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Chapter 1821

However, she knew she would regret it if she did not do this!

The mansion was right in front of her. Lina parked her car at the side. She was about to get down when she suddenly saw another car passing by her car and stopping at the mansion's entrance.

The person who got out of the car was... Katherine Jackson!

Lina's pupils immediately shrank. 'What is Katherine Jackson. doing here at a time like this? Hasn't she broken up with Hadwin Stephenson?'

She only saw the security guards at the mansion's entrance respectfully stepping aside. One of them took the car keys Katherine Jackson handed over and helped her park her car, while the other opened the iron gate and let Katherine Jackson into the mansion.

Katherine Jackson did not even say anything to the two security guards. It was apparent that she visited often, so there was a tacit understanding between both parties.

Lina looked blankly at the scene before her. Her eyes were a little sore.

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Almost in a daze, she got out of the car and walked toward the security guards, wondering why Katherine Jackson could enter the mansion and look as if she had done it many times. before.

'Is there still something going on between Hadwin Stephenson and Katherine Jackson?'

Just then, the security guard who helped Katherine Jackson park her car came back. He could not help frowning after seeing Lina. He recognized her as the woman Mr. Stephenson had once brought to the mansion some time ago.

Therefore, the security guard rushed forward to stop Lina and said, "Oh, Mr. Stephenson isn't seeing anyone tonight. Mr. Stephenson has told us that he won't see anyone tonight, not even if something big has happened!"

'He's not seeing anyone?' Lina's heart trembled. "Why could Katherine Jackson go in just now?"

"Miss Jackson? She's different. Mr. Stephenson has been waiting for Miss Jackson!" the security guard said with a smile and looked at Lina a little contemptuously. Compared to the luxury brands Katherine Jackson wore, Lina's clothes looked much cheaper.

"Yes, Miss Jackson has been coming here a lot lately. Probably

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once or twice a week," the other security guard said.

"It probably won't be long before they get back together. After all, they dated for so many years."

“That’s right. Miss Jackson spends the night every time she comes. I think they may hold a press conference soon.”

The two security guards chatted casually, but their words were pouring into Lina’s ears, making her body grow cold.

‘She comes once or twice a week, and each time, she spends the night in the mansion?’

‘Hadwin Stephenson said he has never loved Katherine Jackson, but he’s letting her stay in his mansion. What did he mean when he said he has something important to tell me?’

‘Is he going to tell me that something’s going on between him and Katherine Jackson?’

‘Did he say he was going to marry me just because I’m pregnant? Or have I always just been a backup?’

When he had a falling out with the Jackson family before, he had given her his affection. However, he had now gotten back together with Katherine Jackson when he had some business dealings with the Jackson family?

The two security guards looked at Lina’s pale and dazed appearance. One of them advised, “You should leave, and stop dreaming about things. There aren’t many ordinary people who can join a rich family. Miss Jackson has always been the one Mr. Stephenson cares about the most. Otherwise, after Miss Jackson’s scandal, how could he

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“Oh, watch your mouth. Don’t talk nonsense. If Mr.

Stephenson knows you’re gossiping behind his back, you may lose your job.” The other security guard reminded him.

Therefore, the security guard who advised Lina earlier shut his mouth and stopped speaking.

The two security guards now seemed to ignore Lina.

Lina only felt as if her body was getting colder and colder.

She seemed to have forgotten that she wanted to see Hadwin

Stephenson and what she wanted to tell him. Her mind went blank.

Lina got back to her car step by step, but instead of starting the car to leave, she looked in the direction of the mansion.

‘Maybe... Katherine Jackson just went in for a while. Or maybe Stephenson Group and the Jackson family have some unfinished business...

Lina kept coming up with all kinds of reasons for Katherine Jackson going into the mansion, but as time went by, it

became more and more difficult to convince herself.

When her phone rang, she saw that it was her mother. Her eyes instantly welled with tears.

"Mom." She picked up the phone, trying hard to make her voice sound normal.

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"It's late. Why aren't you home yet?" asked Mrs. Sweeney.

"I'm... sleeping over at Grace's today. I want to talk to her a little longer. I haven't talked to her for a long time," said Lina.

"Aren't you afraid you'll disturb her?"

"Grace won't think I'm disturbing her. Mom, I... I gotta hang up. I'll go straight to the office tomorrow and go home at night." With that said, Lina hurriedly ended the call. She was afraid her mother would notice something if she went on.

