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Chapter 691 Glow that Couldn't be Hidden!

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As her glance swept from August's statuesque figure to her husband, who went with a beer belly and the almost bald

head, Yoyo felt the latter even more disgusting.

When the three families put the vegetables and fruits they had just washed on the kitchen table, they got the cue from the

crew that they could start cooking by using the meat and kitchenware placed aside.

The array of ingredients just got Lucia distraught, while Yanny looked no better beside her. The only dish Lucia could

boast herself of was fish soup, but there was no sight of fish among the materials today. She began to wonder if she

could venture to make use of the fresh meat in the way she made the fish soup.

Noticing their vexation, Alex offered kindly, "Leave the troublesome stuff to us, and just go and have a rest, Yanny and

Mrs. Adams." He had pushed the ladies aside while speaking, so that they wouldn't be choked by the smoke from the

stove.

Alex suggested to August too, "You doesn't seem to an expert of the kitchen chores, Mr. Adams, do you? What about

leaving them to me and looking after your little kids there?"

"It's alright for me." August declined Alex's offer and put his long fingers into the cold spring water after tucking up his

sleeves.

Lucia was about to make some protests when Yanny tugged her aside. "We will only make it a mess." advised Yanny.

"The best place for us is right here."

"But..." Lucia faltered.

wave, "Can you be a little more decisive? How could a wife from

of enjoying the life!"

quietly. As the dusk fell,

just enjoying the leisure time

Janet were much more excited than their mother as this was their first experience in a show. They

discussing everything in it curiously. On top of that, they even tried to share

like serious

couldn't help touching her belly and

got me to expect mine more than ever!"

a mother. And I

recalling her own process of laboring in

enough to made up

pretty good too." Yanny touched Lucia's elbow. While the two women was observing him aside,

a little softer as the orange glow of the late afternoon sun was shed on him.

disaster to the kitchen, while August rarely set foot in it

Yet now, August just posed as an

from the net hastily.

disapprovingly at August's beautifully displayed dishes. "Mr. Adams, you

times of

in a low voice, "I might need your favor as I'm

confidently, "I can teach you." He then took

to cook for your

words or the

compressed his lips silently.

be hidden when you fall in love with someone." Alex's smile

in

softness in his gaze, which was no longer as chilly as usual.

simply ignorant of his

two cute kids had attracted a huge group of fans mainly made up of women, who even

front of the camera, in the hope that he could pose as a hard-working kid

around or misbehaving, which made

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## Chapter 692 Definitely not the Substitute!

In the house of the Thomas family, Daryl and Paula were lolling on the sofa and watching the live stream projected on

the TV screen. As the laughter of Timothy and Janet resounded in the living room, Paula was so intoxicated, "Daryl,

you've got to meet the two kids! I bet you'll love them at the sight of their cute faces."

Daryl only passed Paula an apple she'd just peeled, smiling faintly. Daryl had made quite some efforts to bring Paula out

of her room to reconcile with her brother. Though Paul and Paula still couldn't be as intimate as before, that was a

significant gesture after all.

Paula recommended the program of Timothy and Janet to Daryl as soon as the live stream started, and Paula herself of

course joined the fan group of "How I Wish They Were My Kids" in no time.

"Do we really look alike? Lucia and me, I mean." demanded Daryl curiously.

After some consideration, Paula nodded before she shook her head, "You only resemble what she was like several years

ago. You did strike me that way when I first met you." Conscious of the note of disappointment in Daryl's eyes, Paula

hastened to add, "And I bet Paul will finally be fond of you since I, as Lucia's best friend, can well accept you now. It's

just a matter of time. "

so." Daryl sighed lightly and cast an involuntary look at the

that instant to reveal Paul, who caught Daryl's gaze the moment he went out.

made him softer than ever. He went up to Daryl

pick on you?"

Having a bite of the apple, Paula pre-empted. "I'm getting along with Daryl so well that unnecessary one here!"

his big hand, Daryl replied gently, "Paula is so nice a girl.

drag Daryl back in front of

so good at educating the kids.

the education of my kid in the

laughter then followed, which sounded so cruelly familiar to  
missing so much. On

face was brimful

their mother, as one was doing massage on her shoulders and  
little baby can

so large and Dad knows everything. He can be the teacher of the baby too." August's tall figure  
appeared on the screen as the conversation went on.

the two women, he began

exclaiming, "What a pair

Daryl had never witnessed him in such a filthy temper. She answered Paul in bewilderment, "Why? Just  
a reality show

kids. Paula loves it so much. Kids there are just so cute!"

