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Chapter 1651

'Back then, Hadwin Stephenson could only rely on the Jackson family and me. I, Katherine Jackson, was the superior one. Hadwin Stephenson could only have a future because I chose him!'

She had promised Hadwin Stephenson to save Lina but she also asked Hadwin Stephenson to break up with Lina to be with her instead.

Maybe because he was not attracted to her, she wanted to conquer this man even more.

For the first time, she felt jealous of Lina.

She was jealous that the woman could occupy Hadwin Stephenson's heart.

When she saw that Hadwin Stephenson was turning to leave, Katherine Jackson suddenly raised her voice and said, "Hadwin Stephenson, do you think you can still be with Lina? You lost your shot to be with her five years ago!"

Hadwin Stephenson's footsteps never paused. It was as if

what she said did not affect him.

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Katherine Jackson collapsed to the floor once the figure disappeared out of her sight.

Even if the Jackson family... could survive this, it would never be the same as before. What she could do was only slow down. the Jackson family's downfall and leave them enough cushion to fall back on. She would find a way to turn things around in the future!

However, tomorrow... Tomorrow would be the day she got humiliated!

Katherine Jackson was furious at the thought of putting on a show to clear Lina's name! However, she could not escape this!

Hadwin Stephenson's car slowly drove away from the mansion.

The driver in the front row asked, "Mr. Stephenson, do you want to go back to your residence first?"

However, Hadwin Stephenson asked the driver to drive to the neighborhood Lina was staying temporarily in.

The driver responded, and the car drove toward the direction.

Hadwin Stephenson closed his eyes and leaned back on the chair, feeling weary.

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He had always been weary. When he was a child, he had wearily learned everything he could just to win his father's favor and reassure his mother.

As he was a bastard child, he needed to seize all the

opportunities he could and hide his temper, joy, anger, and ambition...

When he got a little wiser, he started walking on eggshells, thinking thrice before every step he took.

He could only truly relax and let go of those deceptions and schemes in front of Lina.

Perhaps the more calculating a man like him was, the more he was attracted to someone innocent and straightforward.

It was why he had fallen for her so quickly. He even searched for her all over the world when she left without saying goodbye!

However... would he and Lina have a future together?

He was desperate five years ago, but was he not the same five years later?

Just like what Katherine Jackson had said, he had lost his shot to be with her five years ago! Hadwin Stephenson gently

looked down and stared at his hand for a long time until he

fell into a trance

The driver said, "Mr. Stephenson, we've arrived "

He realized they had now reached the neighborhood Lina was staying in.

Chapter 1652

Hadwin Stephenson looked out the window toward the apartment floor Lina was staying on.

'She's in that apartment right now. What is she doing? Is she still mad that I caused her to be in such a predicament?'

"Aren't you going upstairs, Mr. Stephenson?" the driver asked somewhat curiously.

"No, I'll just stay here for a while," muttered Hadwin Stephenson. He still maintained the same sitting posture and looked quietly at the apartment floor through the window.

'Tomorrow... I can clear Lina's name tomorrow!'

The next day, news broke out that Katherine Jackson had been dating a mystery man for years. She even kept him as a secret lover.

They soon found out his identity. He used to be a male stripper in a nightclub. However, he now lived in a luxurious mansion and had people waiting on him when he went out.

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The reporter even claimed to have followed Katherine Jackson

for several years and had many photos of Katherine Jackson's private meetings with him.

Some of them were posted online, of course.

In these photos, Katherine Jackson was seen being intimate with that man, even kissing him passionately.

The reporter also said they had something juicier!

Katherine Jackson was surrounded by reporters when she finally left Hadwin Stephenson's mansion. Looking at the photos they showed her, she instantly understood that this was the 'show' Hadwin Stephenson had mentioned.

The news about the male stripper was true. She had indeed been trying to conquer Hadwin Stephenson for five years, but it did not mean that she was ascetic.

She naturally had needs and would want to see other men kneel at her feet and worship her like a dog!

However, these photos were two to three years old! Katherine Jackson did not believe that a reporter had taken these photos as they would have immediately asked her for money upon taking these juicy photos!

Hadwin Stephenson probably gave these photos to the

reporter who broke the news!

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'I can't believe Hadwin Stephenson... has been so calm this whole time!' Katherine Jackson found the man increasingly unfathomable and frightening. Why did she ever set her eyes. on him?

