

Charismatic Lucas Gray Chapter 571 – Don't Regret

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Seeing the rare gentleness on Lucas's face, Maddy couldn't help smiling and sighing emotionally. "It seems you really love your wife and daughter! Your wife must be beautiful, huh?"

Lucas nodded. "Yes, but her beauty isn't the only reason I love her. She's also a very good woman. Once you meet later, you'll like her too."

The mention of Cheyenne put a gentle and blissful smile on Lucas's face.

Maddy smiled in relief. *This isn't bad either!*

Ten minutes later, the two of them arrived at the entrance of the hospital in Orange County.

As soon as they got out of the car, Jordan, who had been guarding outside the hospital, immediately greeted them with a smile on his face. "You're finally here, Maddy!"

Maddy smiled at him. "Jordan, I'm surprised you're still sticking to Lucas! It's been more than a year since we last met. You've grown more handsome!"

Jordan's face, which had always been somewhat roguishly handsome, was a little rosy as he got shy, which was rare of him. "Nah, Maddy, you're the one who's getting prettier and prettier!"

The two complimented each other before smiling and following Lucas into the hospital. Lucas didn't lead them straight to William's ward but instead proceeded to the director's office.

Previously, Lucas had told the director that he would invite a highly-skilled expert to help treat William.

The director had plenty to consider and couldn't just casually agree to let someone treat William. Otherwise, in case something untoward happened to him, it would be difficult for the hospital to shirk responsibility.

But after Lucas introduced Maddy to the elderly director, the director grinned widely in joy from ear to ear.

“What? You... you are that famous medical expert. I didn't expect you to be so young. You've got a promising future!”

The director's eyes were shining, and he looked as though he had finally met his idol. He eagerly dragged Maddy away to discuss some issues that had puzzled him for a long time.

“Dr. Stone, I'd like to ask you about cardiovascular resuscitation...”

Maddy barely had time to say anything before she was pulled away by the director, who proceeded to bombard her with questions. She couldn't refuse and could merely turn around to look at Lucas resentfully.

Lucas responded with a helpless shrug.

Although he had always known that this elderly director was extremely concerned about all kinds of conditions and patients and was a truly respectable old doctor, he

didn't expect him to be so eager as to drag Maddy away and bombard her with questions before she could even greet him properly.

Looking at the two people in the office using medical jargon they couldn't understand, Lucas dragged Jordan out of the office.

"Haha, Maddy is still as impressive as ever! Even the elderly director is full of praise for her." Jordan stared at her through the glass window with a proud expression on his face.

Lucas looked at Jordan and suddenly said, "Jordan, if you don't express your feelings this time, Maddy is going to marry someone else."

"What?!" Jordan exclaimed in astonishment immediately, as if he had been struck by lightning.

Jordan's face turned pale immediately, and he asked in a flustered manner, "Maddy is going to marry someone? Who? When?"

Seeing him finally getting anxious, Lucas stopped trying to agitate him and said seriously, "Although she hasn't married anyone yet, Maddy's family is already arranging a marriage alliance for her. So if you don't seize the opportunity, you'll miss your shot with her forever."

As a companion who had spent a lot of time together with Jordan in the Falcon Regiment, Lucas had naturally long discovered that Jordan had feelings for Maddy.

However, Jordan had been keeping his feelings for her well hidden in his heart, and he had never revealed them to Maddy before.

As Jordan's best friend, Lucas had to remind him at this time.

He wasn't trying to scare Jordan, but he was stating facts.

When they were having a casual chat on the way to the hospital, Maddy had told Lucas with a bitter smile that her family was urging her to get married and was looking for a marriage partner for her.

After all, Maddy was already in her thirties.

Her talent and achievements in the field of medicine were extremely high, and she was well known in the international medical community. But in the eyes of conservative people with backward mindsets, a woman's value was not reflected in her career but her marriage, children, the wealth of her husband, and so on, which was really sad and ridiculous.

In particular, Maddy's family was a big family in DC, and most women born in families like hers had already gotten married in marriage alliances in their twenties. They were treated as goods and married off to the scions of other wealthy families, leaving many green with envy.

Thus, a woman like Maddy, who was in her thirties but had yet to get married, had already become an anomaly in the eyes of many people.

While Maddy was talking about these things, a trace of self-deprecation and misery had appeared in her eyes.

Lucas knew that if a smart and independent woman like Maddy was really forced to marry a man she didn't love due to the pressure put on her by her family, she would be reduced to an ordinary woman who stayed home to serve her husband, which was destructive to her.

So Lucas decided to tell this to Jordan, who had a crush on Maddy.

If Jordan could be brave enough to take that step, and if Maddy also happened to fancy him, they wouldn't have to face such a tragedy.

But Jordan stayed silent for a long time and finally said with a self-deprecating smile, "I... How am I worthy of her?"

Jordan clenched his fists tightly and said with agony, "She's from the notable Stone Family in DC, while I... am just an orphan without a high status or powerful background. Even if I love her, there's absolutely no way I can marry her, and confessing my feelings to her will only get us both in trouble."

Indeed, he had long had a crush on Maddy since a few years ago when he got severely wounded on a certain battlefield and was rescued by her. He had gradually fallen in love with her even though she was five years older than him.

But after he nervously and expectantly asked his other comrades about Maddy's family, his heart that was beating wildly from the butterflies slowly sank.

Jordan was no longer an ignorant teenager who only knew to be rash when it came to love. He already knew that, as much as he wanted it, it was impossible for them to be together when there was such a huge difference in their family backgrounds.

Looking at Jordan's brooding expression, Lucas opened his mouth a little and seemed to want to persuade Jordan. But he didn't end up saying much. Instead, he patted him on the shoulder and said, "Maddy will be staying in Orange County for some time. While she's here, think about it carefully. You only live once, and no matter what, don't make a choice that you'll regret!"

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Jordan suddenly clenched his fists tightly.

Would he regret it...

If he didn't confess his feelings to her, would he regret it in the future? Or would he regret it more if he chose to confess now?

Jordan was momentarily confused.

“You don't have to feel inferior at all. You're not an orphan who has nothing to your name. You are my best friend and my best brother!” Lucas looked at Jordan with a confident smile.

Ever since they got to know each other in Calico, the two of them had been through several life-or-death situations, during which they built their brotherhood. The ties and bonds between them were extremely precious to them.

Even though they now had a superior-subordinate relationship in the eyes of outsiders, who even thought that Jordan was just an underling working for Lucas, Lucas had always treated him as his best friend and brother.

Jordan raised his head and seemed rather touched.

He had always followed Lucas and was full of admiration for him. But after hearing Lucas say that he was his best friend and brother, Jordan still couldn't help feeling a surge of emotion and zeal within him.

He was no longer just someone who lived all alone in the world without any kin.

“Thank you, Lucas!” Jordan thanked him from the bottom of his heart as tears welled up in his reddened eyes.

Lucas smiled. “Hey, you’d better think carefully about Maddy. Since you love her, are you going to watch her marry someone else just because you lack the courage to even confess your love to her?”

Jordan glanced at the woman talking to the director about medicine in his office. When he saw how attractive she was because of her confidence, a trace of admiration appeared in his eyes, but he soon lost his confidence. “She’s from the Stone family in DC after all. I…”

This time, Lucas interrupted, “So what? You should know that I don’t even take the eight major families of DC seriously. What’s the big deal about the mere Stone family? If you’re afraid her family won’t approve of it, I’ll personally accompany you to the Stone family and ask for Maddy’s hand in marriage for you!

