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Chapter 1811

He froze, wondering why she was crying when he had already eaten the chocolate she gave.

“Why... are you crying?” he asked after swallowing the chocolate.

Jasper sobbed, “Because... Because you lost your mommy. Boo-hoo... William, you must be... You must be so upset, but... But the chocolate I gave you can’t cheer you up... What can I do to cheer you up... Boo-hoo...”

He was a little stunned. ‘Does she... want to make me happy that badly?’

“It’s not important... whether I’m happy. I’m going to end up alone anyway,” he murmured.

She sobbed, saying, “It is important! It’s very, very important! Besides, you’re not alone, William. You and I will always be together. There are two of us... Boo-hoo!”

She sobbed louder and louder. Suddenly, her little body leaped over and she hugged him while continuing to cry.

William had a strange feeling. He should be the one who was upset, but she was the one crying her eyes out.

However, it somehow warmed him that she was crying as she held him. He felt warmer like this than being in bed alone.

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William burst into tears as though he was influenced by Jasper.

The tears that had been repressed earlier finally fell because of Jasper Reed’s crying.

Therefore, the two children held each other and cried together.

After a long time, the crying finally stopped.

With tears and snot all over her face, Jasper said to William as she held the chocolate, “Chocolate. I... I still have a piece of chocolate here. William, try it!”

He looked at the chocolate she was holding. Her tears had gotten on the wrapper.

He took the chocolate out of her hand, and his fingertips touched the tears on the wrapper. His fingers were instantly burning...

Peeling off the wrapper, he split the chocolate into two and held one half to her lips.

Jasper blinked her tearful almond-shaped eyes and said, “William, eat it. It’s for you!”

“Let’s eat it together,” he said.

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Hence, she opened her mouth and ate the chocolate, while he put the other half into his mouth.

It was the same chocolate, but this time, he found it... so sweet and delicious.

He took out his handkerchief and gently wiped the tears and snot from her face. "Don't cry like this anymore."

It warmed him that she had cried for him, making it seem as if he was not alone in this world and someone still cared about him. However, at the same time... her tears upset him.

He preferred to see her smile.

Jasper said, "Okay. From now on, I won't cry if you don't cry! William, let's be together forever, okay?"

His lashes quivered a little. 'Forever?'

However, he might leave this place any time. When she no longer liked being with him, Uncle Reed would send him out of the Reed family.

Therefore, there was no way he and she could be together forever.

Chapter 1812

However, he could not help saying the word 'okay' when his eyes met those sparkly ones!

Lily's parents returned to Emerald City to handle her funeral arrangements. Harold Atkinson and his wife did not want to take custody of their grandson, William. After all, they were not doing well right now.

With their age, it was going to be even harder with

a child around.

Therefore, even though they knew the child was now living with the Reed family, they did not mention taking him back.

Jason did not mention William to Harold Atkinson and his wife

either.

It was as if William did not exist.

Sean was still in the hospital. Although he survived, he still suffered from various side effects from the treatment and was in great pain every day.

When he learned of Lily's death, he simply squeezed three words. from between his teeth. "She deserved it!"

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All he had left for Lily, the woman he once loved, was hatred.

His whole life was ruined at the hands of Lily. He only agreed to commit that crime for his son!

However, it turned out that the child was not related to him at all.

Lily... really fooled him this time!

The once-popular celebrity did not even get a funeral. Harold Atkinson and his wife had their daughter's body hastily cremated before leaving Emerald City.

Standing alone in front of the gate of Reed Residence, William heard from the maids' children that his grandparents had come to Emerald City and taken away his mother's ashes. However, they never even visited him.

"Even your grandparents don't want you!"

"Do you think you'll lead a better life in the future if you please Miss Jay? She won't want you one day."

"Miss Jay just doesn't know what your mommy did to Young Madam. Your mommy even kidnapped Young Master Ci and asked for a lot of money. How evil!"