"Miss Jackson, do you have an explanation for these photos?"

"You're so intimate with this man while dating Mr. Stephenson. What relationship do you have with this man? Are you cheating on Mr. Stephenson?"

"What about your engagement to Mr. Stephenson?"

They bombarded Katherine Jackson with a series of questions. She now had a taste of Lina's predicament back then.

'Is Hadwin Stephenson trying to give me a taste of my own medicine?'

However, Lina had Hadwin Stephenson to rescue her. No one would help her. She even needed to 'perform' as best she could!

The next day, a piece of even more exciting news broke out. The Stephenson family had canceled their engagement with the Jackson family!

Chapter 1653

The cancelation of the engagement between the two families came as a shock but at the same time, it was also expected. They just did not expect it to happen so soon.

Katherine Jackson held a press conference on the same afternoon to explain the situation. "Mr. Hadwin Stephenson and I have already broken up. My boyfriend is the man the media found out about. It was

only because of my parents' objection that I consulted Mr. Stephenson, hoping he could continue to pretend to date me and put on a show to hide it from my parents.

"Mr. Stephenson only helped me because my boyfriend and I are truly in love. He hoped that I could get my parents to change their minds.

"My selfishness caused all this and it has troubled the Stephenson family. Back then, my parents announced our engagement to the public without our knowledge. Mr. Stephenson and I had planned to announce that we were breaking off our engagement after some time. We just didn't expect this to happen.

"I'm so sorry for causing Mr. Stephenson and Miss Lina trouble. I now announce that Mr. Stephenson and I are not

engaged to each other. We broke up long ago!"

Facing the reporters' cameras and microphones, Katherine Jackson said the lines she had prepared. She tried to portray herself as a pitiful woman who was only fighting for true love!

It was all she could do for herself now. If she did not portray herself as a woman after true love, everyone would probably be calling her a wh*re.

"Miss Jackson, are you going to marry your boyfriend, then? What if your parents object again?" a reporter asked.

"Of... Of course, I'm going to marry him. I'm sure my parents will understand in the future. I'll carry on even if they're against it!" Katherine Jackson looked like she would carry on for true love but was actually cursing the reporter in her head.

"But that man used to be a male stripper in a nightclub. He... was involved in a special trade. Are you sure you won't think he's not good enough for you?" another reporter asked.

"I love him for who he is. It has nothing to do with his past," Katherine Jackson said with a smile.

However, she was cursing in her head, 'Of course, his past has everything to do with it! The Jackson family will be disgraced if I really marry such a man!

'Besides, a male stripper is not worthy of me! I'll probably become the laughing stock of the upper class!'

However, that was all she could say now to get out of her predicament.

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The reporters mostly focused on the matter between Katherine Jackson and the male stripper. No one cared about Lina now.

Lina was full of shock when she saw the press conference online.

She had no idea that her name would be cleared in such a way.

'Katherine Jackson has another boyfriend, and Hadwin Stephenson and Katherine Jackson never planned to get married? They even broke up a long time ago?

'What the hell is going on here?'

Lina only felt that too many things were happening one after another. Things were changing too quickly. It made her feel as though she was watching a cheesy sitcom.

Not long ago, netizens started talking about the Stephenson

and Jackson families' canceled engagement. It turned out

Katherine Jackson loved someone else.

'Is this what Hadwin Stephenson meant by giving him time for him... to give me an explanation?'

Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney were also watching the press

conference online with Lina.

After all, what they cared about most now was the matter with

the Stephenson and Jackson families. It had to do with when their daughter could return to her normal life!

"Well... is our Lina okay now? Are people going to stop criticizing her?" asked Mrs. Sweeney.

Chapter 1654

Her daughter would not be called a homewrecker if Hadwin Stephenson and Katherine Jackson had already broken up.

Mr. Sweeney said, "Probably. Alright, alright, this should be the end of this matter. We'll ask the bodyguards here when we can go back later."

"But if Katherine Jackson and Hadwin Stephenson broke up long ago, does that mean Hadwin is still in love with Lina? Lina, why don't you and Hadwin-"

"Mom, didn't I tell you before? It's not gonna happen between us. Forget about it!" Lina said quickly, stopping her mother's words.

