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Chapter 591 Disgusting Him Completely

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that she was using cutlery again, her movements were a little stiff and unnatural. She ate very slowly, but she

Now that

She looked up at the helper

surprise, and she immediately turned to go out and

footsteps could be heard. The door was pushed open again, and Bishop walked in.

had changed into a new set of clothes from head to toe. He looked impeccable. He was clean and tidy. He still looked

the woman sitting in front of the table and asked coldly, "Why did you ask

hesitated for a moment and glanced at the helper and Bob at the door. She remained silent.

two of them immediately understood

the side and sat down on the sofa, his posture lazy and unrestrained. "Now, tell

with Chelsea George?" Mandy asked,

eyes and looked at

an eye on her. After returning from the beach,

TV mounted on the wall. "I can watch TV twice a week, and you

brows and was momentarily speechless.

privilege because he was afraid that she would always think of ending her life after losing the will to live. He never thought

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Mandy's eyes looked lifeless, but she slowly nodded. "Yes, but I have one condition."

"Mr. Adams said that as long as you are willing to eat, he will fulfill any conditions you make!"

"After dinner, I want to meet him."

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leave, closing the door. Bishop calmly walked to the side

your relationship with Chelsea George?" Mandy asked, stressing each syllable.

He raised his eyes and looked at her.

keeping an eye on her. After returning from the beach, she never once left this room. How did she know about this? Mandy slowly raised her chin and pointed at the TV mounted on the wall. "I can watch

me to do so. Have

and

a week, and you were the one

afraid that

that she would actually find out about him and Chelsea George on

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in the

eyes revealed cold determination.

frowned and stared at Mandy. After two seconds, he said coldly,

instantly discouraged

of helplessness arose from

Chapter 592 Stealing Paula's Birth Certificate

It was already mid-morning on the second day when Lucia got hold of Paula's birth certificate. She waited for Paul to leave the house

before she quietly slipped into the study and opened the drawer. There was the marriage certificate she had just seen yesterday, some

other documents, and Paula's birth certificate at the bottom of the drawer.

Lucia took a deep breath, took out Paula's birth certificate, and looked at it again and again. She stayed there for a long time. Speaking of which, she never had to sneak around in the past twenty-plus years of her life. But now, for the sake of her best friend's

happiness, she had no choice but to do it.

Lucia gritted her teeth, took out her phone to take a photo of the birth certificate, and sent it to Paula. Then, she held the birth certificate

in her arms and quietly slipped out of the study.

Everything went so smoothly. She secretly heaved a sigh of relief and walked toward her room. However, she suddenly felt that

something was amiss. Her body tensed up, and she immediately turned to look in a direction.

A small person was standing at the staircase, staring at her intently. It was obvious that he had seen all of her movements just now. Lucia felt hot flashes throughout her body as the feeling of guilt immediately surged within her heart. She gasped and hurriedly walked

toward Zack. She smiled at him calmly, asking, "Zack, why are you here?"

"I just woke up, so I came out."

"What is this?" Zack asked curiously as his gaze stopped on the document she was holding in her arms.

A trace of unnaturalness flashed across Lucia's face as she hurriedly said with a fake smile, "It's nothing. It's just some paper."

"Can I see?" Zack was very curious about the document.

Lucia was running out of ideas to distract him as she said dryly, "This is nothing fun. Zack, go back to your room. I'll call you guys when

breakfast is ready."

Zack murmured in response. Then, he stared at her and said softly, "Aunt Lucia, you seem to be very nervous."

to stay with them, this child had grown closer to

was even more flustered after being caught by him under such circumstances. "No, I'm not! Maybe it's too hot today.

back to

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her other hand and forcefully pushed Zack back into his room. Only then did she run to

room in a panic.

calmed down. She took a deep breath and

reach out for her phone. and emojis, she could feel Paula's excitement through it. Lucia was sure that would definitely scream and run over to hug scene quickly flashed through her mind, making in the following message. It was Austos smiled and sent her a message. "I'm going over right quickly changed into a beige windbreaker and a pair of white trousers. The outfit made her look fresh and clean. She quickly the car keys, yet. Why are you going out?" Mrs. and walked out. "There's something I need to do. I come could not stop her. She could only helplessly shake her head when she heard Lucia and turn took less than an car, she saw Paula and Burton standing looked at the happy couple in white. Lucia was smiling from ear to ear. would come for you." out to Lucia and said, "Alright, you talking about!" Lucia smiled and played it to me. Are you really give it to you. Why are you spoke, she took out Paula's birth certificate from her bag like she was taking out a treasure. She pounced over to hug and kiss Lucia as she exclaimed, "I love watched the two of them goofing around with a smile. When they finally stopped, he looked at and sa In a serious tone, "Lucia, thank for? We're all friends. You've helped Lucia smiled at Paula. from her!"