After ending the phone call, Lina took a deep breath, put one hand on her stomach, and looked at the mansion again.

She did not go home but stayed in the car. Maybe she wanted an answer-an answer that would tell her what to do!

'Hadwin Stephenson, Hadwin Stephenson!'

She kept repeating the name in her head. How sincere was he to her? She had instantly fallen for him when he affectionately

called out her name.

She felt as if the time between them had never passed. They were still the same people, loving each other wholeheartedly!

She thought they could start over. She thought she could take a chance.

However, she was slapped in the face by the cruel reality even before she took the chance.

In the mansion, Hadwin Stephenson's handsome face was distorted because of the pain. He knelt on the floor. His fingers were clenched as he constantly clawed at the floor. Roars of pain kept escaping from his throat.

He looked like a mess. Who would believe that he was the charming president of Stephenson Group?

'I want to live. I must hold on. Once I get through tonight, Lina and I can be together again!

'Lina and I will have a wonderful future!

'After tonight... After tonight...!

Chapter 1823

Katherine Jackson looked coldly at Hadwin Stephenson who was in pain. Even though the man who made her a laughing stock and ruined the Jackson family was in so much pain at this moment, she did not feel happy about it.

What she felt was loss.

The man was willing to endure this inhuman pain because of Lina! This blood curse was only against Lina. If he had been willing to choose any other woman in the world, he would not have to endure the pain of lifting the blood curse. However, he would rather risk death so that he could be with Lina!

What about her? All these years had been for nothing!

‘What’s so good about Lina that a man like Hadwin Stephenson would do so much for her? The woman’s plain and ordinary. She never did anything special, did she?’

“Hadwin Stephenson, is Lina worth suffering for? She doesn’t even know you’re suffering!” Katherine Jackson walked up to Hadwin Stephenson, crouched down, and said, “If you can’t make it through tonight, you’ll die. Even if you die, she probably won’t shed a tear for you. She’ll always think of you as the man who abandoned her.”

It was as if triggering him in this way would make her feel better.

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Hadwin Stephenson raised his head with difficulty due to the pain. His eyes seemed dazed, but he was still gasping. He said with an extremely hoarse voice, “If I... die, the Jackson family... can’t live either. I don’t need you to judge... how much I... suffer for Lina...”

As long as it was for Lina, why would it not be worth it?

Lina was already his everything!

Lina had no idea how long she stayed in the car. She only saw the sky brighten up, and her heart sank until it reached the deep bottomless abyss.

‘Is it... dawn?’

Katherine Jackson had spent the night in his mansion.

Hadwin Stephenson and Katherine Jackson spent the night in the mansion while she and the baby in her belly stayed outside all night!

Finally, the mansion’s gate opened. Lina saw Katherine

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Jackson come out. She was still wearing the clothes from last night and looked tired.

The security guard at the gate helped Katherine Jackson drive her car over and watched her leave respectfully.

When Katherine Jackson drove by Lina's car, Katherine Jackson's eyes met Lina's.

Surprise flickered in Katherine Jackson's eyes, but a smile soon appeared on the corners of her lips. It was as if she was glancing at Lina contemptuously before she left.

Lina just thought her chest felt stuffy. The look in Katherine Jackson's eyes seemed to confirm her speculation!

She picked up her phone, wanting to call Hadwin Stephenson. However, the moment she picked up her phone, she paused.

'What's there to ask? What else is there to ask? Katherine Jackson coming out from Hadwin Stephenson's mansion at this hour is already the best proof.

'Is this the important thing Hadwin Stephenson wanted to tell me? It's indeed... important!'

Maybe she should be glad Katherine Jackson had gone into the mansion first. Otherwise, last night would have been the most embarrassing time of her life.

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Lina comforted herself in her head, but the tears she had been suppressing the entire night still came pouring down in the end.

'I... hadn't put in all my feelings. But can I really take them back?

'If that's true, then why am I in such pain right now? I can't stop crying at all!'

Why is my heart throbbing so badly?

"Lina, would you believe me if I told you you're the one I've always loved?

"Lina, give me some time. Just give me a little more time.

"Lina, how are you going to take responsibility for me?

"Lina... Lina..."

His voice and the words he had said to her kept ringing in her

ears, but they seemed so far away to her...

Lina finally started the car, turned the car around, and drove away from the mansion.

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Lina knew she should drive her to the office. Today was not a rest day. She had to go to work.

She tried to gather her emotions together so that she would stop crying. If she kept on crying and her vision got blurry, she would not be able to see what was ahead of her!