Mrs. Sweeney could not help but sigh. She was quite fond of Hadwin Stephenson. Although she was furious that Hadwin Stephenson dumped her daughter back then, she could not help thinking that Hadwin Stephenson seemed to still have feelings for her daughter, who had remained single for the past five years.

"Alright, alright! What's so good about that Stephenson boy? He dumped Lina when she got into that accident. We don't

want him even if he's rich and successful now! My daughter

will certainly find someone else to marry!" shouted Mr. Sweeney.

"I was just saying," muttered Mrs. Sweeney.

"Alright, alright. Mom, Dad, I'll have nothing to do with Hadwin Stephenson after it's all over. We should be able to go home in a couple of days," Lina said quickly, scared that her parents would quarrel over her again.

However, when they asked the bodyguards when they could leave, they said, "Mr. Stephenson hasn't given us the orders, but but you three can go back once he permits it."

"Can you contact Hadwin Stephenson and ask him?" asked Lina.

"Miss Sweeney, you can contact Mr. Stephenson yourself. Mr. Stephenson said he has never changed his phone number. You can contact him at any time."

Lina fell silent at that.

She stared at the phone in her hand. She was alone in her room that night but did not dial Hadwin Stephenson's phone

number.

She had deleted Hadwin Stephenson's phone number from her phone.

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However, that number had long been imprinted in her mind. Even if she tried hard not to think about it and forget it, his phone number was still so vivid in her mind.

'Should I contact Hadwin Stephenson?' Lina hesitated. She did not make the call but buried herself in the covers like an ostrich.

She constantly told herself, 'Even if Hadwin Stephenson isn't engaged to Katherine Jackson anymore and they have no feelings for each other, it's not going to happen between him and me!

'Hadwin Stephenson is just my ex-boyfriend!"

Lina gradually fell asleep as she thought about it in a daze.

She only opened her eyes when she felt thirsty. She got up to get a drink. She picked up the glass by the bedside table and took a sip from the water she had not finished drinking before falling asleep earlier.

She was still drinking when her sleepy eyes met another pair of eyes in the room. They instantly widened. She choked on herself and coughed drily.

"Ahem... Ahem, ahem..." Lina awkwardly put the glass aside, staring blankly at Hadwin Stephenson who was sitting on the

chair in her room.

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chair in her room.

The moonlight fell on his face, making him look cold and lonely.

Chapter 1655

He was wearing a navy blue suit with a black shirt. His bangs were combed back, and he was dressed in the same clothes she had seen in the video earlier today when the reporters surrounded him to interview him.

Lina suddenly had a rather strange feeling. After all, she had just watched a news video of him during the day. Now, he was right in front of her.

The two stared at each other without speaking.

After a long time, Lina could not help but blink and say to Hadwin Stephenson, "It's... late."

"I know." His magnetic baritone voice filled the room.

'He knows? Then why is he still in my room? Okay, it's not really my room since he owns the entire apartment.'

"What are you doing here so late?" she asked after hesitating

a little.

"I just wanted to see you," he said. He felt happy just sitting here and watching her sleep.

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Her sleeping posture was as unattractive as ever. He watched her occasionally grind her teeth and roll about on the bed. It reminded him of their past together.

It was a wonderful time for him.

Hadwin Stephenson said, "You slept soundly but almost rolled off the bed. Maybe I should make a bigger bed for you so you won't fall off it so easily."

Lina was speechless. 'Did he come here in the middle of the night just to see me... roll on the bed?"

"By the way, I saw the news today. I should be okay now. When can I go home with my parents?" Lina asked right away. Since he was here, she did not have to call him anymore.

"Are you anxious to get home?" he asked.

"Duh! No one likes being restricted all the time, do they?" she

said.

He was silent.

She paused and continued saying, "Hadwin Stephenson, I don't know what's going on between you and Katherine Jackson. I don't want to get involved either. I heard Katherine Jackson's remarks at the press conference today. This matter will be over as long as we have no further contact."

His expression sank slightly. "You don't want to be in contact with me anymore?"

She answered him affirmatively, "Yes. Hadwin Stephenson, I thought I made it very clear to you the other day."

"What if I refuse?" he asked as he stood up and moved closer to her.

She was suddenly amused. "Refuse? Who are you to refuse? We've broken up. It was you who broke up with me! Have you come to me again because you've broken up with Katherine Jackson and have no feelings for her? What am I? A fallback girl?"