Their words were still ringing in his ears.

He knew that Mommy had done something bad, and he also

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knew that he would have to leave the Reed family one day.

"William, there you are. I've been looking for you for a long time. Master Big Beard taught me a new song just now. I played it once and it's a beautiful tune. Listen to it!" Jasper rushed forward and grabbed William's little arm to take him to the main house.

However, his little body did not move, and his feet remained on the same spot.

"What's the matter?" She turned to look at him in confusion. She saw him standing by the iron gate. "Do you want to go out?"

William bit his lower lip. He had wanted to go out earlier to go to his grandparents and ask them why they did not even visit him. Was it because his mother had done something bad, so it meant he was going to do something bad in the future too?

However, it suddenly did not seem that important anymore when he saw Jasper in front of him.

"I'll tell Uncle Kwan to bring you out! Where do you want to go?" asked Jasper Reed.

William shook his head, "I don't want to go out."

"Well, just tell me if you do. By the way, do you want to go to kindergarten? Why don't I tell Daddy and Mommy to let you go to kindergarten? Then we can spend more time together every day," she said.

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He looked at her. "Why do you want to spend more time with me every day?"

"Because I like you, William! Of course, I want to spend more time with you."

"Is it just because I can play the piano?"

“Um...” Jasper’s little face showed that she was deep in thought. “Although I like you because you’re good at playing the piano, it’s not the only reason. Other children also play the piano well, but I don’t like them that much.”

“If you don’t like me that much anymore one day, are you going to stop being with me?” the young boy asked in a mutter.

There was no change in expression on his face, but his tight grip betrayed his nervousness.

Jasper said confidently, “I won’t stop liking you! As I said, I want to be with you forever, so stay in this family forever!”

‘Forever... How long is forever?’

“Come on, I’ll play you the new tune!” Jasper dragged him toward the main house again.

William did not resist this time. He followed Jasper back to the main house.

At this moment, he suddenly felt that it would be great if he could stay in the Reed family forever. That way, he could be with Jasper forever.

When the day of the pregnancy check-up came, Hadwin Stephenson showed up in front of Lina, just as she had expected.

As for the hundreds of deliveries Hadwin Stephenson had sent her, she told her parents to reject them, saying that someone was pulling her prank.

Her parents did not suspect anything, but the undisposed packages in her room did give her a headache.

Lina had not seen Hadwin Stephenson for days but thought that he seemed to be a lot thinner now. There was a heavy look of fatigue on his face.

Is it because he has been working too hard these days?”

“You don’t need to accompany me to the pregnancy check-up if you’re exhausted I can go by myself,” said Lina after clearing her throat.

“Although I’m a little tired, I’m not as tired as you think. I can still accompany you to the pregnancy check-up,” said Hadwin Stephenson as he raised his hand and rubbed his brows.

He had undergone the process to lift the blood curse again last night. The pain seemed to remain in his body. Every time he

moved, he felt sore and dull pain.

One more session to go. One more session to get rid of the blood curse.

However, the pain would be more intense then!

He even fainted several times from the pain last night. The feeling of wishing he was dead had never been stronger.

At that time, he only repeated her name in his head, telling himself again and again to get through it! He could only be with her after getting through this!

Once they got to the hospital, Lina took the ticket number for her appointment and came to the gynecology department with Hadwin Stephenson. The people here were mostly women, but there were also men who were accompanying their wives or girlfriends here.

Lina looked at the ticket number in her hand. She still had to wait a little longer, so she and Hadwin Stephenson found seats in the

waiting lounge

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"Are you sure you're okay?" Lina asked Hadwin Stephenson. He was clearly exhausted.

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"I'm fine," said Hadwin Stephenson.

"But you don't look very well." She reached her hand out to his forehead as if out of habit while she spoke.

The next moment, Hadwin Stephenson's expression suddenly changed and he waved away Lina's hand.