Just then, an electric bike appeared in front of her car, trying to cut through the traffic.

Lina would have been quicker to react if it were any other day. However, she was stunned for about two seconds, and it was too late to hit the brakes. Therefore, Lina subconsciously turned the steering wheel, and the car immediately crashed into a tree.

Bang!

The impact made Lina pass out. The airbags in the car deployed.

The passersby immediately surrounded the car. Someone hurriedly opened the door, asking nervously, "Lina, Lina, are you okay?"

Lina unbuckled her seat belt with difficulty. She looked at the person. "Yu... Yulai, why are you..."

"I was passing by when I saw your car hit the tree, so I quickly stopped my car and came to check on you. How are you? Are you okay?" Anthony Sherman asked urgently.

He happened to see her car on his way to work. Since he remembered her license plate number, he was sure it was her.

He knew that this was not her usual route to work and wondered why she was driving by at this hour. Suddenly, he saw her hit the tree to avoid a swerving electric bike.

"I... I'm fine..." Before Lina could finish, there was suddenly a trace of pain in her belly and it slowly intensified.

Her hand pressed on her belly. 'The baby! Is my baby...

"Ouch, my belly hurts..." Her face became paler and paler.

Anthony Sherman hurriedly carried Lina out of the car at the sight of this. "Hold on for a little while. I'll take you to the hospital right now!"

As he spoke, he quickly carried her to his car and drove to the nearest hospital.

Lina pressed her hands on her belly tightly as she clenched her teeth. Her fair forehead was already covered with sweat.

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Anthony Sherman glanced at Lina out of the corners of his eyes and comforted her. "We'll arrive at the hospital soon. Don't worry. Your baby will be fine."

Chapter 1825

Lina closed her eyes in agony.

Perhaps it was fate that something happened to her at this timing and that the baby would leave her in this way.

Maybe it was for the best.

If the child left, she would no longer have anything to do with Hadwin Stephenson!

The car soon arrived at the hospital. While carrying Lina, Anthony Sherman quickly rushed into the hospital's emergency department. He concisely explained what had happened and said, "She's pregnant. There's a baby in her belly. Please save the baby at all costs!"

Lina was put on the mobile bed and pushed to the emergency room. The doctor began to give Lina emergency treatment.

Anthony Sherman sat on a bench outside, waiting anxiously.

'If Lina hadn't told me not to inform her parents before going in, I would've called Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney by now.

'But Lina didn't mention Hadwin Stephenson. Should I call

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Hadwin Stephenson?"

Anthony Sherman was at a loss for a moment. If he informed Hadwin Stephenson, then with Hadwin Stephenson's ability, he could find her better medical resources. She could get better treatment in case the treatment here was not effective.

As he was thinking about it, his phone suddenly rang. Anthony Sherman realized that the sound came from Lina's bag.

When he got out of the car with her in his arms, he had also grabbed her bag from the passenger seat.

He opened the bag and took out her phone, only to see a string of numbers. It meant Lina did not save this number on her phone.

He heard Hadwin Stephenson's voice when he pressed the answer button.

"Lina? Are you there?" Hadwin Stephenson's elegant voice sounded exhausted and hoarse.

Anthony Sherman cleared his throat and said, "Mr. Stephenson, I'm Anthony Sherman. Lina is currently in the emergency room being treated by the doctor."

"The emergency room? What happened?" Hadwin Stephenson's voice immediately sounded anxious.

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"Lina had a car accident in the morning. I happened to pass by and saw it, so I sent her to the hospital," said Anthony Sherman.

"Which hospital?" asked Hadwin Stephenson. Once Anthony Sherman gave him the hospital's address, Hadwin Stephenson said, "I'll be right there!" He ended the phone call.

Anthony Sherman put the phone back into Lina's bag and continued to wait.

Before long, Lina was pushed out and was placed in a ward /first.

The doctor said to Lina, "Your injuries aren't serious. You only have some bruises and no fractures. But you're eight weeks pregnant now. The baby's not doing so well. If you insist on keeping the baby, we recommend you to transfer to a women specialist's hospital. Otherwise, we would advise abortion as soon as possible."

"I won't be keeping the baby. Doctor, please help me arrange for an operation," said Lina.

"What? You're having an abortion?" Anthony Sherman asked, shocked.

Lina replied, "Yes."

"But don't you care about the baby very much? And it's not impossible if you want to keep the baby. I'll send you to Municipal Women's Hospital right away!" said Anthony Sherman.