on, you

Chapter 503 A Favor

At the entranny the Civil Attains Bureau, Lucia sat on \cdot bench for a long time. The couples came and went. Some were happy to get

their marriage buenises whil others were sad to get their divorce papers. The scene was like. imily ethics drama.

After a while, Paula and Button came out, hand in hand, slow het down

Paula saw Lucia and rushed over. Fearing her tall, Burton pulled her to

"Check this *** Paula beld the marriage boense high in the air and said excitedly. "We've got it."

"Let me take a look" Lucia smiled, took the marriage license, and opened it.

In the picture, Paula and Burton were wearing white shirts. Their smiles were so broad. Curving like the crescent, Paula's eyes were filled

with happiness.

"Beautiful "Lucia nodded and praised them.

The photo of Paul and her on their marriage license then resurfaced in her mind, and her heart was a bit heavy. Whether a couple was

happy or not could be told in their photo.

"Well, let's go and celebrate." Paula's voice rang out, bringing her back to reality.

Lucia gave the marriage license back and smiled at her friend. "Get your purse ready cuz I'm going to eat to my heart's content. "No problem!" Paula said, putting her chest.

left for the restaurant they had booked. Along the way, they talked and laughed happily. The meal

not as spirited as usual probably because she

it and said, "Alright, it's time for me to go. I need to put the residence booklet back before your brother comes back." Paula nodded, took Lucia's hand in hers, and said emotionally, "Lucia, I didn't make friends with the wrong person after all." Lucia was touched and smiled at her

"That's right. A tough stretch

home, put the residence bookdet back into

Paul would find out sooner or later. She just needed to buy her friend some time.

Paula could persuade her

rang on the head of the bed. The sight of the caller ID surprised her. It was Darnell calling. They hadn't been in touch since he took

to see Garnett.

anything wrong? She somewhat felt upset since the caller was someone who had helped her before. She took a deep breath, picked up the phone, and pressed the answer

"Hello"

straight to the point. "Are you free

asked wonderingly, "What is

a moment and asked, "Could you do me

favor from her, Given his status and resources, what could a weak woman like her help him

and asked with a tinge of amusement in her voice, "What kind of

brought it up after a moment of awkward silence. "I have a friend who is

of gift to give her. I don't have many female friends and thought of you who should know what girls

never dated anyone before. The gift shouldn't be a problem"

to be correct. After a moment of silence, Darnell smiled, "So, are you going to help me

you ask, I have no

me where you live. I'll go pick you up in an hour."

Just tell me the address of the mall. I'll

He hung up the phone and soon sent her the address.

Chapter 594 Not My Husband

Lucia turned around, only to see that he had entered the store. She sighed and followed behind him. She had to fulfill what she promised him. She went into the store and saw several shopping assistants around Darnell,

All smiles, they asked him enthusiastically, "Sir, are you a VIP here?"

"Do you plan to buy clothes for your girlfriend? Why don't you check out my latest goods of the season?"

Someone served him coffee, and another one introduced the products to him. They couldn't be more enthusiastic. Lucia was struck

dumb. Was this the privilege of hot guys? As far as she remembered, she had been to this store before. They hadn't been so warm to her.

She hesitantly went over. Darnell looked back at her, smiled charmingly, and lifted his chin.

"The clothes are for her. Ask her about her preferences."

"Huh?" Lucia was confounded. Before she could react, the shopping assistants swarmed over. Some asked if she was thirsty while others.

asked what kind of style she preferred.

She gave a helpless smile. "One of you can introduce the clothes to me, and the others can go ahead with their business."

The shopping assistants looked at each other, and then one of them was left there. "What kind of style would you like? I can show you

around."