A look of pain flashed through his eyes. "You were never a fallback girl!"

She snapped, "But you've been treating me like a fallback girl! Hadwin Stephenson, you don't have to love me and you can choose to break up with me. But please take relationships seriously. I'm human too. I get emotional. Even if I have no money and power, I'm not someone you can order around!"

Chapter 1656

He approached the bed and suddenly leaned over with both hands on the sides of her body. He looked at her intently.

"Lina, I've never thought of you as someone I can order around."

'I think of you as my everything!'

She stared blankly at the face that had suddenly approached her. She met his deep and beautiful eyes. She fell into a trance for a moment before quickly coming to her senses and backing away in panic.

However, she was leaning against the headboard of the bed now. There was no more room for retreat. His face got closer to hers. "Lina, do you know how much I missed you?"

His husky voice had a touch of seduction in it, affecting Lina's

mood.

Lina looked away, avoiding Hadwin Stephenson's eyes. She was scared she could not control herself and would fall for the man again if she saw his eyes up close.

He did not seem bothered with her reaction and continued with a husky voice, "For five years, I thought about you and

regretted my actions every day. If I had been less confident and more cautious, then all this would not have happened. Maybe we would've been married and had children now..."

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Lina quivered slightly. "That's enough. Hadwin Stephenson, what's the point in saying this now?"

"It's not enough! How can it be enough? I want you to know that I never loved Katherine Jackson. You're the only one I love!" He finally uttered the words he had been keeping in his heart for five years.

In the past five years, he had only told himself this because he was devising a plan to take on the Jackson family. He could not make the same mistakes again!

Lina's breathing instantly hitched. She turned around and stared at Hadwin Stephenson with wide eyes as though she

could not believe it.

"I love you. I've never loved anyone but you. I only got together with Katherine Jackson to reclaim the Stephenson family and bring the Jackson family-"

However, before he could finish, she interrupted him, "Did you say you've never loved anyone but... me?"

"Yes," he said with great certainty.

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"I'm... the one you love?" she continued asking.

"Yes." The same affirmative answer came out of his mouth.

She stared blankly at him before suddenly smiling. "You love me and you always have, but... you can give up love to reclaim the Stephenson family for wealth and power, right? And now you're here looking for love because you got your wealth and power back?"

Her smile made him burst into panic as he sensed that she was getting further and further away from him.

She was right in front of him. He could easily touch her by raising his hand!

"No, Lina. Listen to me..."

"What more is there to say? Hadwin Stephenson, we've never been in the same league. I couldn't help you like Katherine Jackson, so you chose to break up with me. You'll dump me again if you encounter a crisis in your career in the future and need a second Katherine Jackson, won't you?"

"No, I won't dump you again. As long as you... still love me, I have faith that I'll find a solution no matter how difficult things are." As long as she was willing to stay with him, he would fight tooth and nail to remove the obstacles in between them.

However, the answer he got was... "Sorry, I don't love you

anymore."

Chapter 1657

This melodious voice was his favorite sound. He had been dreaming about it, but now it was telling him the cruelest things!

Hadwin Stephenson's face instantly paled!

"Are you sure... you don't love me anymore?" Even his voice became strained, and he spoke every word with difficulty.

Lina said, "If I still love you, I wouldn't be going on blind dates or trying to date again. I loved you wholeheartedly when we were still dating. But I want a clean breakup. I want to have nothing to do with you after breaking up!"

"A clean breakup?" He gave a bitter smile. She knew nothing yet told him she wanted a clean breakup. She had no idea

what Katherine Jackson did after she got injured, much less

what he did for her...

"What's wrong with that?" she asked.

"Is it because of Anthony Sherman that you don't love me anymore?" he asked. However, before she could answer, he said firmly, "You don't love him. If you did, you wouldn't have reacted the way you did when I kissed you last time."

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Lina's expression changed. Her pearly white teeth bit her lip tightly. She looked like a small animal that was at a loss- pitiful and heart-rending.

However, he was the one who was at a loss!

"Lina, you don't love Anthony Sherman, do you?" She felt his breath on her face.

She took a deep breath. "So what if I don't love him? Just because I don't love him doesn't mean I love you!" She threw her arms around his neck as she spoke.