“The only thing you need to consider is how to let Maddy know how you feel about her and make her fall in love with you. You don’t have to consider the rest!

“With me around, you don’t even need to consider those unnecessary things!”

Lucas’s words were extremely domineering.

Jordan was instantly motivated.

Indeed, Lucas didn’t even take the eight giants of DC seriously. Now, the Stone family no longer seemed that out of reach.

“Lastly, think about it again. Do you think Maddy is willing to become a pawn of her family and marry a man she doesn’t like or even know? Since you love her, you must want her to be truly happy, so think about what kind of life will truly make her happy!” Lucas said.

Jordan nodded and said more firmly, “Lucas, I understand! I won’t let Maddy end up living a miserable life. Only I can give her a happy future!”

Lucas had a heartened smile on his face.

At this moment, they saw through the glass windows of the office that Maddy had finally finished chatting with the diligent elderly director, who was also an avid learner. She walked out.

Maddy seemed to have lingering fears, while the elderly director said with a look of satisfaction, “Dr. Stone, your guidance today has really enlightened me and benefited me greatly. You are indeed a top medical practitioner with excellent skills in the field of medicine! Mr. Gray has informed me of your purpose for visiting, and I’ll proceed to help you with the procedures now. You may treat the patient diagnosed as a vegetable as a medical expert of our hospital. There won’t be any issues.”

Lucas and Maddy both said in unison, “Thank you, Director!”

After leaving the director’s office, Maddy glowered at Lucas and Jordan. “And you two call yourselves my friends. You two left me alone to speak to the director while you ran outside to hide. So annoying!”

Lucas laughed. “You were discussing medicine. Jordan and I couldn’t understand anything. What would be the point of us staying there?”

Jordan looked at Maddy's slightly fatigued face. Considering that she had flown back from abroad overnight and had rushed straight to the hospital without getting any rest after her flight, he reckoned that she was exhausted. It happened to be lunchtime, and they hadn't eaten lunch yet.

Jordan suggested, "Lucas, Maddy, why don't we go out for lunch? It'll take some time for the administrative procedures to finish. Even if you want to provide treatment for Lucas's father-in-law, you'll have to wait until the afternoon."

Lucas nodded in agreement. "That's right. I've already made a reservation at a restaurant. Let's go there now. We'll talk about the treatment in the afternoon."

After all, Maddy had just returned from a long trip abroad. Besides, she had always been a workaholic, so she would definitely start working on the treatment plan for William immediately. Once she started, she might forget to eat.

They headed to a restaurant called 'Flavors' near the hospital and went to the private room that Lucas had booked.

Soon, all the food was served.

They were chatting while eating. Seeing that Jordan wanted to help Maddy to some food but was blushing because he was too shy to do so, he couldn't help being amused.

Since Jordan was his best friend, he naturally had to help him.

Halfway through the meal, Lucas suddenly pretended to ask casually, "By the way, Maddy, you mentioned before that your family wants to arrange a marriage alliance for you, right? What's up with that?"

Jordan suddenly froze while eating and quickly turned to look at Maddy to listen to her words carefully.

Maddy sighed despondently. “Ah! I can’t help it. I’m already in my thirties, and in the eyes of many people, I’m an old woman. Naturally, tongues will wag at home. My parents can’t withstand the pressure, so they’ve been urging me to get married!

“But I have never wanted to marry a man I don’t like and then have children and spend my life raising them. I don’t want to muddle through the rest of my life. So I pursued what I was most interested in and started learning medicine. For this reason, I went to Calico, where I met you. One of my purposes at the time was to give myself a chance to put my medical skills to use and save the patients who needed to be saved. I also wanted to realize my own value. The other purpose is also to stay far, far away from home.

“Only in this way could I temporarily escape the oppressive environment where I was forced to get married. Only then could I feel like an independent person worth more than just being a pawn of the family or someone’s wife.”

The light in Maddy’s eyes gradually dimmed, and she said in a low voice, “But I can never be a resolute person. The responsibility of being a member of my family, my parents’ accusations, and so on have all determined that I can never be unfettered.

“So when my parents heard that I was returning, they eagerly told me that they had already found a great partner for me from the Smith family. They’re just waiting for me to return to DC to take a look. Maybe we’ll get engaged then if there are no issues.”

Her tone was full of despondence and helplessness.

Jordan kept clenching his fists before releasing them again and then clenching them again. Finally, he couldn't tolerate it any longer and slammed it against the table. *Bang!*

“How... how can they make arrangements for your life like this?”

Chapter 573: Revealing Her Intentions

Jordan's face was full of anger.

“You are clearly an excellent doctor and much more outstanding than anyone else. On what grounds are they making you marry someone you don't even know or like and turn you into an ordinary housewife?”

Jordan was really furious. Seeing the dim light in Maddy's eyes and her lackluster gaze, he was full of pain in his heart, and anger erupted within him.

Maddy was surprised to see how furious Jordan was, and she was so touched by his words that she felt an urge to cry. “Jordan, you...”

“I... I'm sorry. I wasn't acting like myself!” Jordan also realized that he had overreacted, so he frantically apologized and picked up the cup of juice next to him. He quickly took large gulps to cover up his embarrassment, only to suddenly choke and cough loudly. “*Puff! Ahem, ahem!*”

Maddy was amused. She hurriedly handed him some tissue paper while complaining, “You're already an adult. Why are you still behaving like a child? You actually choked while drinking?!”

After wiping the juice from the corners of his mouth, Jordan looked at Maddy and asked, “Can't you... go against your family?”

Maddy sighed. “In fact, girls from families like mine are generally compelled to accept our families' arranged marriages when we reach adulthood. Those like me who have been able to stay single until now are already considered rare. My

parents have been put under a lot of pressure because of me, and I can't continue to be willful.

“Besides, it's said that a man's life begins at the age of thirty. But generally, a woman is considered an old woman who will be left on the shelf if she doesn't get married after thirty. So I'm afraid no one will want me if I still don't get married!”

Jordan immediately said with excitement, “Who said that? You are so nice. How can no one want you? I...”

But when he saw Maddy's puzzled gaze, his lips moved for a long time, and his face was flushed, but he still couldn't bring himself to say it.

Seeing this, Lucas felt anxious, but he also understood that Jordan's feelings had been buried deep in his heart for many years. Even if he wanted to confess now, he wouldn't be able to reveal it so simply.

Moreover, he didn't know how Maddy felt about Jordan now. If Maddy didn't fancy him or merely saw him as a younger brother, it would be awkward once he confessed.

Indeed, he had previously encouraged Jordan to bravely come to terms with his feelings, but relationships were the most complicated thing ever. He hoped that Jordan would get what he wanted and pursue the person he loved. But at the same time, he also hoped that Maddy could obtain true happiness. So he thought that he'd better get a clear idea of how Maddy felt before Jordan confessed.

“Exactly, Jordan's right. Maddy, you're such a great person. How can you possibly be left on the shelf? If anyone dislikes you, he must be blind!” Lucas chuckled. He was not only comforting Maddy but also giving Jordan an out.

Maddy smiled faintly. “Haha, thanks a lot, you two!”