Lina was stunned for a moment, her hand still hanging in mid-air. Hadwin Stephenson seemed stunned too. He spoke a little weakly, "I... I'm feeling a little under the weather. You shouldn't touch me."

It was because he could not endure the pain her touch would bring him.

Lina bit her lip and said a little awkwardly, "Okay, got it." As she spoke, she withdrew her hand and straightened herself. She even deliberately distanced herself from him.

Hadwin Stephenson opened his mouth as if wanting to explain. Ultimately, he did not say anything...

When the blood curse was completely removed, he would tell her everything!

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Finally, when it was Lina's turn, she walked into the consulting room. After determining how far along she was, the doctor arranged for her to receive an ultrasound.

Lina suddenly had a strange feeling as the ultrasound instrument moved across her belly.

It was as if she had just realized she was pregnant.

"All done," the doctor soon said to Lina.

“All done?” She froze. So soon? She did not even feel that much time had passed.

“Yes, all done. Tidy up your clothes and wait for your report,” the doctor said.

Lina got down from the bed, straightened her clothes, and stood aside. After a few minutes, the doctor gave her the report.

It showed the length of the fetus, the number of heartbeats per minute, and two screenshots.

The screenshot seemed just like a small circle to Lina, but... it was the life in her womb.

Lina took the report and walked out of the ultrasound room. She read the simple words on the report again and again.

‘Is this... my baby?’

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Having a heartbeat meant it was now a human life. Was she going to kill a human life?

Hadwin Stephenson came up to her and asked, “How’s the check-up?”

“It’s alright,” she said as she handed him the report.

He took the report, looked at it, and glanced at her belly. He seemed to want to reach out and touch it but stopped a few

centimeters from it. He withdrew his hand.

Lina looked at Hadwin Stephenson in confusion. There seemed to be desire in his eyes, but also repression and restraint!

If he had a desire to touch her belly and feel the little human life, then why was he repressing and restraining it?

After coming out of the hospital, Hadwin Stephenson said to her, “Do you have anything else to do today?”

“No.” She shook her head.

“Then I’ll take you home,” he said and instructed the driver to drive to the Sweeney family’s apartment building.

Lina looked away. She looked at the scenery along the way, but all she was thinking about was how Hadwin Stephenson had waved her hand away today, as well as the look of repression and

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restraint in his eyes when he had wanted to put his hand on her stomach.

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She had no idea what was on his mind!

Sometimes, he seemed to care about her and want to get back together with her. However, he clearly resisted her just now.

He did not even allow her to touch him.

‘In that case, why did he accompany me to the pregnancy check-up?

‘Or... does he only care about the baby? If I lost the baby, maybe he wouldn’t be so nice to me anymore.”

Lina smiled wryly. When did she become so sentimental? She was even undecided whether to keep the baby in her belly.

When the car stopped, she suddenly realized that she was already in her neighborhood.

Lina turned to look at Hadwin Stephenson but found that he had fallen asleep while leaning on the back of the chair.

There was obvious fatigue on his face as he slept. There was a faint shade of bluish-black under his eyes, obviously from a lack

of sleep. A few strands of hair fell over his forehead, and his long black lashes made his handsome face look angelic.

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He was as good-looking as ever. Perhaps he was even better-looking now!

She would still fall into a daze whenever she stared at him, even after five years!

As if feeling her gaze, his eyelashes quivered slightly and he slowly opened his eyes.

His dark eyes instantly caught sight of her face.

“Lina...” he murmured her name. His voice was hoarse and affectionate.

Her heart could not help trembling.

He slowly raised his hand as if to touch her cheek. However, just as he was about to touch her, the dazed look in his eyes disappeared. He withdrew his hand and asked indifferently, “Have we arrived at your home?”

“Yes, we have,” she said, feeling a sense of loss that she could not even describe.

‘Why am I feeling this way? Did I wish that he had touched my face?