"I'll look

"Okay"

it was quiet again. She turned around, looked at the smiling man, and asked in a subdued voice, "What is

to buy clothes for your friend? How come

came over and whispered, "The two of you are about the same height and weight. You can try the clothes out for

clothes on the hangers. She did her selection until her eyes fell on a silk dress. The design

shopping assistant's eyes glittered, and she praised Lucia's taste, "Good

will look gorgeous in

The size was just right. Although the waist part was a bit narrow, she didn't feel bound in the soft material. It only set off her curvy figure. It was an amazing design. When she came

the moment

gaze and

his unsentimental comment both funny and annoying. Just as she was about

from

back and asked,

here," he said

moment and went

on her shoulder, sat her down on

figure." Lucia was muttering to herself, but the shopping assistant happened to hear it. She chuckled

is so hot and well-built. The two of you

smiled awkwardly and shook her

ring, and prepared to explain. The shopping assistant suddenly apologized,

you're married."

was about to make things clear, another voice

and saw a pair of silver high heels in Darnell's hands. Before she could react, the man bent over, got down on one knee, gently lifted her toot, and removed her flat. In reflex, she tried to draw her foot back, but he pinched her ankle as if

Chapter 595 Not a Fan of Sister Type

Lucia's jaw almost dropped. "But the gift has been selected."

Darnell arched his brow "I don't think my friend will be content with just a set of clothes."

He tugged at her clothes and urged her, "Come on, help me select some jewelry."

She groaned in her heart, but there was nothing she could do. "Fine, is it done after the jewelry is selected?"

"It depends." He then led her to walk toward a jewelry store.

A familiar face appeared in a dessert shop next to the women's clothing store. Jeanne got up, looked sharply out of the window, and then rushed out. When Lucia was seen entering a jewelry store together with a tall, handsome man, her eyes immediately turned fierce. She clenched her fists and gnashed her teeth.

She hadn't expected Lucia to be such a wanton. She was a wife and mother now but still knew no shame. Entangled with August, she went shopping with another man. What a slut! Jeanne was pissed off, but this was her chance. She decided to do something

Her friend came out of the store, followed her gaze to look over, and asked, "Jeanne, what's wrong? Why did you suddenly rush out?" Jeanne gritted her teeth, walked to the jewelry store, and stared at Lucia through the window till something suddenly crossed her mind. The other day, Bishop told her over the phone that Lucia and Paul were going to hold their wedding, but now, the woman was buying jewelry with another man. That was bold of her.

Jeanne got an idea, cheered up, turned to her friend, and said, "Shelia, do me a favor, and I will give you this bracelet I just bought." With that, she took off her fashionable bracelet and stuffed it into her friend's hand. Shelia's eyes lit up. When they were having dessert.

just now, she kept looking at the bracelet. To her surprise, Jeanne offered it to her. What a windfall!

She asked excitedly, "How can I help you?"

Jeanne signaled her to look over. "See that man and woman?"

voice and said, "Go inside and take some pictures of them. Capture their most intimate moments." Shelia

do it or

hesitated, looked down at the bracelet, and nodded

them find out. If you rat me out, you'll

out her phone, and turned on the camera at the entrance of the and went necklace and asked Lucia's opinion. "What do you think of this think it's beautiful. I'm just not sure a moment and asked the shopping assistant, "Can we shopping assistant try it on her." He looked up at Lucia and asked her opinion, "May nodded and blurted chuckled and said, "Turn around." to him. Then the shining pendant came down, and the necklace was gently put on her. She felt a cool sensation from her neck, looked into the mirror, and saw the small pendant fall into the groove of turned to the showcase, and asked shopping assistant smiled, "Yeah, you can the other products in the showcase, and said without looking at Darnell, "That's a good deal. I think it's is into this style." saw the evasive look on her face and smiled, at Darnell and teased him, "It's done, right? You've got it. "We grew up together and get smile, "Childhood sweethearts?" turned to look at her, "I'm not a fan of sister Chapter 596 Candid Shots. Plant World was a four-story building. The first three floors featured a white outer wall and transparent windows. The penthouse was made up of glass. The lush plants could be seen from outside. They entwined with each other and looked beautiful.

Lucia followed Darnell into the courtyard. The flowers and trees on both sides caught her attention. She marveled, "What kind of cactus.

is this? I've never seen it before."

Jarious cacti, prickly pears, and nopales of different sizes lined the cobbled road. Some even bore yellow flowers. They were quite

different from those pot plants.