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"No, I've made up my mind!"

"But..."

Seeing that the two were arguing, the doctor immediately said, "Since the parents of the baby haven't come to a

conclusion, you might as well think it over before making a decision."

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The doctor mistook Anthony Sherman as the father of the baby in Lina's belly.

Before Anthony Sherman could explain, Lina said to the doctor, "He's not the baby's father, so I can make my own decision. Doctor, please arrange an abortion for me!"

Seeing that Lina was resolute, the doctor said, "Okay, I—"

"I'm the baby's father. What if I disagree with the operation?" A voice interrupted the doctor and rang out in the ward.

A tall figure appeared in the ward the next second.

Lina stared blankly at Hadwin Stephenson, who was walking toward her. He was wearing a simple white shirt and black trousers. His hair was slightly messy, and his shirt collar was not folded properly. It was obvious he had hurried over.

Hadwin Stephenson looked at the person lying on the hospital bed. When he woke up in the morning, he wanted to call her and tell her that they could finally be together now. He wanted to tell her everything that had happened that year!

However, he did not expect Anthony Sherman to answer the

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phone instead. He hurried over when he learned that she was

in the hospital because of an accident, but he did not expect to hear her ask for an abortion.

"Why do you not want the baby? If keeping the baby will worsen your injury and threaten your life, then I'll agree to the abortion without a doubt," Hadwin Stephenson said word by word. There was also confusion in his eyes. "It's not like we have to give up the baby right now. As long as we find a better hospital and specialist in tMason Swansonty, we can keep the baby, can't we?"

Lina bit her lip and said nothing.

"I'll arrange for a transfer right now!" Hadwin Stephenson took out his phone and was about to make a call when Lina suddenly shouted...

"There's no need for a transfer. I have the right to decide whether I'm keeping this baby!"

Hadwin Stephenson stiffened as he turned to look at her. "Are you sure you don't want the baby?"

His eyes were full of shock. It was almost as if he could not believe she was making this decision.

She met his eyes and felt as if invisible thorns were piercing

her heart, making it sting.

Her throat was terribly dry, but she clenched her teeth and forcefully spat out the word, "Yes!"

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"Why?" he asked. She looked like she wanted to keep the baby before this. Otherwise, why would she take the folic acid he bought her? Why did she schedule a pregnancy check-up?

Lina's eyelashes quivered slightly, and she felt a bitter taste in her mouth.

'Why? He's asking me why? Does he know what it was like for me to spend the whole night outside his mansion? Does he /know what it feels like to be betrayed for the second time?'

"Because I don't want anything more to do with you!" The words spat out of her mouth.

The air around them seemed to freeze instantly. The pressure around Hadwin Stephenson seemed to drop as the people around him felt terrified.

"Well... you guys can work this out and tell the nurse at the station whether you're transferring to another hospital or staying here," the doctor said a little awkwardly before leaving.

Anthony Sherman looked at Lina and Hadwin Stephenson. He had no idea whether he should leave.

"Mr. Stephenson, I have something to tell Lina alone. Please leave," Hadwin Stephenson said coldly.

Chapter 1827

"But..."

"Yulai, why don't you go outside first? There's something I want to make clear to him too," Lina said as well.

Anthony Sherman then started to walk toward the door. However, before leaving, he could not help but say to Hadwin Stephenson, "Mr. Stephenson, Lina is suffering from injuries. Please talk to her nicely. Don't start a fight."

Hadwin Stephenson ignored Anthony Sherman. He just stared at Lina.

Anthony Sherman sighed and left the ward.

Lina and Hadwin Stephenson were the only ones left in the ward.

"Are you so desperate to cut ties with me that you won't even keep the baby?" His cold voice suddenly rang in the room.

"Yes," she said after taking a deep breath.

"Is it because of what happened back then? Is it because I broke up with you when you were seriously injured, so you

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won't give me a chance now?" he asked.

"Since we've broken up, there's no need for us to get back together. The baby will only be a burden," she said.

Pain flickered in his eyes. What about all his hopes and expectations...? Did she know how ecstatic he was after learning about her pregnancy? He thought it was a gift from God. God did not shatter his hopes and made them entangled with each other.

However, she now said that what he considered to be a blessing was a burden.

How pathetic and ridiculous!

"But you have feelings for me. You still love me. Why won't you be with me? I swear I'll spend the rest of my life protecting you and loving you. I'll never abandon you!"