'Gosh. Lina, what are you thinking?' She scolded herself!

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She quickly turned around, opened the car door, and got out!

Hadwin Stephenson also opened the car door and got out. He stopped in front of her. "Lina, give me a week, okay? I only need seven days. I'll come look for you again in seven days, I have something important to tell you!"

"Is it about the car's repair fees?" she asked.

He was stunned and did not seem to get it.

She said, "Didn't you accompany me to the pregnancy check-up to discuss lowering the repair fees for hitting your car last time? Are you going to discuss it next time since we didn't discuss it today?"

He showed a sudden bitter smile. "Do you think the important thing between you and me is just the repair fees?"

His bitter smile made her feel as if her heart had been pricked with a needle. It was so uncomfortable and even hurt a little. "Then what is it that's so important that you can't tell me now but must do it a week later?"

It was because the blood curse would be gone in a week! If only he could make it through the final session, then he would be able to hold her and kiss her without any pain!

If he did not make it a week later... He had already hired a lawyer, made a will, appointed someone to run Stephenson Group, set up

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a foundation, and determined that the company's annual earnings would be transferred to her so that she could live her best life!

Chapter 1816

"Only one week. Lina, all I'm asking for is another week," said Hadwin Stephenson.

Lina said unhappily, "What on earth do you want? You've been dragging your feet on discussing the car compensation and you keep wanting me to give you time. When a week has passed, will you ask me to give you a few more weeks?"

"Lina, I..."

Just then, a voice suddenly rang out and interrupted Hadwin Stephenson.

"What are you two doing together?"

Lina instantly shuddered upon hearing the voice. 'It's... Dad's voice!'

Lina turned her head around to see her father and mother standing not far away. They were looking at them with shock. Her mother was carrying a basket with many vegetables inside of it.

It was obvious that her parents had just come home from grocery shopping.

"Lina, were you with Hadwin Stephenson when you said you had to go out in the morning for something?" asked Mrs. Sweeney.

Lina blinked and did not know how to explain herself all of a sudden.

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"Tell me. What were the two of you doing together so early in the morning?"

"..." "Should I tell them?" Lina had a terrible headache now.

"Am I supposed to tell them Hadwin Stephenson accompanied me to a pregnancy check-up early in the morning?"

Just then, Mrs. Sweeney's expression changed as if she thought of something. Then, she leaned close to Mr. Sweeney's ear and whispered something. Mr. Sweeney's expression changed immediately.

"Let's go home first! Hadwin Stephenson, you're coming with us!" said Mr. Sweeney.

Lina was surprised. "Dad, you want him to come home with us?"

"What else? He's already sent you to the entrance. Shouldn't you 'invite' him home?" Mr. Sweeney said the word 'invite' through clenched teeth!

Lina wanted to put up a fight but Hadwin Stephenson simply replied with one word, "Okay."

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"Do... Do you really want to come to my house?" Lina looked at Hadwin Stephenson in shock.

"Since Uncle has invited me, of course, I'll go," said Hadwin Stephenson.

The four people returned to the Sweeney family's house. Mr. Sweeney glared at Hadwin Stephenson with a look of distinct displeasure on his face. He was afraid that they would make a fool of themselves in front of the neighbors if they were outside, so he brought him home.

Otherwise, Mr. Sweeney would probably rain curses down Hadwin Stephenson out there!

"Lina, explain yourself. Are you back together with this Stephenson boy?" asked Mr. Sweeney.

"No!" Lina hastened to deny.

However, as soon as she finished talking, she saw her mother take out a bottle of folic acid and put it on the coffee table. "Then what's this?"

Lina stared at that bottle of folic acid, which was... among the pile of things Hadwin Stephenson had bought for her and delivered to her. She kept it all in her cabinet, but after seeing that folic acid could prevent fetal malformation, she took it out to consume.

She had to take one tablet a day, so she would just leave it in the drawer after she was done taking it.