He hurled the remote control towards the screen

noise after a

Paula rose and glared

urge to hit Paula. "I'll get down to

can only stay in your room

"Is it because you dare not

truth she uttered just exasperated Paul. He went up to her and drawled his warning,

Chapter 693 So What if I'm Partial to Her?

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There was a fraught silence in the living room. The obtrusive scarlet blood made Paul sober again. He  
even felt sorry for Daryl as he regained the composure. "Daryl..." he whispered so softly as before and  
bent down to check her wounds carefully. "I'll go get the medicine. Don't move."

Daryl hastened to stop him from leaving despite the pain that made her wince. "Paul, could we have a  
word?" She almost

choked.

Paula hurried to fetch the medicine, so that Daryl and Paul could commune without disruption.

Daryl said slowly with a wry smile, "We are not familiar enough with each other for the wedding. Some  
more time for the

adjustment is needed."

Paul just felt a flip in his heart. "I admit I was out of control just now. But..."

"But I'm not the one you really want to marry. You are only trying to maintain a shadow of Lucia." There was a note of forgiveness in Daryl's innocent eyes. "What I want is to be your wife when you really make up your mind to marry me,

rather than being a substitute of Lucia, which is totally senseless."

A sudden silence fell. Paul only looked around as he dared not to meet Daryl's gaze.

His reaction confirmed Daryl's guesswork, which was what she least wanted to see. Yet Daryl still consoled him softly despite the inward grievance, "I'll stay with you as a friend just like Lucia until you finally accept the woman who is no

other but herself

Daryl Davenport."

her with the luggage. The house of Thomas family fell

buzz of a

Lucia and Yanny were so engrossed in their chatting that no one noticed Jacob had crept

the armchair lightly, resorting to the inertia of

who was hiding behind with a vicious smile, suddenly pushed the chair with his dirty hands, and the rail of the chair hit right at the calves of Yanny. As she

the floor before Lucia got around to holding

called falling on

and Alex

beads of sweat on Yanny's forehead. As she held her belly, the agony was so obvious on

with delicate makeup.

up and dashed towards their bedroom while urging the crew to send for the doctors. Such an unexpected accident made the filming site into a mess, since the live stream was

Yanny's

what a big trouble he had made. With a frightened look which had

fled stealthily for the protection of

Yoyo, Lucia just felt a chill rippling down her spine, and her hands were in sweat out of fear. She could never believe a boy of only six years old could have been so evil-minded. "Why did you do that? Why?" she angrily

before he was able to

totally startled by her harsh questioning. He failed to get out of her grip after

woman is

glance at the camera, she dashed to

boy! I'll give you a lesson next time if you

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of "carelessness"? What a joke! Lucia sneered, "But

are that outstanding?" Yet hardly had she finished her criticism, Yoyo just felt a sever pain at

Chapter 694 You Are No Long Who You Were!

Lucia had been seeking a chance to show the true color of Yoyo and Jacob to the viewers during the live stream show.

Now that she had achieved the goal by letting the audience be the judges, she could just leave Yoyo's family there going

on with their farce.

"Shall we go back now?" suggested she with a weary sound in her voice. Now she only wanted to check Yanny's situation

as soon as possible. August nodded, beckoning to Timothy and Janet with one arm, and holding Lucia's shoulder with the

other.

When they went past Yoyo, who was busying with her act of beating the kid, Yoyo kept glimpsing at them as though with

something to say. Yet she had to continue the act in front of the camera, and thus could only let Lucia and August go.

Not far had Lucia and her family gone, they just heard the thunderous voice of Yoyo's husband resounding through the

little yard -- "Stop, you whore! Yanny didn't miscarry, there's no call to beat our son so hard!"

As Lucia turned back, frowning, Yoyo and her husband had been exchanging blows. Totally gone was their image of a

loving couple. At that instant, the man just gave his wife a smack.