With that, she raised her glass of juice and said, “Come, let’s toast. I can’t drink alcohol today, so I’ll toast you two with this!”

All three of them clinked their glasses with a smile and downed the juice in one go.

Maddy elegantly wiped the corner of her mouth with her handkerchief. “It’s rare for the three of us to get together, so let’s not talk about those unhappy things. Let’s talk about something else instead!”

She looked at Jordan and smiled. “Jordan, now that Lucas has gotten married and has a five-year-old daughter, how about you? Have you got a girlfriend?”

Jordan glanced at her and shook his head. “Not yet.”

“Why don’t you hurry up and find one too? I heard there are lots of pretty girls here. You’ve been here for almost half a year, but you haven’t even met a girl you like?” Maddy couldn’t help asking curiously.

With reddened cheeks, Jordan took a deep glance at Maddy, but he nevertheless mustered up the courage to say, “I... actually have been carrying a torch for someone for a long time, but I’ve... never been able to tell her how I feel!”

After saying this, he couldn’t bear it any longer and turned his face away like he was fleeing. He pretended to look at the scenery outside instead of Maddy’s eyes.

“...” Maddy wasn’t a fool, and Jordan’s behavior surprised her.

Is it possible that...

Impossible! I’m almost five years older than him. This is a huge difference!

For a while, the atmosphere in the private room was a little bizarre.

“Ahem!” Lucas coughed. “We’re more or less done with eating, right? I think the director should be done too. Let’s go back to the hospital, and Maddy can help me check on my father-in-law’s condition. Maddy, quickly get some rest afterward! Your flight last night was more than ten hours, and you haven’t had any proper rest!”

“Okay, let’s go then!” Maddy and Jordan quickly said in unison.

After the three of them returned to the hospital and received the temporary employment agreement stamped with the hospital’s official seal from the director, they went to William’s ward.

Cheyenne was sitting next to William’s hospital bed and talking to him as usual. There was someone else next to her—Karen.

Lucas frowned slightly but didn’t say anything.

“Cheyenne, come here. Let me introduce you to...”

Lucas was about to introduce Cheyenne and Maddy to each other. Upon getting a clear look at Cheyenne’s face, Maddy’s eyes lit up, and she said happily, “You must be Lucas’s wife, Cheyenne. You’re really gorgeous!”

Cheyenne was stunned and looked at the woman in front of her. She was tall and beautiful yet also extremely valiant.

Lucas took Cheyenne’s hand and introduced her. “This is Maddy Stone, whom I mentioned to you before. She’s an internationally renowned doctor!”

With a look of surprise on her face, Cheyenne walked over excitedly and immediately held Maddy's hand. "Hello, Maddy! I've heard a lot about you from Lucas, and now I finally get to meet you! You are much more beautiful than I imagined!"

Maddy laughed. "Haha, you too! When I saw you just now, I thought I saw a fairy descending upon the world! Lucas is really lucky to have a beautiful wife like you!"

Hearing the compliment, Cheyenne felt a little embarrassed. "No, not at all. Maddy, you're the beautiful and elegant one."

Seeing the two of them complimenting each other non-stop upon their first meeting, Lucas couldn't help bursting into laughter. "Well, you two can take your time chatting later. Maddy, why don't you help me check my father-in-law's condition first?"

"Okay, I'm on it." Maddy immediately got serious at the mention of this.

She walked to William's side and was about to take his pulse when her hand was suddenly grabbed by another hand!

"Wait! Who the hell are you? Are you a doctor who works here? Are you qualified to examine my husband's condition?" Karen hollered menacingly while clutching Maddy's wrist.

Chapter 574: Throwing a Tantrum and Stopping

Maddy was immediately stunned by the interruption, and she subconsciously looked at Lucas. *She... should be his strange mother-in-law, right?*

Before she returned yesterday, she had browsed the internet to see if there was any news worth paying attention to, only to see the news about Lucas being slandered by his mother-in-law, Karen, and the subsequent plot twist.

At the time, Maddy had found it hilarious.

The esteemed commander of the Falcon Regiment in Calico actually appeared in the news in such a manner.

But she was naturally on Lucas's side, and she reckoned that his mother was probably not easy to get along with.

As expected, after she entered the ward, Lucas didn't even introduce her to his mother-in-law, which just went to show that their relationship was extremely strained.

Now that Karen had grabbed her wrist and bombarded her with interrogative questions, her impression of Karen became even worse.

Her tone of voice and expression were completely like those of an uncultured shrew. Moreover, her voice was extremely shrilling and unsettling. It was difficult for others to like her.

Seeing this, Cheyenne hurriedly went forward and pulled Karen's hand away. "Mom, what are you doing? Maddy is Lucas's close friend and an internationally renowned medical expert. She's returned from abroad this time specially to treat Dad. Maddy has seen Dad's medical report, and she thinks there's a high chance he will regain consciousness! She just wants to check his condition again."

As soon as Karen heard this, she seemed even more flustered and furious.

As early as a few days ago, she had learned from Lucas that he would be inviting a top medical expert from abroad to treat William.

But how could Karen let William wake up again?

William had already been diagnosed as brain damaged, and he would remain in a vegetative state. The probability of him regaining consciousness again was extremely low, so Karen had directly treated him as a dead person. Not only had she abused him to her heart's content, but she had also told him about all the evil things she had done, including how she had hired someone to murder him in a vengeful tone.

If William remained unconscious for the rest of his life, everything would be fine. But if he suddenly came to, all the things that she had done would be exposed.

So the moment Karen heard Lucas say that he had invited a medical expert from abroad, she had gotten a great fright and finally took the desperate decision to attack William again. But she had been unexpectedly discovered by Cheyenne, which led to many other subsequent events.

She had just escaped from the brink of death at the Taylor residence just now and hadn't had time to ponder about how to continue dealing with William. But the doctor Lucas invited had already arrived and was going to treat William. How could she allow it?!

No matter what, she had to find a way to stop it!

Karen glanced at Maddy in disdain and harrumphed coldly. “Cheyenne, don’t let them fool you! Look at this woman, she should only be less than thirty years old, and she’s dressed so scantily. Who knows what she really works as? Do you believe that she’s an internationally renowned doctor just because she says so? Which highly respected doctor would be so young?”

“I bet she’s just some wild woman Lucas Gray found out there and colluded with to find a chance to kill your father!”

Karen seemed to believe her own lies as she spoke, and she suddenly smacked her thigh. “Yes, this must be the case! I’m afraid you’re the one who caused William to get into that accident, right, Lucas Gray?”

“You deliberately tried to kill Cheyenne’s father because you think it’d be easy to bully us when once I’m widowed and Cheyenne has lost her father, right?”

She glowered at Lucas furiously. And after making this long, illogical speech, she complained to Cheyenne tearfully, “Cheyenne, you’re just too soft-hearted and kind-hearted. You were tricked by this adulterous pair! Think about it. Even the most distinguished doctor in this hospital has said that the chances of your father waking up again are extremely slim, so how can this young woman know anything about medicine and treatment? They’re just lying!”

“Didn’t you also say before that there’s something fishy about your father’s car accident? Maybe Lucas and this shameless woman arranged it! Now that things have come to this, they’re pretending there’s a doctor who can heal your father so that they can sneakily try to kill him again!”

