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Grace looked at Kyla, then at Martin Weiss. She hesitated.

Kyla said, "Alright, someone's taking me home, so why don't you go home first?"

"Alright, we'll go home, then!" Grace and Jason then headed for their car.

Kyla followed Martin Weiss to his car.

The two got into the car, and Martin Weiss said as he drove, "Are you really going to have the baby?"

"I want to give birth to this baby. Besides, we haven't had the results from the consultation with the doctor. Maybe it isn't as serious as we think," said Kyla.

"But haven't you seen what happened to Lina today? Didn't you say everything went well with her pregnancy check-ups? But she still had a difficult labor and almost died," said Martin Weiss. Even though it was not Kyla who had a difficult labor, his heart still fluttered with fear.

He kept thinking about what he would do if the same situation arose. He was afraid he would end up like Hadwin Stephenson in the delivery room!

"What happened to Lina was a coincidence. Some incidents will

still happen, but they're rare," said Kyla.

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Martin Weiss said quickly, "But I don't want that coincidence to happen to you! I don't want to take the risk even if it's one in ten million."

Kyla was silent.

The atmosphere in the car suddenly became grim.

When the car arrived at the store's entrance and Kyla was about to get off after saying goodbye, Martin Weiss grabbed her hand. He leaned over. "Give up the baby, okay? I was wrong to have knocked you up, and I shouldn't have insisted that you keep the baby. I beg you to abort the baby."

He was scared! He was truly scared!

He was scared every minute he spent outside the delivery room today. He was scared that she would have the same near-death experience one day.

He never thought it was difficult for a woman to give birth. At most, those like Grace who was pregnant with triplets would struggle a little, but giving birth to a baby normally should be a no-brainer. Moreover, with advanced medical technology nowadays, there would be nothing to worry about as long as one had arranged good doctors and hospitals.

However, only today did he find out that he was wrong!

One could only watch some things happen but were powerless to

change them!.

Kyla glared at Martin Weiss and suddenly sneered. "Martin Weiss, you're so full of yourself! You wanted this baby, so you forced me to keep them. Now that I want to keep the baby, you said you were wrong and you want me to abort the baby. What do you think I am? What do you think this baby is?"

"I... I just don't want to lose you!" Martin Weiss said hoarsely.

Kyla's smile grew colder. "We're not your belongings. We're not something you can keep and throw as you want. Martin Weiss, you're still the same after all these years. Didn't you treat me the

back then?"

same way

His face instantly paled, and his blood seemed to freeze because of what she said.

She shoved him away and got out of the car.

He sat in the car in a daze. Suddenly, he began to laugh madly. However, the laughter turned into a sob as he laughed. Then, tears rolled down his face.

It turned out she still thought he was the same as back then.

She thought he was trying to manipulate her, but she could not see how much he cared about her!

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He just wanted her to live... well!

The next day, Grace went to the store to pick up Kyla before going to the hospital to visit Lina together. However, Lina still had not woken up, and Hadwin Stephenson looked like he had not slept the entire night. He looked somewhat haggard.

"What did the doctor say? Did they say how long it would take for Lina to wake up?" asked Grace.

"The doctor isn't sure, but they'll check on her soon," said Hadwin Stephenson. His hair was unkempt, and there was stubble on his chin.

Grace could only comfort him by saying, "Don't worry. Lina will wake up soon. She's probably just too exhausted from giving birth."

"Yes, she'll wake up," muttered Hadwin Stephenson.

However, he clenched his hands as he spoke. It was as if he was trying to persuade himself.

For some reason, while she was looking at the sleeping Lina, Grace had a bad feeling.

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Then, Grace and Kyla went to the neonatal care unit to see Lina's newborn.

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She was a pretty girl, but she was thinner than the average baby because she was born prematurely. However, she had large dark eyes and looked so adorable.

They learned from the doctor on duty that the baby was three weeks early, but she was doing well and could return to the ward later this evening.