Lucia turned to the front emotionlessly and asked August, "Do you think the filming will be affected if Yoyo's family

withdraw now?"

"No." answered August.

there is a matter we'll have to discuss."

mind, August stroked Lucia's hair

today? You used to be that softhearted, or even too softhearted."

will only get more audience to

and the

awful business. It was beyond Lucia to stop people from watching Yoyo's

she could at least try to reduce the number of audiences who were to be duped. "You were also doing that for the sake of Yanny?" August asked in a low voice.

little trick was exposed. With a slight feeling of uneasiness, she had to confirm. "Yanny

is basically a nice person. And the baby is innocent. It just infuriated me to see

at such a crucial moment." Lucia got carried away while speaking. Yanny

Lucia, who had two kids per

to calm her down by holding her hand tightly.

"I will make things fair to

Janet this

with the other hand as something alarming occurred to her,

had required the company under Lion Group

partake in the show, Lucia believed the company would definitely be affected if she tried to intervene in the

taking the advantage of the role of an investor.

think of such things before." Her eyes downcast, Lucia replied, "How am experiences these years!"

protect Mom." It was Janet's childish voice. She was certain her

her life though she still couldn't understand

and her nails sank into

the sudden

won't go bankrupt because of such

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call him her husband once, and that just became the material for his  
for Yanny's bedroom quickly.

dazed and frightened by the accident, she stroked her belly gingerly. Seeing Lucia coming in, Alex made  
way for her at the bedside. Hands of the two women were held tightly immediately. "Are you all right?"  
asked

aggressively, though in a jocose

Chapter 695 Disingenuous Apologies

"Come on! The so-called good husband didn't make my pregnancy easier!" Lucia rolled her eyes. "It was  
awful, to be frank." Recalling that poignant experience, Lucia determined to get August to account for it  
after the live stream show!

Thinking of that, she glared at August involuntarily.

Conscious of her hostility, August felt a drumming in his temples with an ominous hunch. He was  
puzzled as he really

couldn't remember doing anything that annoyed her.

But generally, the atmosphere in the room was good-humored and peaceful. Since Yanny couldn't get  
off the bed and Lucia hadn't had anything yet, they took their supper in the room, while Timothy and  
Janet stayed with them,

disassembling the spaceship models quietly.

The door was suddenly pushed open without any knock, which had everyone in the room stop to gaze at  
the two visitors at the door in astonishment. They were Yoyo and Jacob. Holding Jacob by the collar with  
one hand and a portable live stream equipment provided by the crew in the other, Yoyo strode into the  
room ingratiatingly without being invited. "Yanny, I came to apologize with Jacob. It's my fault that I  
didn't discipline him well. Could you forgive us?" Yoyo

pleaded.

the opportunity to report the inferior products she sold, which caused her business partners to  
terminate their contracts and left her a huge amount of unsold stock. What was worse, the number of  
followers of her short video account plummeted by one third within the period of only two hours. She  
would be done if the trend went on. She had to regain her reputation with whatever means and price.  
Making apologies was a wise move she had to take, though to her surprise, Yanny just wouldn't  
cooperate.

an idea occurred to her as a vicious flicker showed in her eyes. She then suddenly knelt down and began  
weeping, "Yanny, I beg your pardon for my mistake in the education of my son. Please beat me if that  
make you feel better, but could you let go of my kid?"

kids? How

and could bring good luck to their parents, while others only ruin the



the cold floor

only between Yanny and me, could you leave us alone?" Yoyo then turned the camera to her face and put on a bitter look swiftly, "Yanny, I will quit the show

apologies."

been notorious for her harsh words and unkind image. Yoyo's fans took advantage of that by hurling got the serious Lucia

if she is the only pregnant woman in this planet. That's affected!]

Yanny has knelt down for her pardon? She really

No wonder there's so much criticism against her.]

down upon the common people like Yoyo.] 【What a snobbish mother Lucia is! I'm no fan of Timothy and Janet

comments on the side of Lucia and Yanny, Lucia now just couldn't overcome the impact brought by her face, she cursed in

that. Her mouth curved in a complacent smile as she was contemplating a perfect

the apology as being told, she would edit the raw material

her image as a graceful

winded down in the memory of the

Chapter 696 Lure That Presented Itself to Him

Blood poured from the cut of Timothy's forehead. But he didn't cry, only taking out some tissue to cover the wound. "Timothy!" Lucia exclaimed and dashed towards her son. August pre-empted Lucia to hold Timothy into his arms.