“This adulterous pair must not have any good intentions. Cheyenne, don’t trust them! Don’t let them touch your father!”

After Karen said all of this hysterically, Maddy was dumbfounded!

Although she already had a terrible first impression of Karen, she was a qualified doctor who had dealt with many members of upper society. The foul words that came out of Karen's mouth really made Maddy flabbergasted!

She never knew that a woman's imagination could be so rich and vicious, so much so that Karen had developed dirty thoughts about her and Lucas as soon as she saw her. She even slandered them, making Maddy so shocked that she couldn't even feel angry at all. Instead, she found it really ridiculous.

Lucas's eyes instantly darkened.

He had gotten used to being insulted by Karen, so he could just pretend not to hear her. But he wouldn't tolerate her insulting his friend.

He looked at Karen's villainous expression and suddenly asked, "Are you that afraid that William will wake up after his condition gets better?"

"What did you say?!" Karen was instantly shocked because Lucas's words hit the nail on the head, making her panic.

But she obviously couldn't admit to it.

Looking as if she had been gravely insulted, Karen burst into tears aggrievedly. "Cheyenne, look at your husband. How can he say something like that to me? No matter what, I'm his mother-in-law. Yet he actually thinks that I'm such a vicious person. I... I'm really going to be angered to death by him!

"Cheyenne, look at what kind of a life I'm living. Your father is still lying in bed unconscious, and I'm already so old. I can only rely on you and Charlotte to support me in the future, but Lucas actually did this to me. How am I supposed to

live in the future? I might as well die here or let the Taylors kill me yesterday so that I wouldn't be such an eyesore here and face your insults!"

Karen was really good at being shameless, a skill she had perfected after decades of training and practice. She could tear up as soon as she wanted to and make herself look extremely aggrieved as if she had been bullied.

In the past, Cheyenne would have shown Karen lots of sympathy and caved in.

But after learning about Karen's horrendous misdeeds, Cheyenne was no longer going to be the good daughter who would immediately be at a loss upon seeing Karen cry.

Cheyenne looked at Karen calmly and said coldly, "Mom, no one is bullying you. If you keep behaving so nonsensically and interfere with Dad's treatment, you should leave the hospital right now!"

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As Karen's daughter, Cheyenne began to realize more and more that whenever her mother decided to be unreasonable, it was mostly because she had deliberately caused a stir out of a guilty conscience.

The words Karen used to scold Maddy were extremely awful and vulgar. Even though it was the first time she met Maddy, Cheyenne couldn't bear to hear those malicious remarks.

If not for the guilt she felt for driving Karen away and making her suffer from the abduction by the Taylors, she probably wouldn't have agreed to let Karen stay in the hospital.

Karen's jaw dropped. She was deeply shocked by Cheyenne's unusual action!

"Cheyenne, you... What are you saying? Do you not believe me? Are you going to take this woman's side instead?"

"Are you silly?! This woman is obviously not a decent person. Which doctor behaves and looks like her? She and Lucas are colluding to deceive you. I'm your biological mother. Why would I harm you?"

"Look at the two of them. Lucas brought her here, and he's now defending her too. Do you really think they're innocent?"

"I've been in such situations. I can tell at a glance what tricks this little vixen is using! She claims to be trying to treat your father's illness? That's nonsense!"

Karen tried to persuade Cheyenne earnestly while not forgetting to continue framing Lucas and Maddy.

Maddy was so enraged that her face flushed red. She clarified, “Ma’am, you can’t spout nonsense about such things! Lucas and I are innocent! You can’t slander us! If you tarnish my reputation like this again, don’t blame me for suing you in court for defamation!”

Maddy wasn’t a pushover who could be manipulated easily. She decided to use the law as a weapon to warn Karen against spouting nonsense again.

Karen got a great shock, but she soon sneered. “Hah, it seems that you’re really the same as Lucas! I’ve merely made some remarks about you, and you already want to take me to court. I bet you’re intent on driving me away from Cheyenne so that you can take the opportunity to kill Cheyenne’s father and then bully my daughter as you wish, right?”

“I’m telling you, you two can dream on! As long as I’m around, you won’t be able to bully me and my daughter!”

Karen was still acting as if she was an advocate of justice as she continued to insult them righteously.

“Enough!” Lucas finally couldn’t take it anymore and yelled, immediately stopping Karen.

Karen merely thought that Maddy was a weak and vulnerable woman who couldn’t stand up for herself, so she had been bullying her and nitpicking on her at every turn. Her agenda was to insult Maddy callously and make her leave.

Thus, she wouldn’t have to be afraid of Maddy checking on William’s condition and saving him so that he would regain consciousness.

How evil and vicious! Lucas thought.

Maddy was his comrade and the person he had specially invited. Why should he stand here and allow a shrew like Karen to continue insulting him and Maddy?

“If you dare insult us again, don’t blame me for being ruthless!”

Icy cold killing intent appeared in Lucas’s eyes, immediately making Karen recall many terrifying memories. She couldn’t help shuddering.

Only then did she remember that her son-in-law was no longer the weak and incompetent son-in-law he used to be. Instead, he really held the power that could kill her at any time.

At the thought of this, Karen didn’t dare to speak again.

Although she really wanted to immediately kick out Maddy, who said that she could cure William, so that he would never regain consciousness again. But she was now indeed at a loss for what to do, leaving her with no choice but to come up with another solution.

Lucas turned to Maddy and looked at her apologetically. “Maddy, I’m so sorry. Please take a look at my father-in-law’s condition now.”

Maddy nodded and let out a sigh, expelling all the pent up anger within her because of Karen’s malicious remarks. She walked over and gently placed her index and middle fingers on William’s pulse to take it carefully.

Traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture were her forte, and she had already seen the CT scan of William’s brain, as well as the other data that Lucas had shown her. Maddy was now using traditional Chinese medicine as an alternative treatment method.

For a while, the few people in the ward fell silent, not even daring to breathe, for fear of disturbing Maddy from reaching an accurate diagnosis.

Karen also stood in the ward with her head hung low instead of going outside.

When she saw that Maddy was actually using a traditional Chinese medicine method to take William's pulse, she pursed her lips and subconsciously felt an urge to mock her.

At this moment, Lucas glared at her fiercely with a warning gaze in his eyes.

Karen's heart skipped a beat, but she finally remained silent.

She knew that Lucas's patience with her was about to run thin. If she tried to continue to interfere with Maddy's treatment, there would only be one outcome—she would immediately be driven out by Lucas!

After taking his pulse, Maddy carefully examined William's eyes, tongue, and other body parts. More than ten minutes later, she finally completed the diagnosis.

She straightened her back and said to Lucas and Cheyenne with a smile on her face, "His condition isn't too bad. It's actually a little better than I thought. He's already showing initial signs of recovery. If I use acupuncture and medicine to stimulate his recovery and condition his body, he'll probably be able to wake up within five days."

Cheyenne said gleefully, "Really? That's great! Thank you so much, Maddy!"

Tears of joy welled up in her eyes.

Lucas heaved a sigh of relief. Hearing that William would be able to come to in a few days was definitely a piece of great news to him.

Only Karen, who was having trouble maintaining her worried expression, was almost on the verge of erupting. Deep down, she yelled with indignation, *Ahhhhh! Why? Why is that dog William Carter going to regain conscientiousness? If he wakes up, what on earth am I going to do? Damn Lucas and this damn woman! You all deserve to die!*

She clenched her fists with all her might to stop herself from losing control and strangling Maddy to death on the spot. But she didn't dare to look up, afraid that she could no longer hide the strong resentment in her eyes.

