was to fetch the money and valuables and drive straight to the port.

It would take a maximum of 20 minutes to get to the port from here.

Laura's boyfriend who was abroad couldn't do anything during the 20 minutes.

Thinking of this, Diego stopped worrying.

Yet, he had no idea that it was precisely this call that got him in trouble later.

It was because he didn't know who the boyfriend Laura talked about was. He would never guess that

Laura's boyfriend was actually the second son of the Nixon family, who dominated the entire Eqitin. He

could send his men over in just five minutes, let alone 20 minutes.

But Diego failed to see the trouble coming.

Now he had been tempted by the huge fortune inside the villa, there was no going back for him.

That gang had gotten something on him. They said they wouldn't let him off the hook unless he gave

them 2 million dollars.

Thus, he had no choice but to try all means to get money.

When that gang learned that his stepdaughter was a celebrity, they began to target Laura.

In truth, abducting Laura was not Diego's plan. He was incited and coerced by those people.

In his original plan, even if he refused to sign the divorce papers, he wouldn't go that far as to

kidnapping Laura.

After all, neither of the options could do any good to him.

Chapter 610 Mooching off

No matter which one he chose, he would lose the opportunity to keep mooching off Laura.

Hence, if Diego had the choice, he would pick neither of the options.

He would prefer to keep things as they were now and mooch money off Laura once in a while, which

would benefit him the most.

But those people took a hard line on him. They told him that if he refused to help them, they would

perhaps kill him right on the spot.

Those gangsters all had strong backers. Diego couldn't afford to mess with them, so he could only do as he was told.

But he was swayed at once when Laura told him she had a ton of jewels and antiques at her place this afternoon in the factory.

He began to wonder how great it would be if all the money was his.

Those people picked on him and pestered him to pay back their money. Broke and powerless, Diego didn't dare to defy them before.

But who else would he fear once he had such a large sum?

He could take the money and flee to another country. So what if the others found out he murdered those people? They couldn't track him down anyway.

Plus, Diego knew those jewels were worth much more than five million dollars.

That was why he dared to make such a risky move.

Money could drive people mad, not to mention that Diego was a fanatical money-grabber.

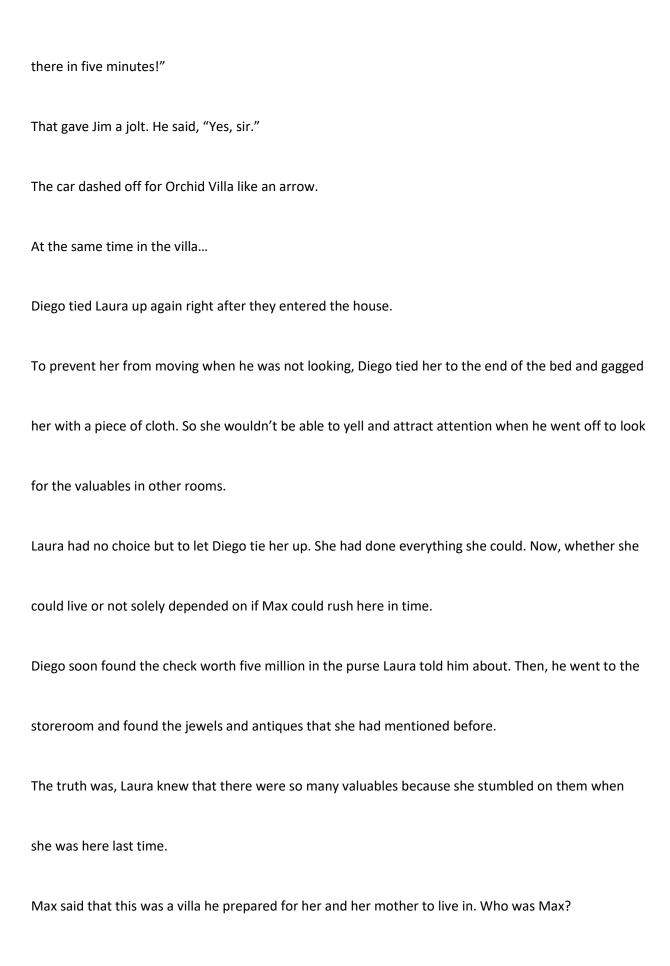
After the money and the valuables were in his bag, he would, of course, kill Laura as well.

Then, he would go to another country by stealth. After that, he would be completely free! As Diego thought of this, a tinge of madness could be seen in his eyes. He was fully aware that what he was doing was highly risky. It was even likely to ruin all the plans he had hatched before. But he couldn't pull back now. Without the money, he wouldn't be able to escape to a foreign country even if he killed Laura. In that case, he would also be killed. He certainly didn't want to die. So he had to take the chances! Diego had lost so much money because he was a gambling addict. In this circumstance, he naturally would like to continue to make a bet other than giving up. So he approved of Laura's suggestion. He picked up Laura's phone but didn't hand it to her. Instead, he made her unlock the screen while holding it in his hand. He asked, "What's your boyfriend's caller ID?" Laura thought for a moment and said, "The Wayward Dog."



At first, he thought the people he sent out had finally found out something. He hastily picked up the
phone but trembled with shock.
The phone screen showed that it was Laura calling.
He hurriedly answered the call.
"Laura!!!"
"BABY!"
Max was interrupted before he could say anything more.
Laura's voice sounded quite cheerful as if she was not in danger.
She was even smiling, and she continued, "Honey, I just got home from work, but I can't remember the
password of the door. Can you tell me the password again?"
Max knitted his brows.
Laura's little apartment didn't have a coded lock.
Besides, since Laura disappeared, Max had stationed his people there. If Laura came home, he would
definitely be informed.
Hence





A rich young man famous for his extravagant way of spending.
Since he had ascertained that Laura was his significant another half, he surely wouldn't begrudge
spending money for her.
Thus, even though Laura had not moved in, Max had bought many famous brand jewels for her and
put them in the villa.
He also bought antiques because he knew that Laura's mother loved ancient paintings and the like.
But later, her family fortune suffered a fall. During those years of hard life, she rarely had the chance to
appreciate antiques closely.
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Those jewels and antiques were all in the storeroom. Laura already knew that when she was here last
time.
Diego ferreted out all the precious objects. At the sight of the bulging bag full of valuables, his eyes
shone with avidity.