Father's placatory embrace gave Timothy a sufficient sense of security and eventually got this strong boy to bury his

little head into August's chest as he began to weep quietly.

Feeling his son quivering upon his chest, August instructed solemnly, "Alex, could you help me invite the doctor of the

screw to my room? Thank you!" After that, he approached Yoyo slowly and looked down at her with a hostile gaze. Yoyo swallowed drily and her legs felt too numbed and weak to move. She could only stay there, waiting for August's

ultimatum.

"You said you are willing to quit the show?" His aloof and bland voice sounded more fearsome than that with rage.

Yoyo hastened to hold him by the leg and beg in a trembling voice, "Mr. Adams, could you listen to me..."

August wrenched himself free disgustedly, the strength of which pushed Yoyo onto the ground along with the live stream

equipment. And the camera captured that embarrassing moment of hers. "Will you answer my question or not?" August

just kept on asking.

Yoyo finally realized how determined August was. She knew she shouldn't do any senseless struggle in front of the

camera, and could only choke, "Yes, I will."

his voice just sounded so powerful despite its articulation.

doctor, August gave Yoyo an authoritative glance before he swiftly left

Lucia. And this time, the tempest triggered no comments from the to clamor any more.

Timothy didn't hurt badly. It was only a scratch, which appeared more serious than it actually treated when the bleeding was stopped. "Dad, will there be a scar

August's

"You will have to endure some

a real man."

covered August's scars with his little hands. "You

the little boy laughed firmly.

palm on the hair of his son. "But

there."

been afraid Timothy would be scared by the accident, but now

much stronger than she had expected. That

began to comfort his

to see his wound just

he had regained the composure, he thought he ought

August, "Could you go back to our bedroom first? I'll be back soon

time with the kids  
and the kids alone. Outside the room, the dim light  
but fortunately his room was right across  
of the kids' room was locked, a curvy shadow dashed out from the  
close it. The woman then hurtled into  
his nose.

eyes flickered chillily in the dark. He swiftly held the woman's arms  
her against the wall  
familiar voice quivered in

#### Chapter 697 The Mastermind Behind the Plot

Lucia got up wearily the next morning, blaming August in her heart for making her so tired when she still  
had to work for  
the show.

The account of the program had announced Yoyo's withdrawal. And it didn't went with troubles as  
people on the side of

Yanny and Lucia largely outnumbered Yoyo's fans. Yoyo finally left the resort with her luggage, feeling  
totally deflated

and glaring resentfully at Lucia, who acted so complacently at the moment. The show afterwards went  
with less

conflicts and catching points when Yoyo had left, and just continued peacefully until it finally ended.

As soon as their Maybach drove into the Adams' house, Lucia dashed into the living room and sank into  
the sofa wearily,

calling Elijah up. The moment the call got through, Elijah's voice came before Lucia could say anything,  
"The live stream

is a hit! The number of Timothy and Janet's fans has rocketed, reaching ten million now! That's  
awesome!"

Yet Lucia only wanted to roll her eyes, if she still had enough strength to do that. She answered  
languorously, "But I'm

just calling to inform you that Timothy and Janet won't take part in any show from now on."

After a short silence, Elijah began roaring, "Come on! How can you change your mind so drastically when  
the money is

flooding towards us?"

a ruddy

year -- Christmas Affair 4 and will start filming

and Janet. Just think, it's produced by the director

fame!"

a wave of her hand and suddenly paused as she suddenly

it Leo Wensley

a lot from his works when she

was torn between the facts that it

itself was a sort of

complain. "May I have some more time to think about it?" Lucia's tone went much softer now.

secret breath of relief, Elijah pretended to be anxious, "You don't have much time to think about it!

that

meant for me if someone else takes it

on, August's phone rang. He picked up the phone and went to the

that they hadn't

room with a

hastened to end the conversation, "August wants to talk

back later, Elijah."

could be more important than the film..." Elijah then suddenly broke off and

Mr. Adams? His business of course comes first! But don't forget to think over my

suggestion!"

rang off and approached August, "What's the

the press briefing."

kids to the sensation. Lucia caught the journalist and passed him to Burton, and August must have got

arm, "Did the journalist let out anything? Or Burton has dug out any clue?" "We've found out the mastermind behind it..." August broke off after casting a look at her.