Maddy chuckled, "You're welcome. You're Lucas's wife, and that's like being my sister. Okay, I'll go prepare the prescription and some western medicine. I'll have to see if they're available in this hospital. I'll return in the evening and begin his acupuncture treatment."

She smiled faintly and turned around to walk out of the door.

But Lucas keenly noticed that although Maddy was smiling, she was in low spirits at the moment.

Cheyenne naturally also discovered this, so she said to Lucas guiltily, "Hubby, I... I feel very sorry toward Maddy. She obviously came here to help Dad out of kindness because of you..."

Although the person who had insulted Maddy wasn't her but her mother, Cheyenne still felt very sorry about it.

Lucas shook his head. "It's not your fault. Besides, Maddy is not that petty. I will explain it to her properly.

“But the most important thing to do now is to help William regain consciousness sooner. By that time, I’m afraid that the truth that some people have been trying to hide will be unraveled.”

With that, Lucas glanced at Karen, who was at the other side of the ward, and smiled coldly.

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After Karen heard this, she couldn't help shuddering.

Lucas's words were like a death notice striking at Karen's head, causing her to break out in a cold sweat.

Indeed, once William regained consciousness, the things she had been trying to hide would all be exposed!

What should I do? What should I do now?

The only way to stop this is to make sure that William can never regain consciousness!

“The truth? What do you mean?” Cheyenne asked in bewilderment.

Lucas looked at Karen sneeringly and said, “Didn't you just say that William's car accident was rather fishy and that you even suspect I hired someone to do it? In that case, once William comes to, it will be clear as day who was behind the accident and who actually tried to kill him.”

Karen didn't dare to look into Lucas's eyes and quickly retorted in a moment of panic, “When did I say that there was something fishy about William's car accident? Don't spout nonsense!”

Just now, she was so focused on framing Lucas and Maddy that it slipped her mind that she had given him the chance to grab hold of what she had said to put the blame on her.

But her flustered denial made Cheyenne suspect something all of a sudden.

Since William's car accident, the official investigation had determined it to be purely an accident, and the party that caused the accident had also died. So Cheyenne hadn't been thinking about the other aspects.

Even when Karen said there was something fishy about the car accident, she didn't pay too much attention to her words because she thought that Karen was just trying to frame Lucas, given how much she hated him.

But now that Lucas said that there might be someone else behind the accident, Karen's behavior seemed rather wrong.

In fact, Karen was quite silly, so most of the time, her acting skills were terrible. For example, she couldn't hide the look of panic on her face now at all.

Cheyenne's heart suddenly sank.

She looked at Lucas and asked worriedly, "Lucas, Dad's car accident isn't purely an accident, is it? Are you already aware of something?"

She wasn't a fool, and she could tell that Karen was behaving strangely. She would be a fool if she still hadn't realized what was going on here.

The only thing she wanted now was for Lucas to tell her clearly that William's car accident had nothing to do with Karen...

A few nights ago, when Cheyenne discovered that Karen had secretly unplugged William's oxygen tube in the middle of the night in an attempt to kill him, Cheyenne had almost broken down in misery.

After Karen had been rescued by Lucas later, she had wept and told Cheyenne that she had been compelled by the Taylors to do it to William.

Cheyenne had believed her and felt really sympathetic toward her predicament. She had also felt extremely apologetic and guilty for indirectly causing Karen to end up in such a plight.

But she now couldn't help but suspect and wonder if she could really believe Karen's explanation. *Was it really the Taylors who forced her to kill Dad?*

The moment she thought of a certain possibility, Cheyenne felt as if she had plunged into icy cold water again, and her heart was full of chilliness.

Karen suddenly panicked and hurriedly asked with tears in her eyes, "Cheyenne, you're my daughter. Don't you trust me at all?"

Cheyenne said with difficulty, "I really want to believe you, but I really can't tell which of your words are true and which are not. How can I trust you?"

If possible, no one would want to doubt their own biological parents.

But what Karen had done had really made Cheyenne extremely disappointed.

She closed her eyes in misery.

Seeing this, Karen panicked even more, and she anxiously tried to emotionally blackmail Cheyenne with kinship.

"Cheyenne, you can't do this! I'm your mother. How much pain did I suffer to give birth to you back then? You're a mother yourself. You went through ten months of pregnancy to give birth to Amelia, so you should know how I feel! I'm so hurt by your words!

“I worked so hard to raise you and Charlotte. I cooked for you two, did your laundry, and showed you concern all the time. I was afraid that you’d catch a cold when it was cold, and I was so anxious every time you got sick when you were little. Now that you’re all grown up and have a family of your own, you don’t need me anymore, so you’ve cast me aside and said those things to me!

“Cheyenne, touch your heart and tell me. Do you still have a conscience? Do you have filial piety?

“I’m really disappointed and heartbroken now! I’ve worked so hard to raise you, and you’re doubting your own mother for this man who’s only been back for a few months! I wish I could die right now and end up in the same state as your father. I’d be better off dead, lest I suffer from being angered by you!”

Karen began to act like an aggrieved mother again as she wept incessantly in a pitiful manner.

If it was the old Cheyenne, she might have been guilt-tripped by Karen’s words and be overwhelmed with regret. She would have felt extremely unfilial to have caused her mother to be so upset. She would have then cried and hugged Karen, begging her to stop saying those words and promise to treat her well in the future while continuously blaming herself.

Karen had long mastered the art of manipulation using kinship.

Unfortunately, Cheyenne once again took her by surprise.

Although Cheyenne was feeling terrible because of Karen’s words, she didn’t compromise this time. Instead, she gritted her teeth and said, “Mom, you don’t need to say those things now, and I don’t have to explain anything to you either. Anyway, Maddy just said that Dad will definitely wake up within five days!

“Once Dad wakes up, no matter what you’re hiding from me and no matter what the truth is, everything will come to light!

“If, and I mean if, Dad’s accident really has something to do with you, I will definitely not be as soft-hearted as I was last time and just tell you to leave. If you’re the culprit who wanted to kill Dad, I will surely do justice and make you pay the price!”

At the end, tears streamed down her cheeks, but she had a firm look of determination on her face!

Even Lucas was a little surprised. But immediately afterward, a trace of heartache appeared in his eyes.

Cheyenne, who was gentle and kind-hearted, had to be full of agony since she was forced to say such ruthless words.

After Karen heard what Cheyenne said, her expression changed drastically, and she became incredibly flustered.

Chapter 577: Try Touching Her

This time, Karen truly felt that her daughter Cheyenne had gradually gotten out of her control and that she would soon no longer be able to manipulate her with some simple tricks like she had in the past.

Due to her panic of losing control and the fact that William was soon about to regain consciousness to reveal everything she had done, Karen felt extremely frustrated.

A wave of anger instantly surged in Karen's heart, and she yelled at Lucas menacingly, "It's all your fault! It's all your fault! You must have deliberately badmouthed me behind my back and urged Cheyenne to go against me, her own mother! Cheyenne would never talk to me like this in the past, so you must have sowed discord! Lucas Gray, you can't stand to see Cheyenne and me getting along well, huh?"