He instantly stiffened and grew paler.

Looking at her face as it suddenly approached, he instantly knew what she was going to do. However... he could not... He could not bear to push her away!

Even if she did not mean it and it would hurt him, he would still

accept it...

Her lips rested heavily on his, just like how he had kissed her

before.

She re-created the kiss, doing so mechanically that it felt rather frigid.

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However, he could not help closing his eyes to savor it, fantasize, and think that they were alright and she still loved him!

When the kiss ended, Lina looked at Hadwin Stephenson quietly. "What does such a kiss represent, then? It means you can kiss someone you don't love like that as well. I can kiss Anthony Sherman in front of you to prove it, but... I don't want to kiss him like that just to prove something to you. Because that would be insulting to him."

Therefore, this was the only way she could prove it.

"Hadwin Stephenson, I can't agree with your attitude toward love and I can't keep up with you. I can't even help you in your career, so why pester me? We've both hurt each other, so we're even now."

His face grew paler, and he trembled slightly as a thin layer of sweat broke out on his forehead. "It can never be even. Lina, it can never be even between us!"

Chapter 1658

"So how can I make it even? Do you want me to sleep with you? Or do you want me to be in another imaginary relationship with you? You can have any woman you want. Why do you have to make it seem as if I'm the only one you want? That's simply not true. You wouldn't have broken up with me if so," she said sarcastically.

"What am I to you?" he asked as he stared at her.

She met his eyes. "A man I once loved but won't anymore. Because I can suffer some things once but not a second time. You're highly career-driven. You want success and power, but I just want to stay with my husband and children to live a calm, ordinary life."

They grew up in different environments, so their relationship had been doomed to fail from the beginning!

Hadwin Stephenson slowly got up when he heard that. One step, two steps... he slowly retreated.

The moonlight shone on him through the window.

His face was half-lit by the moonlight.

"You're right. I can have any woman I want, so why does it have to be you?" He looked down with a small smile.

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'It's been five years. Five years of planning to finally drive the Jackson family up against the wall, but it has also... erased me from her heart little by little.

There was a smile on his lips, but it seemed to her as if he was crying.

Lina only felt a pang of pain in her heart.

Stop! Stop feeling hurt for him! Haven't I decided to get over

this man for good? Then I shouldn't let him affect me!'

Lina told herself, but she could not take her eyes off his face. The pain in her heart still came in waves.

Hadwin Stephenson did not give Lina a second look and silently walked out of the room.

Only when Lina was left alone in the room did she finally stop pretending to be strong. The fragility and pain on her face were things Hadwin Stephenson had never seen before!

The next day, the Sweeney family were told they could go home anytime they wanted.

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Lina was momentarily stunned. I... can go home now? She had been looking forward to it, but when she was actually told that she could go home, her heart seemed to be filled with emotions that she could not explain.

Leaving here and returning home meant that all this was over. She would no longer have anything to do with Hadwin Stephenson.

She had refused him the night before. Was this not what she wanted?

"Miss Sweeney, do you want to go home today?" asked the bodyguards.

The Sweeney family discussed it for a while, and Lina said, "Yes, we want to go home today."

"Alright, I'll arrange a car to take you home later," they said.

The Sweeney family packed up their things. An hour later, the black car they were in drove toward their neighborhood.

There was another car following them.

Hadwin Stephenson had followed them all the way here. His car stopped in the shadows on the other side of the road as the car in front stopped at the gates. He watched the

Sweeney family get out of the car and walk into the neighborhood.

Chapter 1659

He longed deeply for that woman.

He could have any woman he wanted, but... she had no idea she was the only one he wanted!

It was because she was the only one he loved. How could he want another woman when he was only capable of giving her all his affection?

His dumping her back then had been a stop-gap measure. He did it without thinking of the future.

It was because he had no idea whether he had one or

whether he could reclaim the Stephenson family and bring

down the Jackson family.

He was walking on eggshells at that time. He could not even promise her in secret.

For five years, he had secretly kept an eye on her. He knew whatever was going on with her but dared not appear in front of her. All he could do was to endure it!

However, he had now gotten all he wanted but she no longer had feelings for him!

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Hadwin Stephenson could not help laughing bitterly at himself. at the thought of this.

It was funny. He had done everything for her, but it was all for nothing. Perhaps the fact that she was still alive was already the greatest blessing he would ever receive. What more could he ask for?