"Protect me? Love me? Never abandon me?" Lina suddenly laughed out loud. Every time she laughed, the bruises on her body from the car accident this morning seemed to hurt again. She recalled how

Katherine Jackson had come out of the mansion this morning. That moment when Katherine Jackson made eye contact with her...

Perhaps she would never forget how she had waited outside the mansion the entire night!

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"Hadwin Stephenson, what you said is simply the funniest joke I've ever heard. How dare you say that? You were the one who hurt me the most. If this is your love for me, then I would rather that you had never loved me. I will never have the slightest affection for you again!"

Her words seemed to trigger him. He suddenly bent over and unexpectedly kissed her on the lips.

It was as if to prove that she loved him!

His kiss was hot and eager. It was so intense.

When his warm lips touched hers, she instantly fell into a trance. It was as if she had gone back to the past.

They had been so in love. She always loved it when he kissed her.

His kisses were always gentle and lingering but with a hint of longing.

He made her feel like she was important to him every time he kissed her.

Chapter 1828

She remembered how she often quipped, "Hadwin Stephenson, do you think we'll still kiss like this when we're

in our 70s and 80s? Would we be tired of each other and no longer kiss?"

Each time, he would say gently, "We won't get tired of each other. Lina, I will still kiss you when you're old. I will always kiss until I close my eyes and leave this world."

However... she and he would never have that. Not five years ago, not now.

Lina did not resist or struggle but let Hadwin Stephenson deepen the kiss.

It was like a farewell to her-a farewell to the relationship.

When the kiss finally ended, Lina heard Hadwin Stephenson's hoarse voice say, "Lina, you still love me, don't you? Do you know how badly I've been wanting to kiss you like how I just did?"

After five years, he could finally touch her like this again without the pain of the blood curse.

2/4 "Lina, do you know that I chose to break up with you not only because I wanted to regain control of the Stephenson family and have what it takes to protect you in the future, but also because-

However, before he could finish, Lina interrupted him. "If your idea of protecting me is dating another woman, then I would rather not have such protection."

He stiffened and stared at her. There seemed to be a sense of imploring in his beautiful, deep, and dark eyes. "Lina, would you forgive me if I told you I did that to save your life and let you live?"

Lina looked at Hadwin Stephenson calmly. "You're not the one who protected my life but Grace. If it hadn't been for Grace, my family would have had to sell our house to pay for my surgery, not to mention the expensive fee from staying in the ICU!"

She still remembered how worried her parents were when they told her this story after she recovered. If it had not been

for Grace, she might have died!

Hadwin Stephenson instantly turned pale. "Don't you... believe me?"

Lina asked, "How do you expect me to believe you? You keep saying you love me and you want to marry me, that you've

rever loved Katherine Jackson. But why can she still enter your mansion if you've broken up with her? It's been happening

frequently too. Hadwin Stephenson, is this how you love someone? You're a liar!"

Hadwin Stephenson frowned. "It's not what you think. She came to my mansion because-"

"What do you mean it's not what I think? No one told me about this. I saw it with my own eyes. I saw her go into your mansion last night and leave this morning." Lina laughed bitterly and said, "Are you still going to tell me you have nothing to do with her? Are you going to say that although she stayed in your mansion the entire night, nothing happened between you two?"

"What if I say yes? I have nothing to do with her. She did spend the night at the mansion, but nothing happened between us! Lina, don't you believe me?" he said.

However, her answer disappointed him.

"How am I supposed to believe you? Hadwin Stephenson, do you think I'm gullible? When we were dating, you told me we would never break up. I believed you, but then you broke up

with me! Now, you want me to believe you again. You want me to believe that you and Katherine Jackson have nothing to do

with each other and that you broke up with me so I could live?

What a shame that I won't believe a word of it!"

Chapter 1829

He suddenly staggered and put one hand on the edge of her bed as if he had no energy left to remain standing.

"Am I so unworthy of your trust?" he murmured. He looked at her with eyes that seemed to be filled with great pain.

The pain was so overwhelming that Lina's heart instantly clenched.

Even though she had planned to cut ties with this man in front of him, there was no way to stop the pain.

'Ignore it. It's just my illusion. Even if he does have a bit of love for me, it doesn't matter anymore. It's the end of him and me. Everything ends here. I don't want to be fooled by him again. and again!'

"I won't believe a word you say." She heard her own voice say.

"Really?" His lashes quivered slightly as his cold fingertips slid gently across her lips. "Are you sure you won't regret getting rid of our baby and having nothing to do with me?"