Karen targeted Lucas and shrieked at him at the top of her voice.

Lucas glanced at her indifferently and sneered. "You don't need to continue pretending to be a loving mother and a virtuous wife here. Even before I returned, have you ever sincerely treated William as your husband and Cheyenne as your daughter? You don't have to deliberately try to provoke me or put the blame on me. I'm sure you know better than anyone why William got into that car accident!

"Don't worry. William will wake up in a few days, and by then, whatever you've done will all be revealed! When that time comes, I will definitely not let that person off!"

Lucas's words were so decisive that Karen couldn't help feeling a pang of panic.

The massive panic made her face turn pale, and all she could think about was the outcome she would face once everything was exposed.

At that time, not only would William not spare her, but Lucas wouldn't spare her either! Cheyenne and Charlotte would probably disown her as well...

When the time came, what would she do?

Lucas looked at her panicked face and said coldly, "You'd better leave William's ward. We don't feel safe about you being here!"

Lucas's words were extremely direct, and he was almost about to blurt out blatantly that Karen would harm William.

Karen screamed in anger and shame, "You... you don't go too far! Who are you to make me leave? William is my husband, and he's now lying in a hospital bed. I'm his rightful next-of-kin. Who are you to throw me out?"

"If anyone has to get out, it should be you two! You unfilial ingrates, you treat your mother so badly. How can I still hand William over to you with peace of mind? Get lost now!"

While cursing furiously, she ran over like a shrew and grabbed Cheyenne's hand to drag her out.

"Cheyenne, you're just a heartless ingrate! What are you still doing here pretending to look after your father? Your mother is being driven to her grave by you, and yet you're still here every single day. Do you want your father to die sooner?"

“You bastards, I bet you want us to die sooner because once we die, no one will be watching you two, and you’ll be free to inherit all the assets. That must be your plan, huh?!”

“And you’re pretending to be a filial daughter here every single day. Psht! Get lost immediately!”

Karen cursed loudly like a madman while pulling Cheyenne’s wrist with all her might to drive her out.

She deliberately wanted to be extremely callous with her words and make sure everyone in the hospital heard her so that Cheyenne would be too ashamed to stay!

As long as Cheyenne and Lucas scrambled out of the ward, she could find an opportunity to make a move against William again and kill him to prevent him from revealing the truth!

With these evil thoughts in mind, she suddenly raised her hand and slapped Cheyenne’s delicate little face while pulling her along.

“You are not worthy of being my daughter at all!” Karen hollered with a twisted expression.

“Stop it!” Lucas grabbed Karen’s hand and stopped her from hitting Cheyenne while roaring menacingly, “Try touching her again!”

At this moment, Lucas was extremely murderous, and the gaze in his eyes was ice cold, like a sharp dagger piercing into Karen’s heart.

The wrist Lucas was holding seemed to snap into half. She was in so much pain that she couldn’t speak!

But at this moment, Karen couldn't care less about the excruciating pain in her wrist. All of her senses were overwhelmed by fear.

Looking at the gaze in Lucas's eyes, Karen finally understood that he would definitely take her life without saying a word if she slapped Cheyenne again!

Scared by Lucas's menace and murderous aura too, Cheyenne raised her head and grabbed his arm. She persuaded carefully, "Hubby, why don't..."

She was truly afraid that Lucas would really do something to Karen in a moment of anger.

That result was definitely not what she wanted to see!

Lucas restrained his aura and looked at Cheyenne comfortingly to hint to her that he hadn't lost his rationality yet.

But Lucas's eyes were still as cold as a knife when he stared at Karen.

"Cheyenne is my woman. Even you can't lay a hand on her! This is the last time. If you dare to make a move on her again, I will break whichever hand of yours that you use to hit her. I will do what I say!" Lucas said coldly and let go of Karen's wrist.

At this moment, Karen was about to wet in her pants because of how frightened she was. She had broken out in cold sweat and didn't dare to utter a single word. Holding her bruised wrist, she shrunk into the single sofa in the corner of the ward.

To be honest, Karen was now so terrified of Lucas that if she could, she would scurry away and stay far, far away from him!

But she also knew that it wouldn't be as easy for her to come back once she left.

Once she couldn't even enter William's ward, how could she find the opportunity to kill him?

So despite trembling with fear, she was determined to stay!

Lucas glanced at Karen, knowing full well what her intentions were, but he wasn't bothered at all.

Anyway, there was no way Karen could get what she wanted regardless of the nonsensical intentions she had!

Through Cheyenne's determination just now, Lucas was aware of her thoughts.

If Karen's evil deeds were exposed, Cheyenne would no longer indulge her and would instead make her bear the consequences she deserved.

Lucas was a lot less scrupulous.

Time flew by, and soon it was evening.

Maddy gave Lucas a call. "Lucas, I've already made all the preparations, and I can start giving your father-in-law his first treatment any time!"

Charismatic Lucas Gray Chapter 578 – His Fingers Moved

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Lucas was overjoyed, and he hurriedly exclaimed, “Alright, come here now then, Maddy!”

Maddy soon arrived in William’s ward.

But she didn’t come alone. Instead, she came in together with the old director and several doctors of the hospital, including the attending doctor who had performed the life-saving surgery on William.

All of them had heard of Maddy’s great reputation and came over to observe the treatment to learn something from her.

After all, it was usually extremely difficult to meet internationally renowned medical experts such as Maddy, let alone observe her treatment process on the spot in person.

The director had even swallowed his pride and begged Maddy for a long time before she finally compromised and gave in.

Maddy skilfully opened the small box she was carrying to reveal several sets of sharp and thin gold needles, as well as some other Chinese medical instruments.

Next, Maddy began to rapidly insert needles in many acupuncture points on William’s head while also supplementing it with some Chinese medicine massage techniques to many acupuncture points on William’s body.

The doctors watched carefully, and many took out small notebooks to record what they were seeing and what they didn’t understand.

Since acupuncture was a process that required extremely detailed technical work, she not only needed to determine a good treatment plan in advance, but she also had to remain entirely focused during the entire process because a slight mistake might lead to extremely serious consequences.

So although there were many people here, everyone was holding their breaths and concentrating, not even daring to cough, for fear of disturbing Maddy's treatment.

Karen was also secretly glancing at everything from the corner.

She really wanted to suddenly make some noise at this time and deliberately disrupt Maddy's acupuncture treatment, preferably so that she could stab William to death in a moment of shock. That would be the best thing!

But Lucas was also in the ward and had even cast a warning glance at her. No matter how gutsy she was, she didn't dare to do anything with Lucas around.

So she could only pray in her heart that this young woman didn't know anything about medicine and was just messing around.

After all, in the eyes of most people, things like traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture were completely like superstitious metaphysics.

After half an hour, Maddy carefully removed the last gold needle from William's head and put the entire set of gold needles back into the small box. She then heaved a sigh of relief and ended the treatment for the day.

The doctors, who had been crowding around for a long time, finally spoke up.

“Dr. Stone, you are truly worthy of being an internationally renowned medical expert. Those gold needles seemed to have come alive in your hands. Your skills are divine!”

“Yes, it’s amazing! I counted, and you inserted needles no less than two hundred times, but the timing and order of each acupuncture point were completely different. It’s really breathtaking! Compared to you, our humble medical skills are not worth mentioning at all!”