Grace only hoped that Lina could wake up in the evening,

"The baby is so beautiful. If I hadn't seen her with my own eyes, I wouldn't believe that a baby who wasn't breathing just earlier would be so healthy in less than 24 hours!" Kyla said emotionally.

The average baby with this condition would have spent more than a week in the incubator.

Grace said, "You could call her lucky, I guess? But... I wonder

who that little boy is. He's so mysterious!"

"Could it be like what Lina speculated? Does he have superpowers?" asked Kyla.

"How is that possible..." said Grace. However, her tone sounded doubtful.

The following days seemed to confirm Grace's bad feeling. Lina still had not woken up. Mr. Sweeney, Mrs. Sweeney, and

Hadwin Stephenson stayed in Lina's ward.

Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney kept calling out to their daughter as they cried, while Hadwin Stephenson was silent. He just stared blankly at Lina, not even willing to glance at his newborn daughter.

The best doctors in Emerald City had gathered at the hospital to check on Lina, but the result they got was that... the patient was in good health and should be awake by now. They did not know why she had not woken up yet.

The longer the coma lasted, the more likely the patient would become a vegetable.

Grace could hardly accept it when she heard the word 'vegetable'!

How could Lina become a vegetable?

Kyla was appalled. "Is there no other way? How could she become a vegetable just from delivering a baby?"

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"That's all we got from the check-up so far. Some of the stimulants we did were completely ineffective on the patient," the doctor said.

Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney cried their eyes out after hearing the result.

Hadwin Stephenson looked stupefied. It was as if there was dead silence in his eyes.

However, the more he did that, the more worried Grace became.

Perhaps it would be better if Hadwin Stephenson cried like Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney. However, Hadwin Stephenson was suppressing all his emotions in his heart.

Grace was afraid that Hadwin Stephenson would do something extreme, so she said to him, "Lina won't sleep forever. If Emerald City's doctors can't cure her, we'll get doctors from all over the country. Or we can get the best doctors in the world. Don't let yourself get depressed. Lina and the baby need you."

"The baby..." What Grace said seemed to trigger Hadwin Stephenson as he suddenly laughed. Then, he said to Grace, "What do I need this baby for? Lina wouldn't be unconscious now if she wasn't trying to give birth to this baby. She shouldn't

Slap!

A slap hit Hadwin Stephenson hard in the face. It was from

Grace.

"Hadwin Stephenson, Lina risked her life to give birth to this baby. What will she think if she wakes up and finds out that you're treating the baby she values more than her life like this? Will she regret loving the wrong man?" said Grace.

Hadwin Stephenson staggered, his eyes full of utter pain.

Two feelings, love and hatred, kept tearing at him. In the end, he slumped down on the couch!

Grace sighed. Her hand still hurt when she exited the ward. She did slap him hard, but she did not want Hadwin Stephenson to have so much hatred for a newborn.

Lina... cherished the baby very much!

Kyla, who walked out of the ward with her, seemed deep in thought. It was as if she was thinking about something.

"What's the matter, Kyla?" asked Grace.

"I'm wondering if that little boy can wake Lina up? He only fed Lina some blood in the delivery room and she woke up. With Lina's current situation, if we feed her the little boy's blood again..." Kyla spoke out her speculation.

Grace's eyes lit up. 'Yes, that little boy... Why didn't I think of

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The Reed family, the Stephenson family, and the Weiss family all spent the next few days looking for the little boy. They started from the hospital's surveillance footage to track down the boy's movements. They almost turned the entire Emerald City upside down.

However, the boy's final whereabouts could not be found.

The little boy also had ways to counter being tracked. After leaving the hospital, he deliberately avoided some of the surveillance cameras.

Listening to the news reported by Jason's staff, Grace was secretly worried but also blamed herself. "If I had known, I would have held the child's hand and not let go."

Then it would not be so difficult to find him.

She knew how special that little boy was, yet she did not even know when he left the delivery room.

Jason consoled her. "Don't blame yourself. You were focused on Lina and her baby. Besides, we'll find the boy as long as he hasn't left Emerald City!"

