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Chapter 1171

"Grace, I chose to save you. You don't need to feel burdened," said Brian. Those phoenix eyes seemed like they could see through everything.

Grace felt a constant burning in her throat.

More than an hour later, Lina also came to the hospital to see Brian. She also told them that the police had checked the car and found that it had indeed been tampered with.

The brake would not fail immediately, but it would suddenly fail after a while. There would have been a real accident if not for Brian crashing into them yesterday.

"It seems that my car's alarm randomly ringing these days. may have had something to do with it," said Lina.

Grace said, "It's possible. Did the police say anything else?"

"They said they'll continue with the investigation. They'll probably call you and ask you to give your statement," said

Lina.

Grace nodded, hoping the police could catch the real culprit soon.

"I'll have someone investigate it too. I'll find the culprit no matter what!" said Brian with a flash of malice in his eyes.

He would not let go of anyone who wanted to hurt her!

When they got out of the hospital, Lina said with a sigh, "Brian's really good to you."

"Yeah," Grace replied softly.

"The thing about feelings is that you won't necessarily fall for the one who's nice to you. But Grace... I don't want you to miss out on happiness because you refuse to fall in love again. You deserve the best romance!" Lina said seriously.

Grace looked at her best friend's concerned look and smiled gently. She stretched out her arms and hugged her best friend. "Lina, don't worry about me. You've already worried too much about me. I promise you I'll live a good life."

Lina sighed and hugged her back. "You must live a good life so I can be happy too."

"Definitely," Grace said, assuring her.

Then two parted at the hospital's entrance. One took the bus while the other took the subway back.

Riding the subway, Lina looked at her reflection on the subway's window. The feeling of having survived a disaster was still so intense.

Right now, she finally somewhat understood how Grace had felt when she got into the car accident previously.

The two cars that had collided with each other even caught fire shortly after Grace got out. Had Grace got out even a moment later, she would have been burned to death in the car too!

Life... was so fragile. It was so fragile that you might leave this world and your loved ones at any time!

Her parents' faces flashed in Lina's mind and then... it was Hadwin Stephenson's face.

Last night, she could not help calling Hadwin Stephenson. She did not want him to worry, so she thought of keeping it a secret. However, her body had trembled uncontrollably in the dead of night. As soon as she closed her eyes, she saw the scene of when she was about to crash into the sand truck.

She had given up all hope at the time. She had never felt that way before.

She had cried her eyes out on the phone. She had stammered something she could no longer remember and eventually fell asleep during the call.

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When she woke up this morning, she realized that she was still on the call.

Hadwin... had never hung up!

She then tentatively made some noise, and he immediately said good morning to her.

His voice had sounded a little hoarse. She wondered if he had slept well after all the commotion she made the night before, or... did he not sleep at all?

Speaking of which, it had only been two weeks since he left Emerald City, but she missed him so much!

She desperately wanted to see him!

One would know what one wanted after experiencing the fine line between life and death.

When Lina stepped out of the subway station and walked to the gate of her neighborhood, her steps stopped short.

A black car had stopped not far away, and a figure got out to walk toward her.

Lina's eyes instantly reddened, and her nose felt no sore!

"Lina, I'm back," the slightly husky baritone voice said. He looked at her with a gentle but worried look.

Lina suddenly cried out and jumped into Hadwin Stephenson's arms, crying loudly.

Her arms were tightly wrapped around him and her face was buried in his arms as she cried loudly. It was as if she was crying out... all her fear, dread, and longing.

Hadwin Stephenson lowered his head and seemed to be caressing Lina's black hair helplessly.

Her tears made him nervous and broke his heart! Last night, hearing her cry on the phone had already made him feel upset and guilty.

She encountered all these because he had failed to protect her! If anything had happened to her, he would never have forgiven himself.

Even... The more he imagined the scene, the more panicked he became. After that panic came fear.

When he saw her crying like this in front of him, he did not even know what he could do to make her stop crying.

He would be calm when facing the bloodshed in the Stephenson family and others' conspiracy.

However, her tears flustered him, and all he could do was mumble, "Don't cry... Lina, don't..."

It took Lina a while to finally stop crying.

However, when she looked up at Hadwin Stephenson, her eyes were red and swollen. Those round eyes were soaked with a layer of tears. "Hadwin Stephenson, I miss you so much. Do you know how... How afraid I was yesterday? I was so afraid that I'd never see you again!"