“Although I’m almost sixty and much older than you, and I’ve immersed myself in traditional Chinese medicine acupuncture for more than thirty years, I feel that I’ve lived in vain previously!”

“Haha, Dr. Stone, you may be young, but your medical skills are really quite superb and admirable! You said before that you could make this patient wake up within five days, and in my humble opinion, you can definitely do it, despite it being a near-impossible miracle!”

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For a while, all the doctors were praising Maddy’s medical skills.

Karen, standing at the side, turned pale and clenched her fingers with indignation.

She had always thought that although Lucas had praised Maddy and introduced her as a medical expert invited from abroad, she was too young to have any decent medical skills at all. She had even thought that Lucas was just boasting.

But after personally hearing so many doctors praising Maddy, Karen instantly felt flustered.

If Maddy’s medical skills were really that superb, it meant that William likely would really wake up within a few days. When the time came, what should she do?

“Huh!?! This... this is simply incredible!” William’s attending doctor suddenly exclaimed excitedly.

“What happened?” hurriedly asked the person next to him, startled by his sudden shout.

The attending doctor excitedly pointed at William’s hand. “His hand! His fingers! Just now, I saw his fingers move twice! I swear I definitely saw it!”

As soon as he said this, another doctor immediately chimed in, “I... I saw it too! I just thought my eyes were playing tricks on me. That’s why I didn’t dare to say anything, but I didn’t expect you to see it too, Dr. Will! This is really incredible!”

“Oh my god, this is really amazing! It’s only the first acupuncture treatment, and the patient has already shown such a good reaction. It’s really miraculous! It seems that William Carter will wake up within the next few days, as Dr. Stone said!”

“As expected of Dr. Stone, her medical skills are really outstanding! It makes us much older doctors ashamed, haha!”

Lucas and Cheyenne were also immediately surprised to hear what they said and quickly walked over to check on William’s condition.

But it seemed that William just moved his fingers twice under the stimulation because they couldn’t see any other movement now.

Cheyenne was slightly disappointed about not being able to see William’s reaction with her own eyes, but she quickly adjusted her emotions and grinned happily.

“Great, it seems Dad will wake up soon! Maddy, thank you so much!”

She grabbed Maddy’s hand excitedly.

Lucas looked at Maddy with a smile and said from the bottom of his heart, “Maddy, thank you for your hard work!”

Maddy replied with a warm smile, “It’s nothing. You guys are being too polite!”

Although she was smiling, there was a clear trace of fatigue on her face. Clearly, the process of concentrating on acupuncture just now had brought her a considerable burden.

In particular, Maddy hadn’t actually rested much since she got on the plane last night until now. And after taking William’s pulse, she had been researching and trying to formulate an acupuncture treatment plan. She had to be exhausted.

“Maddy, go back and rest well! You’ve been busy all day, and you must be exhausted,” Lucas said with concern.

Maddy rubbed her brow, and instead of trying to put on a strong front, she nodded. “Well, then I’ll go back to the hotel. I’ll come back tomorrow morning to check on his condition.”

“Okay.”

Lucas then said to Jordan at the side, “Send Maddy back to the hotel! Also, you don’t need to come here for the time being for the next two days. Just take full responsibility for Maddy’s personal safety!”

He raised his eyebrows, seemingly trying to say, ‘That’s as much as I can help you with’.

Jordan was overjoyed, and he immediately agreed excitedly, “Alright! Just leave it to me!”

He escorted Maddy out of the hospital, and even his footsteps were much lighter.

Those familiar with Jordan, such as Lucas and Cheyenne, could tell at a glance that he was brimming with happiness at this moment.

“Huh? Jordan... and Maddy, could it be...?” Cheyenne asked softly, immediately feeling gossipy.

Lucas smiled. “It depends on whether or not Jordan can impress the beauty.”

The two were in a great mood while speaking.

But Karen was staring at William with a sinister look in her eyes.

Charismatic Lucas Gray Chapter 579 – She Actually Made A Voice Recording

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William can actually move his fingers. He's probably not far from regaining consciousness...

No way!

I have to think of a way to get him killed sooner!

But over the next two days, Karen hadn't been able to find any opportunity to make a move.

During these two days, not only Lucas had been staying in the ward, but even Cheyenne had taken her annual leave to stay here and wait for William to regain consciousness.

During this period of time, Maddy had been coming to the ward twice a day, once in the morning and once in the evening, to perform an acupuncture treatment on William. She was indeed quite competent. After her treatment, William's condition had been improving significantly, and the doctors gathered around Maddy to learn were all singing praises about her.

Seeing this, Karen felt extremely anxious.

Knowing that William might open his eyes and regain consciousness at any time, Karen panicked. But she couldn't find any opportunity to do anything and could only watch fearfully with anxiety.

Finally, she found an opportunity to run to a hidden corridor of the hospital and call someone.

“Nikki, you have to help me!” Karen yelled anxiously.

Nikki frowned, but she nevertheless asked, “Aunt Karen, what’s wrong? What happened again?”

Karen quickly told Nikki what had happened in the past few days, saying that Maddy, the female doctor Lucas had found, was very competent and that William’s condition was getting better and better. Thus, he might regain consciousness very soon.

“Nikki, what do you think I should do now? If he wakes up, we’ll both be done for!”

Karen called Nikki for help only because she couldn’t find a solution herself.

“Done for? Aunt Karen, what do you mean by that? I don’t seem to understand! What do Uncle William’s affairs have to do with me?” Nikki said gloatingly.

Karen immediately panicked, and her voice got louder. “Nikki, are you trying to shirk responsibility? Don’t forget. It was you who came to me at first. That’s why we decided to take action together. Besides, even the money... used to hire a killer came from you. Are you trying to say it has nothing to do with you?”

When saying the latter sentences, Karen couldn’t help looking around guiltily like a thief as she lowered her volume.

Nikki sneered. “Aunt Karen, I don’t understand what you’re saying. All I did was lend you some money. I don’t know anything else! But don’t blame me for this. If you continue coming to me, I’ll have to expose all your misdeeds personally!”

She was in complete denial now.

If William had died, Karen would have been able to carry out the second step of their plan smoothly. But it turned out that the person Karen found didn't work efficiently and had merely turned William into a vegetable who was now about to wake up any time soon. So why should she continue working with a fool like Karen?

Nikki clearly didn't want to continue being embroiled in this, so Karen immediately panicked.

“Nikki, how can you be like this? If it wasn't urgent, I wouldn't have called you for help! Hurry up and help me come up with a solution!”

“Over the past two days, William has been surrounded by many people, so I couldn't even find a chance to do anything. I'm begging you!”

“If we wait until William wakes up, then everything will be over! Nikki, as long as you help me once more and get William killed, I will surely think of a way to help you deal with Lucas immediately!”

She spoke urgently.

But Nikki harrumphed coldly in disdain. “Aunt Karen, you can't even deal with an unconscious, vegetative person who's hospitalized. How can I still expect you to help me deal with Lucas Gray now?”

“I'm staying out of this forever. Don't contact me again in the future!”

With that, she immediately hung up.

“Nikki! Nik...!” Karen yelled twice anxiously, only to discover that the call had already ended. She gnashed her teeth furiously.

She called Nikki twice more. But without exception, they were all declined by Nikki.