Hadwin Stephenson stayed quietly in the car. He was still looking in that direction even when Lina's figure had long disappeared from his sight.

Sometime later, his phone rang and he answered the call. "Mr. Stephenson, Miss Jackson left Emerald City today. We've also talked to the media here. No one from the media will bother Miss Sweeney again from now on."

"Okay, keep an eye on the Jackson family and observe who's going to help them," Hadwin Stephenson said coldly.

"Okay," the subordinate answered and ended the conversation.

Hadwin Stephenson put the phone away. 'The Jackson family... Even if he could give the Jackson family a way out as he had promised, he was only making them boiling frogs.

He would make sure the Jackson family went down the path of

destruction!

Time slowly went by. Hadwin Stephenson had no idea how long he had stayed outside her neighborhood. However, Hadwin Stephenson's eyes suddenly turned cold when another car drove inside.

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'That's... Anthony Sherman's car!'

He had seen the car before and remembered the car's

number plate.

Anthony Sherman has come to see Lina! That man and Lina..! When he thought of her and Anthony Sherman together, a surge of jealousy filled his chest, almost suffocating him.

Hadwin Stephenson opened the door and got out of the car.

Step by step, he walked into the neighborhood and came to Lina's apartment building.

He had been here many times. He had gone to her house to chat with her parents and have dinner together.

That time, he had felt the warmth of an ordinary family for the first time. Though they were not that well off, the family was happy. One did not have to plot against each other, let alone observe others and speculate what was going on in their heads.

'Has Anthony Sherman taken my place?

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That man would replace him. He would be with Lina and even marry her and start a family with her...

Chapter 1660

Hadwin Stephenson's handsome face instantly distorted at the thought of it. Jealousy, pain, struggle, and conflict were all over his face.

Anthony Sherman was relieved when he walked out of the Sweeney family's house. When he called Lina and learned that she had safely gotten home, he immediately hurried over to see her.

Fortunately, the incident had died down. Lina's life should also be able to resume to normal now.

"Anthony Sherman... you can just tell me if you think it's inappropriate for us to be in touch. It's okay."

He thought of what Lina had privately said to him in the Sweeney family's house. A faint smile flickered in his eyes.

He found the woman brutally honest sometimes.

She was already 33 years old but still exuded a child-like innocence.

Maybe that was why he had wanted to keep in touch with her after their blind date.

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"We can continue talking to each other. You're also the victim in this incident."

"Do you believe that Hadwin Stephenson and I did nothing in the hotel?"

"I do." That was the answer he gave her.

Yes, he believed her. Knowing her character, she would have told him directly if something was going on between Hadwin Stephenson and her.

Anthony Sherman's mind flashed back to the time he met Hadwin Stephenson.

'Their relationship is already history to Lina, but what about Hadwin Stephenson? Is it history to him? Especially now that Hadwin Stephenson and Katherine Jackson have broken off their engagement!'

Anthony Sherman could not help stopping when he got out of the elevator. It was because he saw a figure standing not far away... Hadwin Stephenson!

'Why is Hadwin Stephenson here?"

Anthony Sherman looked at him in shock. The two men just looked at each other from a distance without speaking.

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After a while, Anthony Sherman suppressed his shock and walked forward step by step. Just as he was about to pass by Hadwin Stephenson, the man suddenly asked, "Anthony Sherman, are you going to be with Lina?"

Anthony Sherman stopped and turned to look at Hadwin Stephenson. "That's personal. I'm not obliged to tell you that, Mr. Stephenson."

Hadwin Stephenson was the president of Stephenson Group and even the final winner after the fiasco with the Jackson family. The difference between the two men was striking, but Anthony Sherman was calm and composed when facing him.

"What if I must know?" Hadwin Stephenson asked coldly.

"Mr. Stephenson, are you threatening me?" asked Anthony

Sherman.

"So what if I am?" asked Hadwin Stephenson. The jealousy in his eyes was obvious.

Anthony Sherman was silent. He knew he would be throwing straws against the wind if he wanted to go against Hadwin Stephenson. Hadwin Stephenson had countless ways to make him tell him if he really wanted to know.

'And the jealousy in Hadwin Stephenson's eyes... Is he jealous

of me? Is it because of Lina?'