She sobbed, and her voice croaked as she spoke.

"I know," he said. His voice was so gentle that it seemed like water would drip from it. "Because I was just as afraid. I was afraid I'd never see you again. Fortunately, you're safe."

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She stared somewhat blankly at him. The man's face was full of worry for her. There were faint dark circles under his eyes. He must not have slept well last night. Besides, he had told her he had many things to handle at the Stephenson family's house, but now, he was back!

Lina held Hadwin Stephenson's face with both her hands. "Let's get married. I'll marry you once you've settled the Stephenson family's matters!"

Although they had talked about getting married, for the first time, she desperately wanted to marry him and be with him after going through a life-and-death situation.

She wanted to spend as much time with him as possible, even if it was just a minute or a second more!

Perhaps she cherished him more now after experiencing such a thing.

Even when they were just standing face to face and holding each other while looking at each other, she thought that this was all a blessing from God!

Hadwin Stephenson stared at the person in front of him and bent down, pressing his forehead gently against hers. "We'll

get married. I want to marry you into the Stephenson family so you can be my wife gloriously!"

She gave a sweet, tearful smile. She did not care whether it

was glorious; she only cared whether they could be together forever!

She wanted to be with him for the rest of her life.

In the living room of the Sweeney family's house, the tears

in Lina's eyes were not yet dry. She sat in the living room

with Hadwin Stephenson and faced the interrogation of her parents.

"You want to get married?" asked Mr. Sweeney as he looked at his daughter and future son-in-law.

He and his wife were satisfied with Hadwin Stephenson and were supportive of their daughter's relationship, but marriage... was a little too fast. They had only been dating for less than a year!

"Yes, I want to marry Lina. I hope you two can give us your blessings," said Hadwin Stephenson. His hand had been holding Lina's since they entered the Sweeney family's house.

Mrs. Sweeney could not help saying, "Hadwin, you haven't been dating Lina that long, have you? It's not that you're not

good, but... marriage is for life. You should get to know each other well before making a decision. We don't want you to take marriage too lightly and casually get married on a whim."

In Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney's opinion, if a couple got married in haste, then maybe the couple would get divorced in haste too!

"Mom, getting to know someone doesn't only depend on the length of time you know them. I think I know Hadwin quite well!" Lina could not help saying. She even knew his underwear size. "Didn't you keep pushing me to get married when I didn't have a boyfriend? Now that I'm going to get married, you're... asking me to slow down?"

Mrs. Sweeney glared at her daughter. They were only thinking of her, but their daughter was not understanding at all!

"It's too soon, regardless!" Mr. Sweeney made the final decision. "We're not against you dating, but you should think through a big deal such as marriage!"

Mr. Sweeney spoke. Then, he looked at Hadwin Stephenson again and said, "The situation of the Stephenson family now... is a bit of a mess. It's been in the news a lot. I don't want my daughter to marry and get involved in a rich and powerful family's feud."

After all, knowing his daughter, she would turn out the loser if they fought like it was a palace drama.

Hadwin Stephenson said with great affirmation, "I'm not going to let Lina get involved in any of it. In two months at most, I can solve everything in the Stephenson family. Then I'll let Lina join a peaceful Stephenson family. Besides..."

He paused and turned to look at the person beside him. "I've loved Lina for far more than a year. It should have been more than four years since I first met her. My decision to marry her was never one made lightly but more seriously than any decision I've ever made!"

His gaze returned to Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney again with an incomparable determination in it. "I want to marry Lina. She's the only one I ever want to marry. It has nothing to do with time!"

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Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney looked at each other. After many years of marriage, they could understand each other's thoughts.

Mr. Sweeney cleared his throat and finally took a step back, saying, "If you can resolve all the conflicts in the Stephenson family, then we'll give your marriage our blessings."

After all, parents always wanted their children to be happy.

Lina was delighted. 'Have my parents relented?'

Hadwin Stephenson was also relieved. After all, they were Lina's parents and the most important people to Lina. He also hoped they would give their blessings to his and Lina's marriage.

He turned around and looked at the smile on Lina's face. He secretly made up his mind that he must put an end to the Stephenson family's affairs as soon as possible to give Lina a better and safer future!

Grace visited Nelson first when she came to the hospital to see Brian. Nelson was in good condition and should be able to

discharge in two days!