"But I'm afraid the longer we wait, the harder it's gonna be for

Lina to wake up!" said Grace.

The little boy's existence had been Hadwin Stephenson's hope, but after the past few days, she could feel Hadwin Stephenson getting enveloped in despair again.

"But from your description of that child, he seems particularly concerned about Lina's baby," Jason said suddenly.

"Yes, when Lina's baby was kicking intensely, the child suddenly appeared. He only put his hand on Lina's belly and the baby calmed down. During the delivery, the baby would have suffocated if the child hadn't sucked the remaining secretion out of her," said Grace. Suddenly she seemed to think of something, "Yes... Since the child cares about the baby so much, maybe we could try luring the child out with the baby?"

If they could not find him, they could lure him out!

Jason's eyes narrowed slightly, and he said with a smile, "We can try."

After that, the newspapers published news saying that Stephenson Group's Hadwin Stephenson's newborn daughter was in critical condition and was currently undergoing rescue. The news went viral online.

After the news was published, one tall and one short figure appeared in the intensive care unit of the neonatal department late at night.

"You really came." Grace looked at the little boy in front of her.

He was followed by the middle-aged man she had met before.

The little boy looked at the people before him. His beautiful eyes blinked as if he just realized it. "So you're the ones who published the news. Were you trying to lure me out?"

"Yes. We couldn't find you, so this was the only way we could try to get you to come," said Grace.

"So the baby isn't in critical condition?" the little boy asked.

Grace replied, "The baby is doing well so far. We lured you out in hopes that you can save the baby's mother. She has been in a coma since she left the delivery room and has not woken up. You were able to wake her up in the delivery room for her to give birth to the baby. Is there any way you can wake her up now?"

Grace spoke carnestly. Almost all hope was now on this mysterious little boy. "As long as you can save Lina, we'll try to agree to anything you want."

However, the little boy only uttered two words coldly, "I refuse." He seemed to not care about Lina's life or death at all.

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With that said, the little boy said to the man in his 40s who was following him, "Uncle Andy, I'd like to go home."

"Okay, shall we go, then?" the man called Uncle Andy replied.

The two turned around to leave, and Jason's voice rang faintly. "I'm so sorry, but you can't leave today."

"What's the matter? Are you going to stop us?" Uncle Andy asked coldly.

"Yes," Jason said bluntly as he looked at the little boy, "You said

refuse. So it's not that you can't save Lina but it's because you won't save her, right?"

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The little boy glared at Jason as he pressed his little pink lips together tightly.

"Then tell me what it'll take for you to save her?" asked Jason.

"You're dreaming if you think you can ask our young master to save someone irrelevant. If she wasn't pregnant with..." Uncle Andy seemed to realize something and immediately stopped speaking.

The little boy's childish yet cold voice rang out. "I won't save her. What does it matter to me whether this woman lives or dies?" With that said, he said to the man beside him again, "Uncle

Andy, let's go."

However, they had only taken a few steps when a group of people suddenly gathered around them and blocked their way!

These people were obviously Jason's men.

"What's the matter? Are you trying to overwhelm us with numbers? Jason, didn't the elders of the Reed family tell you not to touch the Hunter family?" Uncle Andy snapped.

Jason's eyes narrowed instantly. "The Hunter family...'

Speaking of which, Old master Reed had mentioned 'the Hunter family' before. It was a secretive family. If the Reed family was out in the open, the Hunter family was in the dark.

Even Old master Reed could not say for sure how powerful the Hunter family was, but he once warned him not to have any conflict with the Hunter family unless necessary.

"Yes, but so what?" Jason smiled faintly. Old master Reed had said 'unless necessary', and it was necessary now. If Lina did fall into a vegetative state, then Grace would probably never be happy again.

All he wanted to do was make Grace happy.

"Are you trying to make an enemy out of the Hunter family?" Uncle Andy's eyes flickered with surprise.

Jason knew about the Hunter family but still dared to stop

them. Lina, the person in the coma, was no one important to Jason. She was only a friend of Jason's wife.