Now it had appeared in her mother's hands.

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"Mom, did you go through my drawer?" shouted Lina.

Mrs. Sweeney glared at her daughter. "I was looking for nail clippers. Who knew I would find this? I thought you were taking some slimming pills, but after I took it to the pharmacy and asked, it turns out it's something women who are pregnant or trying to get pregnant take!"

Lina bit her lip and immediately dared not speak.

"Lina, what... What is a lady like you eating this for? Are you... You..." Mrs. Sweeney seemed a little embarrassed to go on.

Mr. Sweeney shouted right away, "Tell us the truth. Are you pregnant with this Stephenson boy's child?"

Mr. Sweeney started recalling some things like how his daughter had been throwing up recently; how she had decided to stop meeting Anthony Sherman and just be friends with him; how

Hadwin Stephenson sent her home today; and the bunch of deliveries sent to this house. He started thinking that it was possible!

Lina was so impressed she almost kneeled in front of her father. He figured out everything with only one bottle of folic acid!

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Needless to say, Mr. Sweeney knew he was right at the sight of

his daughter's expression. He instantly got up and raised his fist to punch Hadwin Stephenson.

Mr. Sweeney was almost 60 years old, so he was not a good fighter. However, Hadwin Stephenson did not dodge him and just stood there, letting Mr. Sweeney beat him up.

"You broke up with Lina when she was seriously injured, and now you've taken advantage of her. Haven't you hurt her enough?" Mr. Sweeney punched Hadwin Stephenson again and again. Soon, he was out of breath.

Hadwin Stephenson just stood there motionless and accepted the punches.

Lina and Mrs. Sweeney hurriedly grabbed Mr. Sweeney. "What's the use of you beating him? It's useless now!" said Mrs. Sweeney.

"The boy is too awful. I must beat him up! The daughter of the Sweeney family can't be taken advantage of that easily. Good for him, huh? He can just walk away after he's done. What about Lina? How is Lina going to go on with her life?" Mr. Sweeney snapped as his fist hit Hadwin Stephenson again.

Hadwin Stephenson said nothing and did not defend himself.

"Dad, Hadwin Stephenson didn't take advantage of me. It's not what you think!" Lina quickly shouted when she saw that the corners of Hadwin Stephenson's lips had started bleeding. She

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was afraid Hadwin Stephenson would be admitted to the hospital due to her father's beating if he went on.

"He didn't take advantage of you?" Mr. Sweeney stopped what he was doing and turned to glare at his daughter. "In that case, you were willing?"

"Well... Not really..." Lina said with a look of embarrassment, "It's just that... L.. I drank too much that night and called Hadwin Stephenson by mistake. Then I accidentally..."

Lina spoke with extreme difficulty. It felt like she had gone back to her elementary school days when she had to face her parents at home after being scolded by her teacher for skipping school.

Halfway through the explanation, she looked timidly at her parents. "Well... do I need to be more specific?"

"Enough, enough. No thanks..." Mr. Sweeney said hurriedly. The old married couple looked embarrassed as well. They did not expect their daughter to be the one who forced herself on the man.

Speaking of which, Hadwin Stephenson seemed to be the victim here.

Hadwin Stephenson was probably the one feeling the least awkward in the house.

"How... How could you do such a thing? You can't do that even if you're drunk!" Mr. Sweeney could only vent his anger at his daughter now.

Lina nodded and humbly admitted her mistake. "I won't do it again. I promise."

"Again? Do you want to do it again?" Mr. Sweeney rolled his eyes angrily. "Now that you're pregnant, what are you going to do about the baby?"

After all, the baby in his daughter's belly was the biggest problem.

"I'll take responsibility," Hadwin Stephenson said directly.

Chapter 1818

"Take responsibility. How are you going to take responsibility?" Mr. Sweeney snapped.

"If I live, I'll marry Lina. If I die, then Lina will be the beneficiary of all my fortune after my death," Hadwin Stephenson said directly.