Jarnell chuckled, "Let's go inside. There are more rare plants."

ucia smiled and gladly followed him inside. As soon as she got in, she was stunned by the scene. The entire floor was filled with all kinds.

of plants. In the center, there erected a big, lush tree. A flower bed sat beside it. The plants had different sizes and shapes. Some were emitting a faint fragrance. Some were sitting on the tables. Others were planted in pots. They were chic and rare.

she marveled, "Spectacular!"

Jarnell smiled at her and selected a table. After they were seated, he handed the menu to her and said, "Take a look and order whatever

you like."

She nodded, took the menu with various plants painted on the cover, and opened it. All the drinks inside were named after plants. It was quite innovative and meaningful.

soon, a man came over and greeted Darnell with a smile, "Look who we've got here. You didn't tell me about your visit."

smile, "Who is this beautiful lady? She looks unfamiliar to me."

and introduced, "My friend, Lucia."

who had a round face. He looked quite kind and hospitable. Without waiting for Darnell to introduce

"Nice to meet you. I'm Calvin, Darnell's

with him. "Nice meeting

enthusiastically, "What would you like

ordered one of the popular drinks. "I'd like to

"Same as always."

will," Darnell smiled. Calvin took the order and headed to the counter. Only then did Lucia notice that he was limping. Darnell saw it and explained,

he quit, came back, and opened this store with the solatium."

were on a mission in Espurg and spent a month in the jungle. This

became

to the story and had a tender feeling. She looked around

together in one place? Moreover, they're growing indoors. Can they

sunlight?"

smiled and pointed to the tubes

She nodded.

time ago. Some people did the research for many years and figured out this way

absorbing ultraviolet rays and solar energy through the ceiling made of special material and such thin pipes.

plants from different climate zones, partitioned management is practiced. Those rare plants are

pstairs and not down here."

"His passion for plants is plain to

more for his

the two drinks down on the table, and chatted with

he hurried over. Lucia looked up at the

Chapter 597 You Can't Make the Horse Drink!

"They disappeared? How inexplicable!" Calvin checked along that direction, just to find the seats empty now.

Lucia looked back too, and then turned to Darnell, "Must be his fans. I noticed a number of girls gazing at him obsessively on the way just

now, some of them even took candid pictures of him."

Calvin burst into laughter while scratching his head. "That makes sense. Darnell has always been the lady-killer everywhere. All the girls

just took a tancy to him when he was in the troop."

Lucia laughed too. "Then how come this lady-killer is still a singleton, Darnell? Or are you kidding?" asked Lucia without thinking Darnell only smiled. Taking a sip of the drink, he answered blandly, "None of them succeeded in stealing my heart."

Lucia's smile got more brilliant at his reply.

"What are you laughing at?" Darnell raised his eyebrows.

"Nothing." Lucia shook her head, only beaming at him while keeping what she thought to herself. Not being able to meet a crush when at

popular man was surrounded by women only meant too high a standard he was having. And the girl he finally chose could only be an

angel!

As the atmosphere was getting more and more friendly, the casual and pleasant conversation brought them closer. Soon after they made

milk tea, "Darnell elaborately

a little surprised that Darnell should have remembered what she

faint touch of plants in addition to the normal fragrance of milk tea. "It's

in amazement.

shyly, scratching his head. "You

bottle of it."

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with Darnell in Plant World. As they walked

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thank you, for helping me choose the gift." Darnell replied with a smile.

Darnell had sent Lucia to her car. Lucia then drove back to

a song on the way.

shoes joyfully at the hallway, Lucia was thinking about taking a shower when she

Lucia?" Elisa looked rather

just to find several unanswered calls from her mother, alongside the message from Paula. She missed out all of them as she

you so worried?" asked

pissed off when he came back today." Elisa hastened to

dared not to ask him about it. You'd better go check

the study. She hurried to go up. Standing in front of the

have a check of Paula's message first.

told them about our plan to marry. Paul went back soon and left angrily. How is it going at your

Paula's message. She just hadn't anticipated Paula would tell the truth to her parents so early, which got

to calm herself down She knew she had to make it clear with Paul as early as

hand and was about to knock on the door when the door was opened from inside. Paul stood there

he had predicted

Lucia with a violent heartbeat.

Chapter 598 Double Blessings

Lucia hurtled straight into her room and locked the door. Leaning against the door and breathing heavily, she began ruminating on Paul's

remark. Paul had been so accommodating in the past five years. Never was there any dustup between them, nor had he reproached her.