Coincidentally, Nelson and Brian were hospitalized at the same hospital.

However, Nelson was in the regular children's ward while Brian was in the VIP ward.

Nelson was happy to see Grace. Grace had bought some fruits for Nelson, so she cut some dragon fruit and fed the pieces to the little one.

Once Nelson had eaten enough, Grace wiped the little one's mouth and hands. Then, she took out a new storybook she had bought for him.

The little one was only four years old, but he already knew a lot of words. He could even read certain storybooks by himself.

While Nelson read, Grace asked Kyla Corbyn in a whisper, "Kyla, what's the matter? You don't look so good." She noticed that Kyla's mind had been wandering since she entered the ward.

"Nothing," Kyla Corbyn said with a slightly awkward expression.

"If you have any difficulties, tell me. Even though I may not be able to help much, I can always help a little," said Grace.

"You've helped me a lot already," said Kyla Corbyn, but the custody case was like a boulder pressing on her heart, making

her breathless.

Grace was willing to represent her for free, but... she had been hesitating whether she wanted to go ahead with the lawsuit.

She had little chance of winning the lawsuit, and once it started, she would have to worry about how much it would hurt Nelson if the media published her time in prison all over the news.

Just as Grace was about to leave, she met Chase Harper who had also come to see Nelson.

"He-Hello!" greeted Chase Harper. "I found some time to visit Nelson once I learned about his hospitalization," said Chase

Harper.

Although he got to know Nelson through Grace, they kept in touch because he liked Nelson. Sometimes, he would call Kyla Corbyn's phone number and talk to Nelson, and sometimes, he would visit the little one with some toys.

He had wanted to visit the little one when he heard that he was hospitalized.

"How... have you been?" Chase Harper asked shyly.

"I'm okay," Grace said with a faint smile.

"Well..." Chase Harper hesitated for a moment before finally saying, "As long as you're okay."

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"I have a friend who's hospitalized here, and I have to visit him. I must go now," said Grace.

"Oh, okay," answered Chase Harper. Then, he leaned a little awkwardly to let Grace through.

As Grace walked toward the elevator in the corridor, Chase Harper was still staring blankly at her thin figure.

He did not know which man Grace had ended up choosing, Jason or Brian. He dared not ask, and there was no need for him to ask either. After all, she would be happy no matter who she chose between the two men.

He was nothing compared to those two men!

However... his heart still could not let her go. Even after knowing that she and he did not have any possibility to get together, he still could not let those feelings go easily.

Grace came to Brian's ward, only this time she saw not only Stella but also Brian's parents.

"What are you doing here?" Madam Hart immediately pulled a long face and looked at Grace disapprovingly.

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"I'm here to visit... Mr. Hart," Grace said flatly. She was carrying a bag of fruits in her hand. "I bought some fruits, but I don't know if Mr. Hart likes them. I'll leave after putting them down."

She could naturally see that Brian's parents did not welcome her. After all, who would like a woman who had nearly killed their precious son?

Madam Hart said angrily, "No thanks, we don't need your fruits. If it hadn't been for you, Brian wouldn't be suffering from these injuries!"

Brian said, "Mom! I got hurt because of the choice I made. No one forced me to do it. If you really care about me, don't treat Grace this way!"

"You..." Madam Hart turned to glare at her son.

"To me, there are two women in my life who are most important to me. One is you, and the other is Grace!" Brian said bluntly.

"What are you talking about? Did you forget she and Jason-"

"That's all in the past!" Brian interrupted his mother and said, "Mom, I beg you. Please stop talking about it!"

He was afraid that every word she said would only cut Grace's heart and separate him even more from her.

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Madam Hart looked at her son's pleading face and gasped. "Are you...?" However, the words were stuck in her throat, and she could not go on.

Her son's eyes and expression told her how much he cared ~bout that woman Grace!

Madam Hart was shocked. When had Brian ever begged for a woman like this? He even said he would make an enemy of the Reed family for Grace!

"Alright, let's go home first." Mr. Hart pulled Madam Hart, giving each other an out.

However, before they left, Mr. Hart looked intently at Grace.

Stella, who had been regarded as an invisible person this whole time, spoke reluctantly, "Brian, Aunt was just worried about you. Why would you break her heart like that?"

Brian glanced faintly at Stella. However, the glance sent shivers down Stella's spine.