The three members of the Sweeney family were immediately stunned.

Lina only thought that what Hadwin Stephenson said was strange. Who would say things like that? It was as if he was going

to die at any moment.

"You're taking responsibility?" Lina asked in a mutter.

Hadwin Stephenson raised his eyebrows slightly and looked at

Lina. "Then why don't you take responsibility for me?"

What he said instantly made Lina speechless.

Mr. Sweeney's anger was slightly calmed by what Hadwin Stephenson said. "Are you really willing to take responsibility?"

"Yes!" Hadwin Stephenson said firmly.

Mr. Sweeney looked at the man in front of him. He was previously

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extremely optimistic about him and even thought that this

man was worthy of taking care of his daughter. However, what happened afterward was like a hard slap in the face.

Was he going to hand over his daughter to this man?

"If you knew it would come to this, why did you do that in the first place? If you really had feelings for Lina, you wouldn't have broken up with her when she was still in the hospital. Do you know how she survived during that period?" Mr. Sweeney felt heartbroken as he recalled the way his daughter looked lying on the hospital bed back then.

"Dad!" said Lina. She knew what happened back then was a wound in her parents' hearts.

"I'm sorry," said Hadwin Stephenson. All he could say were these few words.

"The Sweeney family doesn't need your apology. That's all for today. You can go home first!" Mr. Sweeney said coldly.

Hadwin Stephenson pressed his thin lips slightly and turned to look at Lina. "Lina, I have to go. And... a week. All I'm asking for is one week."

Lina frowned. She had no idea why he wanted one week.

Hadwin Stephenson left the Sweeney family's house. Mr. Sweeney looked at his daughter and said, "Hadwin Stephenson's

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willing to take responsibility. What do you think?"

"I... I don't know," stammered Lina. She was conflicted.

"You don't know?" Mr. Sweeney's voice rose abruptly. "You're already pregnant, and you don't know?"

Mrs. Sweeney also said, "Lina, just tell us whatever is on your mind. We're on your side no matter what!"

"I... I know marrying Hadwin Stephenson is the best choice for me, our family, and the baby. If I have a baby out of wedlock, the neighbors will probably spread horrible rumors, and people will judge us, but..."

Lina's voice could not help breaking a little as she spoke, "I'm scared that even if we marry for the baby, perhaps he'll ask for a divorce over something else at some point. I don't know."

When she and he were madly in love, she never thought that they would break up.

However, reality had whacked her in the head and told her that nothing was impossible!

Chapter 1819

Mr. Sweeney walked up to his daughter, patted her on the

shoulder, and said, "You don't have to worry about your mother and me. If you want to have the baby, then have it. The baby is a member of the Sweeney family. Don't worry about those rumors. If too many people are gossiping about us, we'll just move. What's there to be afraid of?"

"Yeah, Lina. You don't have to worry about anything other than whether you want to have this baby and whether you want to be with... Hadwin Stephenson," Mrs. Sweeney also

came forward and said.

She knew her daughter still had feelings for Hadwin Stephenson, but she understood her concerns as well.

After hearing what her parents said, Lina suddenly hugged them and burst into tears.

Her worries, loss, frustrations, and pent-up emotions came bursting out.

Her parents would always stay by her side and have her back

no matter what.

After crying her eyes out, Lina felt a lot better. Perhaps it was

because she had been too afraid of how her parents would

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Now, her parents' reaction reassured her. She could come to a decision without any worries.

She had to think about whether she was keeping the child in her belly and what she was going to do with Hadwin Stephenson.

If she did not want to keep the baby, then the earlier she undergo abortion, the less damage it would cause her body.

However... if she did not keep this child, would she have

another one in the future? For some reason, Lina seemed to have an inkling that maybe this child was the only child she would have in her life.

'Also, what does Hadwin Stephenson mean by a week? Give him a week? Can all the troubles between us be gone after a week?