She felt as if her lips had gone cold. His cool fingertips seemed to freeze her blood. "I won't regret it."

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'Yeah, I won't regret it. She had already made up her mind when she was in the emergency room being examined by the doctor.

The baby seemed to be cooperating with her since their

heartbeat was too faint, as if they wanted to leave as well. Even if she did not have an abortion, the baby would probably leave her in a few days anyway!

Hadwin Stephenson stared at Lina. Then, he slowly withdrew her hand and closed his eyes.

"Okay, since you won't regret it, then... I won't regret it either," he muttered, slowly straightening up as he finished his words.

He moved slowly as if he was using all his strength to try and stand upright.

He slowly opened his eyes and looked condescendingly at the woman on the hospital bed. The overwhelming pain in his dark eyes had disappeared and turned into indifference. "Well then, do as you wish, Lina. It's okay if you don't want this baby. From now on, I have nothing to do with you."

With that said, Hadwin Stephenson turned and left the ward.

Lina stared blankly at Hadwin Stephenson's leaving figure. Her tears finally fell from her eyes when she could no longer

see him.

Why did her heart hurt? This was what she wanted! He really had nothing to do with her now!

The final look he gave her showed her that he meant what he said, and he would keep his word!

However, she was not happy at all. She felt as if a piece of her heart had been taken away. It made her so upset that she could not stop her tears no matter what...

Chapter 1830

Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney hurried to Municipal Women's Hospital after receiving a phone call from their daughter, only to see her lying on the hospital bed with a drip attached to her hand.

"What happened? Why are you in the hospital all of a sudden? Is there something wrong with the baby?" Mrs. Sweeney asked in a panic.

After all, Municipal Women's Hospital was the best in tMason Swansonty. They had many renowned specialists.

"I'll be staying in the hospital for a few days to prevent a miscarriage. I accidentally got into a car accident this morning. The baby in my belly isn't doing so well," said Lina.

"What? A car accident?" Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney were surprised, "My dear, the car accident happened this morning. Why did you just call us?" After all, it was already past four o'clock.

Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney were immediately concerned about their daughter's injuries. They were relieved to learn that the car had just hit a tree and she only received bruises from the impact of the collision.

"How is the baby doing?" asked Mrs. Sweeney.

"Not so good. The baby's heartbeat is very weak, I might have a miscarriage at any time. The doctor has asked me to stay in the hospital for observation for three days and take progesterone shots," said Lina. Her other hand, which was not attached to the drip, remained on her belly the whole time.

After Hadwin Stephenson left, she had asked the doctor to arrange for an abortion for her.

However, she could not sign the surgical consent form when the nurse gave it to her. Tears had poured out of her eyes, wetting the surgical consent form.

In the end, she did not sign the form but transferred to Municipal Women's Hospital and asked the doctor to save her baby.

Maybe this was how it felt to be a mother. Even though her reason told her that aborting the baby was for the best, she

still could not bear to kill the little life inside of her.

Unless the baby decided to leave, she would take care of them

as long as they stayed in her belly!

"Your baby is at risk. Ask Hadwin Stephenson to come over. Didn't he say that he wants to take responsibility for the

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child?" said Mr. Sweeney.

“Dad, Hadwin Stephenson and I are over. He won’t see me anymore. This baby is mine alone. I will take care of them. myself!” said Lina.

Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney were shocked once more.

“Is he refusing to take responsibility again? Is he behaving like how he used to back then? I’ll get him-” snapped Mr. Sweeney.

“No!” Lina stopped her father and said, “Dad, I’m the one who doesn’t want to be with him! I don’t need him to take responsibility for the baby. The child is mine alone!”

Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney were surprised. They glanced at each other. Finally, Mrs. Sweeney said, “Do you want to give birth to the baby and raise them alone?”

The hand Lina put on her belly faltered slightly. “If I can keep the baby, then I want to raise them alone.”

“But...” Mrs. Sweeney looked troubled. After all, if her daughter had a child out of wedlock, it would probably be difficult for her daughter to find someone to marry if she had a child with her.

She thought her daughter would get back together with

Hadwin Stephenson, but who would have expected things to turn out like this?

“Are you still hung up on what happened in the past?” asked Mrs. Sweeney.

Lina knew her mother had misunderstood, but she did not correct her and said, “Mom, Hadwin Stephenson and I have never belonged together. It’s better to end things now than to stay together for the baby. I’m sorry, people might gossip about me when the time comes.”