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The glance was like a warning for her not to say another word, or he might just have a falling out with her.

Stella clenched her teeth, looking embarrassed.

"Stella, why don't you go home? I have the nurses here, so I don't need you to take care of me," said Brian.

However, Stella was reluctant. "I have nothing to do anyway. I'll just stay in the hospital." It seemed to her that this was the time for her to perform.

"There's no need for that." Brian refused again.

Stella only felt like his words were a loud slap in her face, but she could not lose her temper.

"Then... I'll go home first," said Stella before walking out of the ward.

Brian and Grace were the only two left in the ward.

"You didn't have to tell your mother that. It's only natural that she doesn't like seeing me. I understand," said Grace.

With those dark phoenix eyes of his fixed on Grace, Brian said,

"If you can understand why my mother doesn't like to see you, can you understand why I said what I said?"

Grace was stunned. How could she not understand?

However... "You and I aren't-"

Before she could finish, he interrupted, "If you're going to reject me, then you don't need to speak it out loud. If you don't hate me to the extent where you could never fall in love with me, don't speak it out loud so easily, okay?" Brian muttered. The high and mighty crown prince of the entertainment industry was begging her.

Grace felt a lump in her throat, and Brian still had gauze wrapped around his body and head. He suffered all these injuries from saving her!

"Why don't I... peel an apple for you?" she said, changing the subject. She took a bright red apple from the fruit basket she had brought.

"Okay," he said with a smile on his lips.

She took a small fruit knife from the table and carefully started peeling the apple for him.

Her peeling looked clumsy because of her injured fingers, but the scene seemed beautiful to Brian.

She sat quietly by the bedside. She lowered her eyes and

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peeled the apple little by little.

The sun shone through the glass window of the ward and fell on her body, making the scene look so tranquil and warm.

He wanted to keep this scene in his mind. He wanted to remember it until it imprinted in his heart.

"Here, done," she said, suddenly falling into a trance as she handed him the apple.

He had once peeled an apple for another man too. He had smiled happily as he ate the apple she peeled.

"What's the matter?" The corners of Brian's smiling lips froze slightly when he saw Grace in a daze.

She said quickly, "Nothing. Eat."

With that, she put the peeled apple into his hand.

He took the apple but did not eat it at once. He was still looking at her, who had looked at him earlier as though she were looking through him at someone else with some sadness.

'Who did she think of when she looked at me?'

The question flashed through his mind, and an answer faintly surfaced.

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"Were you thinking of Jason?" asked Brian. He could have not asked, but his pride made him ask.

Grace was stunned and kept quiet.

However, her silence made it clear to him that his guess was right.

"Even if you still have Jason in your heart, I'll wait until you get over him and fall in love with me," muttered Brian.

"It's not that I haven't gotten over him. I no longer have such feelings for him." Grace denied.

"If that's the case, all the better." Brian chuckled. "Maybe my wait will be shorter that way. Grace, you don't hate me, do you?"

Grace pressed her lips. 'Hate? How could I hate Bryn?'

Just then, Brian's phone rang suddenly. He picked it up, and his expression changed slightly after he listened for a while. He said in a deep voice, "Okay, got it!"

Once he ended the call, Brian looked at Grace with a straight face and said, "We've found out who's the mastermind behind

the accident."

"What?" Grace was surprised. "So soon?"

"But it wasn't my men who found out about it. It was Hadwin Stephenson. He found out more quickly than me. The mastermind has been arrested by the police and is undergoing further questioning."

"Who's the mastermind?" asked Grace.

Brian said, "Elizabeth Jackson, the bride the Stephenson family arranged for Hadwin Stephenson. Elizabeth Jackson probably intended to kill Lina, but you happened to be in the same car with her."

The name rang a bell with Grace because she had heard about this woman from Lina. Elizabeth Jackson had even deliberately sought out Lina to scare her. She even wanted to force Lina to leave Hadwin Stephenson.

'Is... taking a life that easy for some people? You can easily get rid of the people you want to kill with a car accident?'

A chilling sensation surged through Grace's body due to fear and anger.

"Do you know which police station Elizabeth Jackson was taken to?" she asked.

Brian gave the address of the police station. Grace stood up and said, "I'm going to the police station. Get some rest, and I'll visit you next time."