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the fear for something ominous, Lucia appeared as

or she is." bellowed she. She knew the answer must lie in

usual manner. He was just afraid it would

## Chapter 698 Why Should I Trust You?

One day, Daryl went to the Thomas' house to visit Paula as usual. Paula now was being confined at home and Daryl kept seeing her in the hope that the visit could soothe Paula somehow. Not long after Daryl got out of the gate, she caught the sight of Lucia who was pressing on eagerly.

As they crossed paths, Daryl turned back to call Lucia, "Lucia?"

Lucia looked back in bewilderment. "Do you know me?" she asked this strange woman politely.

With a gentle smile, Daryl replied, "Mr. Adams is already famous enough, let alone being the mother of Timothy and

Janet. I of course know you."

Lucia nodded lightly, "Excuse me but I've got to go."

Daryl tried to detain Lucia as she said blandly, "But Mr. Thomas has been absent for a couple of days, Miss Thomas is

thus not allowed to meet you."

Hearing Daryl mentioning Paula, Lucia turned back instantly. The anxiety rendered her voice even colder, "Who are you?

Why are you so clear about their business?"

Daryl sighed with a wry smile before her face resumed the emotionless expression. "May I have a word with you since

you could meet neither of them today?"

Lucia looked at Daryl narrowing with a skeptical gaze. Daryl's pretty and innocent face just reminded Lucia of the saying "Don't trust any beautiful woman". Lucia knew Daryl was approaching her with a certain purpose, though she didn't know what the exact intention was. Lucia just warned herself to be cautious, especially when she had been cheated by

Jeanne's innocent manners and "excellent" acting for so many times.

to Lucia and motioned her to look at Burton, who was trying to catch up with Lucia alongside his underlings. "It's I, rather

isn't

her real intention. They thus picked a quiet

and keeping Lucia

recently.

hurt innocent Daryl, but also harmed his own sister again and again. "The wounds on your arm...?" Lucia was

to notice them.

hidden. She had to pull down the sleeves with resignation, "Just got hurt while watching TV.

after that."

that Lucia didn't think Daryl had faked them. When Lucia looked up again, the doubts in her eyes had been replaced by a sense of seriousness. "Why should I trust

a question."

you to get me to show you more convincing

she confirmed, "You are very

the coffee and turned solemn as she gazed at Lucia while leaning against the sofa. "There are only two things in the world that you can't look straightly at. One is the sun and the other, human's heart. It's understandable that you think me

confidence doesn't come from nowhere if you do carry out the

sense of vigilance, Lucia still decided to trust Daryl in a

try my best to help. If you want to do anything to repay, please inform me

number on it. She then pushed the card back, "My trouble might be too tough for you to

Paula."

rose to her feet and paid for the coffee. But she

Daryl..."

note of hope. She returned to her seat to

a low voice,

it.

a grateful look, Lucia took the phone and

Chapter 699 Carrying Out the Plan

Being afraid the fact would be too harsh a blow to Burton, Lucia didn't begin discussing her experience in the afternoon

with August until Burton had left. Seeing August's poker face as though the matter had produced no ripple in his heart,

Lucia couldn't help urging, "I know you have your concern over the relationship between Paula and Paul. But I just can't

sit by and watch!"

"I didn't say I won't help." He gave Lucia a calm glance. "But the situation is tougher than I expected." Though not as

rich as Adams family, the Thomas family at least had its exalted position in Austos City, and the security system of their

house wouldn't go with many loopholes. It was definitely not an easy task to rescue Paula.

But August knew it was a mission he had to take, either for the sake of Lucia or Burton. "Are you sure you are going to

stand on Paula's side?" August reminded Lucia with a noncommittal look. "Mind you, that is equivalent to a declaration

of war against Paul, and you two..."