'Will we be happy together?'

Lina could not help laughing bitterly at this thought.

She continued working in the design office for the next few

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days, but her morning sickness from time to time still stirred up rumors in the office.

As a result, the director called her into his office and asked, "Lina, there are rumors about you being pregnant. I don't want to pry into your private affairs, but there's a project I was going to ask you to take charge of. After all, you've been here for so many years. But if you're pregnant, you won't be able to follow up with the project and will only slow down progress."

Lina froze, suddenly understanding which project the director was talking about. It was a good project the design office had taken up recently. If she took charge of it, it would be something good to put on her resume.

"Think about it and let me know in a week whether

you think

you can take on this project," the director said.

"Okay, got it," said Lina.

She knew the director was hinting at her.

If she wanted to keep the child, she would have to reject taking the project. If she did not want the baby, she could take on the project and bring her career to the next level.

‘Choosing between career and the baby?’ Lina gave a wry smile.

Lina asked Grace out in the evening

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“You’re not asking me to drink with you again, are you? You can’t drink now that you’re pregnant,” quipped Grace.

“I’ll drink plain water!” said Lina.

Chapter 1820

“What’s the matter? You seem worried. Are you worried about the baby?” asked Grace.

“How can I not be worried?” Lina smiled bitterly. “My parents have also found out about the baby. They said I can make my own decisions. Hadwin Stephenson said he’s willing to take responsibility and marry me. I’ve thought it through. Marrying him is the best way to go. Not only will it be the most graceful way, but the baby won’t be a bastard child as well. People will only envy me for marrying a rich husband. No one will laugh at me.”

“But you still can’t make up your mind, can you?” asked Grace. After all, her best friend still looked worried.

“Should I... get back together with Hadwin Stephenson?” asked Lina.

“What you should ask is whether you still love Hadwin Stephenson,” replied Grace.

‘Do I still love him?’ Lina pressed her lips together tightly. Maybe she would not be so upset if she did not love him. Maybe she could just lie on the operating table and have the abortion.

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Although her best friend did not answer her, Grace could also guess the answer.

“I know Hadwin Stephenson hurt you very deeply in the past, so I’ll have your back no matter what choice you make. But I also hope that once you make a decision, you’ll ask yourself whether you’ll regret it in the future,” said Grace.

“He asked me to give him a week and said that he has something important to tell me. After counting the days, it’s been almost a week but he hasn’t come looking for me, let alone tell me anything important,” said Lina.

“If he hasn’t come to you, you can go and ask him. You used to like to make things clear and hated to drag things out,” said Grace.

“Yeah, I used to be like that!” Lina chuckled and picked up the glass of water in front of her before drinking it all. “Okay, I’ll go look for him later and ask him!”

Looking at how resolute her best friend was at the moment, Grace thought the old Lina was back.

After having something to eat, Lina decided to go look for Hadwin Stephenson. Grace asked, "Do you want me to take you there?"

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"No thanks. I drove here!" said Lina.

"You're still driving?"

Lina said, "I know what I'm doing. I'll stop driving when my belly gets bigger. You were pregnant with triplets then. I only have one baby, and there's nothing much to watch out for. When I went to the hospital for my pregnancy check-up, I saw a woman riding an electric scooter with a pretty obvious baby bump!"

Grace had no idea whether to laugh or cry when she heard this.

After saying goodbye to Grace, Lina drove to Hadwin Stephenson's mansion in Emerald City.

During the last pregnancy check-up, she learned that he was now in Emerald City and had been staying in the mansion.

She was familiar with the mansion, of course. She had even
driven here countless times.

Looking at the time, it was almost eight at night. Hadwin Stephenson should have returned to the mansion by now.

She wanted to meet Hadwin Stephenson and tell him she wanted to take a chance! She wanted to marry him... and get back together with him.

She wondered if she would regret the decision.