She turned around, and before she could take another step,

Brian grabbed her hand. "When's the next time?" he asked with his chin slightly raised.

"To-Tomorrow. I'll come and see you after work," she said after thinking about it for a moment.

"Okay. I'll wait for you tomorrow!" Brian smiled. The indifference in his gentle eyes dissipated.

When Grace was on her way to the police station, she called Lina and learned that she and Hadwin Stephenson were already at the police station.

By the time Grace arrived at the police station, the statement about Elizabeth Jackson had come out.

Following the clues Hadwin Stephenson provided, other than catching Elizabeth Jackson, the police had also caught three. people who were paid by Elizabeth Jackson to help her.

The three men quickly confessed, so Elizabeth Jackson let down her defense and confessed to her crime as well.

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However, Elizabeth Jackson had done this herself, and the Jackson family had no idea about it. If it was done by the Jackson family, they would have been more stealthy and it would have been harder to catch them.

After reading Elizabeth Jackson's statement, Lina said to Grace with a face of guilt, "Grace, I'm sorry. You almost died

ecause of me!"

Grace said, "Don't say that if we're friends. If we're going to apologize, I'm afraid I have more to apologize about!"

Lina had given up her studies and a better future for her case. She had gone to a lot of trouble for her for three years. She could never repay her kindness!

Hadwin Stephenson stepped forward and said, "I didn't handle the matter well. I didn't expect Elizabeth Jackson to have the guts to do such a thing and made you two suffer!"

He had only been keeping an eye on the Jackson family but never sent anyone to see if there would be anything wrong with Elizabeth Jackson.

After all, in his opinion, Elizabeth Jackson was just the Jackson family's sacrifice. She could not stir up a storm no matter how

she tried. Unexpectedly, that woman had done such a thing.

"I'll make it up to you. I won't let Elizabeth Jackson escape justice. Since she dares to do such a thing, she should suffer the terrible consequences!" Hadwin Stephenson said with a cold voice. A hint of malice flashed across his

eyes.

Grace felt her heart tremble. She had a feeling that Elizabeth Jackson was not going to have an easy life in the future.

Lina was Hadwin Stephenson's bottom line. A man like Hadwin Stephenson would never be soft-hearted when someone hurt Lina.

Besides, Hadwin Stephenson had always been ruthless. Otherwise, he would never have become the Stephenson family's patriarch. One could imagine what would happen to Elizabeth Jackson and even the Jackson family in the future.

The three walked out of the police station after they were done. Lina, said "Grace, why don't we go have dinner together? It's almost dinner time."

Grace was about to speak when she caught a glimpse of a figure walking out of a nearby government building and was immediately stunned.

She never expected Emerald City... to be so small.

When she wanted to forget someone, she inadvertently kept

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seeing them.

Lina noticed her best friend's strange behavior and followed her gaze. She exclaimed, "It's Jason!" A moment after,

Lina looked awkwardly at her best friend again. Lina still remembered the last time she and Grace had met Jason at the temple.

Jason had simply regarded Grace as air and completely ignored her.

Now, they had run into Jason again.

Just then, a figure suddenly rushed toward Jason. However, before they could reach him, they were stopped by his bodyguards.

Seeing this, the woman knelt with a thump and kowtowed to Jason repeatedly.

"Mr. Reed, it's my fault. I shouldn't have approached you with a hidden agenda. Please forgive me. I... I dare not do it again. Please!" The woman kowtowed, her head banging the ground again and again as she spoke. Her forehead was soon swollen and grazed.

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Some passersby around them looked over curiously due to the commotion.

However, Jason did not even cast her a glance and only walked toward the waiting car.

Out of the corner of her eyes, the woman suddenly caught sight of Grace and immediately rushed toward her. "Miss Cummins, please help me out. Didn't you want to help me last time? Please, ask Mr. Reed to let me go!"

Things were happening all too quickly. Before Grace knew it, the woman was already in front of her in the blink of an eye. Her fingers were all wrapped in white gauze, catching everyone's eyes.

The woman's forehead was red and swollen, oozing with blood. There was a look of frantic pleading on her face. It was as if she would desperately cling to anything that would save her from this.

"I shouldn't have tried to take advantage of your experience that day. I shouldn't have put on a show and pretended to

have my nails pulled out to attract Mr. Reed's attention, but I've gotten my punishment! I've already had my nails pulled

out, so I've been through that pain!"