"Then just declare the war!" Lucia confirmed with great resolution. "Paul is no longer who I knew. What I care about now

is only my friendship with Paula, definitely not with him." What Paul had committed was unforgivable in Lucia's eyes,

though he had done her many favors too, which she decided to repay in other means instead of tolerating his

misdoings.

Having wearing a scowl on his face for a whole day, August finally appeared relieved now. He went up to Lucia slowly and

glad that you are

him a questioning stare until it finally dawned on her what he

your wife and kids with you now.

Instead, he cleared his throat and was about to call Burton

Lucia.

me as an inside source, because

Paul will be exasperated when he gets to know it."

agreed understandingly. He thus suggested, "Take Zane and Kylan with you. They've got some well-trained staff

faces too, less likely to be

whole night doing rehearsal for the next day's rescue plan. Lucia

to make it better

breaking, Daryl crept into Paula's room. Paula hadn't had any

corner, with her knees tucked up and held by her arms. She was  
in the day light.

said lightly, hearing the sound of the door, though without any  
such a

Paula's voice was hoarse because she hadn't opened her mouth for too long. Daryl cast a worried look at  
Paula, and a sense of poignancy

with all my heart." Daryl explained honestly. "You should actually try to please him by guarding me."  
Paula mocked. "But what you

replied bitterly. "The only wish  
him regretful in the future."

went by, she

even.

from tomorrow, and the vivacious and cheerful

Carrying Out the

discreetly, "Paula will need medical help and counseling to

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morning, just to find the two women snuggling up with each other and sleeping lightly. That gave him a  
sense of relief. He thus instructed

other people." Light as his

door was closed, [Plan is changed. Paula is now allowed to go to that

to steer the servant away while

Daryl would replace the guard at the gate

wall through the window before

Chapter 700 Scars in the Heart

They placed Paula in an independent building inside the Adams' old house, which could provide Paula  
enough privacy and

was near enough for Lucia's frequent visits.

The psychiatrist August invited started dealing with Paula's illness quickly. Thanks to the treatment,  
Paula had finally

calmed down.



Burton was pacing anxiously outside and was seeking every chance to get in, but was stopped by Lucia.  
"I understand

how you feel now, but you are really not in the right mood to see her now." advised Lucia.

Having been stopped for several times, Burton finally lost his temper. "Mrs. Adams, why can't you let me in? I only want

to see her from far away." bellowed he.

Lucia hadn't expected Burton could be so rude to her, though she fully understood how he felt. She wouldn't blame him

for that, only frowning a little.

"This is the way you treat Mrs. Adams?" As August's solemn voice came from behind, he strode up to Burton and hit him

onto the floor. "Just go inside and worsen her illness if you like."

"Mr. Adams..." Burton muttered. August's strike was so strenuous that Burton's cheek swelled up immediately with some

blood around his mouth. Taking a gasp, he wiped his mouth and got up from the floor swiftly. "Mrs. Adams, I'm sorry

for my rashness." he apologized deferentially.

of the hand. Her was too

invited was an expert who had just returned from Amecan. Sophie

she was, Sophie was actually an veteran of the trade. August hired recommendation.

out of the house with a grim face, when everyone had been waiting

with a polite nod, she put a solemn expression on her young face. "I need

seem to allow anyone to touch the scar in her heart." "Is it a tough case?"

signifies she chooses to live in the past and is reluctant to face or accept

He couldn't let himself be carried away, for Sophie and he were

recover?" asked he. Sophie sighed in despair. "We'll have to guide her out of her

when we've tackled that

could help?" August kept on asking.

about could help to bring warmth into her current life and

reality." answered Sophie.

Though trying strenuously to calm

"I can't surpass her brother in her heart. I'm

him and held him by the overcoat. "But you are the most possible one to bring her hope. She will  
you give

"I'm really

a patient when you yourself are not strong enough?" Sophie said with her bright eyes and

"And why are you so certain about the

with some magic touch, even Burton began to nod

Capet, August finally understood why Joshua could be so

was, wasn't she?

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each time is suggested, and don't disrupt her too frequently. Just make sure she won't hurt herself  
again."

her bangs casually.

Dr. Capet. In fact, she just got on with her like an old friend. Lucia thus

August to send you back, Dr. Capet. Just leave Paula to

about. He then motioned Sophie to the gate.