But today he just acted differently. Lucia now felt her heart clutched at by a weird feeling

There then came the light footfall from outside, which seemed to be approaching as Lucia could hear it clearly at the door. It then

stopped in front of her door, only followed by an awkward silence. Lucia knew it must be Paul. Their confrontation just resulted in a

stalemate now, with neither one willing to break the ice by touching the door. There were footsteps again after quite a while, which

trailed away in despair.

With a breath of relief, Lucia went to her bed, though with a little disappointment. Unexpectedly, the matter of Paula and Burton led to

the dispute between Paul and her, which just turned out to be a mess that ailed her so much.

The notification tone of the phone on the table kept popping out and torturing Lucia's nerves, she resolutely turned it off before she went

to sleep.

The next morning, Lucia was wakened by her mother's loud knocks at the door. "Lucia, get up quickly!" Elisa shouted outside as Lucia

turned over on the bed, "Are you sure you don't want to come out? Paula is here."

up with a shudder and opened the door, staring at her mother with her bleary eyes.

you be sleeping in till now! Paula has been waiting for you downstairs for a

quarter!"

is here?" Lucia scratched her head.

calls could get through." said Elisa.

and us."

"I'll get down as soon as possible." She then finished

pajamas.

with the three kids on the sofa in the living

went up with

and then became serious, "I'm really worried about

before Lucia could make any response, "Did

he left early this morning..."

took a drink of the water, though her face still

you, right?" Facing Paula's fusillade of questions, Lucia decided to tell her the truth. Holding the glass of

with the affair of the Thomas

her wide eyes. "Paul

nodded after a slight pause. That remark did hurt her badly.

to her feet abruptly, snarling, "I'll

Paula back

in a frown. "How

but his wife! Why can't his wife interfere in his family issues?!"

Lucia explained seriously, "There would only be adverse effects if he thinks

it

guilty look, "It's my bad. If I

Chapter 600 The Good News!

Paul stiffened with an uneasy look. As he slowly moved away from Lucia, he grimly turned back to Paula, who appeared so abruptly, in at cold voice, "What are you doing here?!" His attempt of an intimate contact with Lucia was totally ruined by Paula's breaking in Paula went up to Lucia with a snort and protested righteously, "It's said you bullied Lucia yesterday."

"I..." Paul broke off as he had to admit he was in the wrong. He knew he was being too harsh to Lucia with the ruthless remark yesterday,

but did his sister have to pick such a moment to scold him?

Lucia tugged Paula's sleeve lightly, explaining with a smile, "We've settled the issue. And here's good news for you."

"What's it?" asked Paula curiously.

Lucia only grinned quietly. She then jutted her chin towards Paul.

Paula looked along the direction of her gaze at Paul. "What good news will he bring me?" Paula snorted.

Paul frowned a little and mouthed something reluctantly. "Are you determined to be with Burton?" he finally asked after some

hesitation.

"Yes." Paula answered without thinking. "Or you think I'm kidding?"

The knot in Paul's forehead got tighter as he remained silent.

His grimness got Paula rattled. Having swallowed drily, she added, "Paul, I'm informing you here that Burton and I have registered.

What's done cannot be undone. Don't try to persuade me to divorce. Burton is the one I chose!"

Paul finally reacted as he looked up a little at Paula with a significant expression on the face. "I approve of your marriage." he said

slowly.

said?" Paula gawked at him in

said I agree." Paul repeated in a low

jumped up, squealing with delight. She held Lucia into her arms before Paul could

Paul said he approves of my

by Paula so ecstatically. "I heard it." Lucia laughed with resignation, "I told you it's

isn't it?"

are always bringing me good

shook his head while giving an indulgent smile to them. "Paula, why

was leaving the balcony.

came as another surprise for Paula that night. She just couldn't

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out all

to bed, Paul came in with a knock at the door and left them a credit card and a name card. "Here you

my credit card.

I'm so sorry but I've got some business to attend to tomorrow. But you two could have a check there first."

to me?" Paula's eyes popped at his words incredulously. "Are you really

jocosely reproachful glance. "Who else

so kind to me!" Paula's voice was suffused with

much softer voice, "Take a rest tonight.

as his tone was, his words were so significant. Lucia

at the couple, Paula almost melted by their sweet communication. When Paul finally

just enchant Paul, huh?" Paula touched Lucia's shoulder with hers

"You are exaggerating."

Lucia's cheeks. "Look

until

someone who was trying to pull her up from the bed. "High time