The woman grabbed Grace's wrist firmly, regardless of the wounds on her fingers. "Miss Cummins, please take pity on me and plead with Mr. Reed. Please ask him to let me go!"

Little did she know that all that she had carefully planned did not do her any good but only brought her to complete ruin.

Not only did Mr. Lee, whom she had asked for help, wanted to get even with her, but even her relatives and friends had severed ties with her after knowing she had offended Jason.

Grace then realized that the woman in front of her was the waitress whom Jason protected in Tianxiang Pavilion's private room that night.

She remembered that a man named Mr. Lee was having a conflict with the waitress and wanted to pull her nails out, and now... the waitress was telling her that everything had... just been for show?

The woman wanted to approach Jason, so she ganged up with Mr. Lee to put on a show?

Grace looked up and stared blankly at Jason who was not far away. 'Did he know that they were putting on a show? Did I look like a fool when I rushed out like that?'

Grace suddenly felt the urge to laugh bitterly. "I can't help you plead with him. You've got the wrong person."

"How's that possible? Miss Cummins, weren't you with Mr.

Reed? I heard you were going to get married. Mr. Reed even specially ordered a Frozen Heart diamond..." she said quickly. She had also heard this by chance from a big shot.

Otherwise, she would not have decided to use Grace's experience to attract Jason's attention!

Grace immediately froze. 'Frozen Heart... How long had it been since she had heard the name? She had only seen the diamond and never even saw it on the ring.

She had broken up with Jason before she could see it.

The woman's voice was not soft when she said all this. Of course, Jason heard her.

Jason's face immediately darkened, while Terrence felt a thump in his heart and had a bad feeling about it!

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After all, after the Frozen Heart ring was finished, Master Reed locked it in a safe and never took it out again.

It was like a taboo, just like how Grace's name had become Master Reed's taboo too.

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However, this woman was violating the taboo again and gain!

"Go and find out how she knows about Frozen Heart. Whoever leaked it will take responsibility for it," Jason said coldly.

"Yes," replied Terrence.

The woman who was begging Grace turned pale, and her lips trembled as she tried to speak, but she did not know what to say.

"Besides, she's right. There's no use asking her," Jason said to the waitress, but his eyes were looking at Grace.

For an instant, Grace felt as though a huge storm was surging in her chest.

He was looking at her. However... there seemed to be no place for her in his eyes. There was no emotion in those beautiful peach-blossom eyes, only dead silence.

Rather, she was nothing to him!

"Terrence, I don't want to see this woman in Emerald City anymore," Jason said lightly and got into the car that was waiting nearby.

Terrence glanced at the waitress and Grace. He naturally understood that Master Reed was referring to the waitress.

If Master Reed did not want Grace to stay in Emerald City, how could Grace still be in front of Master Reed like this?

When Jason and his men left, Lina rushed forward and tore the waitress' hand away from her best friend's arm. "It's alright that you pissed Jason off, but why drag Grace into this? You deserved what you got when a woman like you tried to get to the top by using someone else! I won't let you off the hook easily if you ever harass Grace again!"

Lina said and dragged Grace toward Hadwin Stephenson's car. Hadwin Stephenson followed the two women.

However, when they almost got to the car, Lina suddenly said, "Grace, why is your hand... trembling?" Yes, it was faintly trembling and was a little cold.

"I..." Grace was about to speak when nausea suddenly rose from her stomach. She pushed her best friend away, squatted

down on the roadside, and threw up.

She vomited badly. She threw up everything she had eaten before.

"Grace, are you okay?" Lina hurried forward and asked with concern.

Grace had no time to answer her best friend. She continued vomit until she felt her stomach was empty and there was nothing more to vomit.

Lina quickly took out a tissue and handed it to her best friend.

Grace wiped her lips and gasped before saying, "Maybe it was that woman's hand... I... feel a little sick..."

Lina did not ask any more questions, knowing that Grace may have been reminded of when she had her fingernails pulled out.

Although that woman deserved it for what she did, it still reminded her best friend of that painful time.

"Then get some rest after you get back. Don't overthink it,"

said Lina.

In Elizabeth Jackson's opinion, since Lina would not take the easy way out, getting rid of Lina was the most effective way. As long as Lina was gotten rid of, she could naturally marry Hadwin Stephenson and become Mrs. Stephenson.