*Nikki, you b*tch! We were in this together in the first place. Do you think you can get away with it and shirk responsibility? Don't you dare think so! I won't let you get what you want!*

Even if it's hell, I'll drag you down with me!

Karen browsed through her phone, found a short recording, and sent it to Nikki.

“Nikki, this is the voice recording of our discussion at the time. If you're smart enough, you should know what to do!”

Far away in the Herons' home in LA...

Since she received Karen's phone call, Nikki was in an extremely foul mood because the incompetent Karen had caused her more than 100 grand to go to waste. She couldn't even get William killed and had repeatedly called for help. How could she expect Karen to help her get Lucas killed?

The thought of it made her exasperated!

Thus, she declined all of Karen's calls, not wanting to speak to her at all.

If William really came to and exposed Karen, she wouldn't let herself be implicated in any way!

At this moment, her phone suddenly rang with a new text.

When she saw the message from Karen, she almost flew into a rage after hearing the content of the audio recording.

“Karen Turner, you b*tch! How dare you make a voice recording?!”

She suddenly raised her hand and directly smashed a vase in front of her onto the floor.

Bang!

The beautiful vase instantly shattered, and the bright red roses scattered all over the floor.

Nikki never thought that a stupid woman like Karen would be so scheming as to record their discussion about hiring someone to murder William.

Although Karen had sent her only a short audio clip, she had every reason to believe that Karen must have the complete recording.

She had actually been schemed against by such a foolish woman, who now had evidence against her. There was no way Nikki could shirk responsibility now!

If Karen was really exposed, she would definitely expose Nikki too!

“Ahhhhh! This is infuriating!”

“Damn it, Karen Turner! Damn Lucas Gray!”

Nikki grabbed her hair frantically and hollered.

“Nikki, what’s the matter with you? Did something happen?”

All of a sudden, a deep voice came from behind, and a middle-aged man who was nearly fifty years old walked in and asked with a look of concern.

The middle-aged man was none other than Nikki's father, Justin.

"I heard something breaking in your room just now. I knocked on your door a few times, but I didn't hear you say anything. Are you okay? You look awful. What exactly happened?" Justin asked with a frown.

Charismatic Lucas Gray Chapter 580 – Between Father And Daughter

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Nikki received a great shock and frantically stammered, “It’s nothing... I’m fine. I-I just accidentally broke the vase.”

Justin didn’t believe her at all. “I’m your father. I can tell if you’re really fine or not. Nikki, tell me. what exactly happened?”

Although he no longer had any more feelings for Nikki’s mother and wanted to divorce her, he still cared a lot about Nikki, his only daughter.

No matter what, Nikki was his biological daughter.

Nikki bit her lower lip and hesitated for a long while before finally resting her head on Justin’s shoulder and bursting into tears. “Dad, I did something wrong, and I might be in deep trouble. You have to help me!”

Justin was startled. His daughter had always been smart and usually seemed adorable and obedient. He would rarely see her crying like this.

Something major must have happened!

“Nikki, calm down. Come on, tell me slowly. What happened? What did you do wrong?” he asked with a gloomy expression.

Nikki huffed and sputtered everything about how she and Karen had plotted William’s murder and even hired someone to kill him, followed by their plan to kill Lucas. But things were about to be exposed, and Nikki might be exposed too.

Justin's expression changed again and again. He finally couldn't restrain himself from slapping Nikki on her face.

“Are you stupid? How could you do such a thing with a stupid woman like Karen Turner?”

“Moreover, you actually dared to hide a planned murder from me. You're really becoming bolder and bolder!”

“If the situation hadn't changed, were you planning never to tell me about this for the rest of your life? Do you still regard me as your father?”

Nikki covered her face and burst into tears. “I-I didn't mean to hide it from you! I didn't want you to worry about it, so I planned to tell you after the matter was done!”

“Besides, why do I want to kill Lucas Gray? It's obviously for the sake of the Herons. When we were at Dylan's wedding, he caused us to be so aggrieved, so much so that no one is willing to associate with us anymore. Our business is in the doldrums now. I hate Lucas Gray!”

“That's why I thought of a way to get back at him, and it just so happened that Karen found me, and we finally decided to get rid of him together. I didn't expect her to be so useless and cause things to blow up to this point!”

“Dad, you have to help me now! That b*tch Karen has a voice recording. If she gets exposed, she will definitely drag me down too! When that happens, Lucas won't let me off, nor will he spare the Herons! Dad, please help me think of a solution!”

Naturally, Nikki wouldn't take the initiative to reveal her personal feud with Lucas. She merely made it seem like she was doing it for the Herons' sake.

As expected, the anger on Justin's face slowly vanished after hearing her words.

Nikki hated Lucas because of the current situation of the Herons, and she wanted to get rid of him partly also because of the Herons.

Although she had used a radical approach and even went so far as to hire a murderer, no amount of complaining would help since it had already happened.

As Karen had said, if William woke up and exposed what Karen had done, she would definitely drag Nikki down with her.

Even if Karen was the mastermind and Nikki was just an accomplice, it was still a huge crime, which would ruin her completely. He would have raised his daughter for nothing too.

Furthermore, Lucas would definitely take revenge on the Herons.

The most important thing to do now was to make sure Nikki didn't get implicated.

After thinking about it, he could only come up with two solutions.

One, as Karen had said, was to kill William before he woke up so that he would never be able to speak again.

Two was to just kill Karen so that she could never get Nikki implicated, and the Herons would be fine then.

But there was a tremendous risk in the second method because he didn't know how many copies of the voice recording and how much evidence Karen had.

He had always thought that Karen was an extremely stupid woman, so he hadn't needed to bother with her. But now, he couldn't see her as a fool since she knew to record conversations as evidence.

In case she kept copies of the voice recording elsewhere or quietly recorded other evidence that would be revealed after her death, Nikki's name would never be cleared.

Nikki looked at Justin with a pleading expression on her face. "Dad, have you thought of something yet? Quick, save me!"

Justin glared at her. "Now you know to be scared, huh? What have you been doing? When you hired someone to commit murder behind my back, weren't you very daring?"

"Dad, I really know my mistakes. I won't dare to do it again!" Nikki pursed her lips and lowered her head obediently.

Only then did Justin say, "I just thought about it. The only way to get this matter resolved is to kill William Carter."

"That's what I thought too! As long as he is dead, his lips will be sealed forever. And without evidence, Lucas can't do anything to me even if he suspects that there's something fishy about the car accident!"

While speaking, she quickly frowned. "But we can't kill William now. That b*tch Karen told me that his ward is guarded well, and Lucas and Cheyenne are both staying by his side all day and night now. There's no chance to take action at all. That's why Karen turned to me."

Seeing Justin frowning, she said tentatively, “How about we let Karen find an opportunity to lure Lucas and Cheyenne out so that we can wait for an opportunity to strike?”

“No!!!” Justin denied resolutely. “That woman is simply useless. She’s nothing but a failure. Instead of counting on her, we might as well rely on ourselves!

“Besides, she actually secretly recorded your conversation and tried to manipulate you with it. If we go to her again, she might get more evidence against us.

“Once this matter is over, we’ll think of another way to get all the evidence back from her, lest she continues to use it to threaten you.”

He gave Nikki a deep glance and said coldly, “If we can’t, I’ll have to think of a way to kill her too!”

Nikki immediately inhaled sharply.