"If your young master resolutely refuses to save Lina, then maybe we can only be enemies," Jason said firmly.

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"Jason, do you really think you rule Emerald City? Don't underestimate the Hunter family!" said Uncle Andy as his face darkened.

"Then what if the Weiss family joins in?" said Martin Weiss.

Kyla, who had been silent, looked at Martin Weiss in surprise. She did not expect Martin Weiss to say such a thing.

Uncle Andy looked a little grimmer.

They reached a stalemate. Just then, Hadwin Stephenson came in holding the baby. He came up to the little boy.

The tiny baby was sleeping soundly.

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When the baby appeared, the little boy looked at her.

"I beg you to save my wife!" said Hadwin Stephenson. His clothes were wrinkly while his chin was covered with stubble. He had not washed his hair for days either. He looked extremely dejected.

His voice was hoarse after not speaking for days.

"Why should I save her? She's nobody to me," the little boy said indifferently. His indifference seemed to exude from his core. It did not match his age at all.

"But she's my everything. You showed up and helped my wife deliver our baby that day. Save her again. I'll do anything as long as you're willing to save her!" Hadwin Stephenson begged. The boy was his last hope!

"I wasn't trying to save her that day. I was saving the baby," the little boy mumbled.

Sure enough! The others instantly understood when they heard the boy say this.

Kyla suddenly said to the little boy, "Save the baby's mother, then. How sad will the baby be if she has no mother?"

"Is not having a mother something to be sad over?" The little

boy looked puzzled as if the idea of family bonds was unfamiliar to him.

"Yes, she'll be very sad! You've met the baby's mother, haven't you? You've talked to her before. She's a good woman. The baby will be so happy to have her raise her!" said Kyla. At this point, they could only play the baby card.

Hopefully, this little boy cared enough about the baby!

Just then, Hadwin Stephenson suddenly knelt to the little boy!

His action surprised everyone. Even the little boy looked at him in surprise.

"I beg you to save my wife!" Hadwin Stephenson sobbed as he begged. He must not let go of his last hope!

Just then, the baby in the man's arms woke up and began to cry.

The baby's crying seemed to make the little boy's expression change.

He stared at the crying baby. After quite some time, he finally stepped forward to take the baby from Hadwin Stephenson's

arms.

Hadwin Stephenson froze but did not stop the boy. He carefully handed him his daughter.

There was something indescribably sweet about the

seven-year-old boy holding the tiny baby.

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The baby girl continued to cry, and the little boy frowned. "Why does she keep crying?"

"It's because she's hungry and needs milk," said Grace, while Jason asked someone to fetch the baby's milk from the nurse.

Moments later, a 30-milliliter milk bottle was brought over.

The little boy picked up the bottle and began feeding the baby milk. He was awfully unskilled as he fed the baby milk. Grace and Kyla guided him.

When the baby went back to sleep after finishing the milk, the little boy asked, "What's her name?"

"Tina Stephenson," said Hadwin Stephenson. Lina and he had decided on the name before their baby was born.

"Tina..." the little boy muttered as he stared at the baby's sleeping face. "I can save her mother, but Tina's mine after I save her."

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The crowd looked at the boy in surprise.

The boy continued mumbling, "If the only way to be with Tina is to get married, then I'll marry her when she grows up. She can't marry anyone but me! I'll save her if you agree!"

"Young Master, do you really want to save her?" Uncle Andy was surprised.

The little boy ignored Uncle Andy. He just looked at Hadwin Stephenson. "Do you agree to that?"

Hadwin Stephenson was shocked.

If he agreed, would his daughter have to marry this boy in the future? He knew nothing about the boy. If he agreed, he would bind his daughter to this boy for life.

If she did not like him and liked someone else, then he...

However, the child before him was his last hope to save Lina. He could not let Lina become a vegetable and lie on the bed for the rest of her life.

"Okay! If you can save Lina, then I'll let Tina marry you after she grows up!" said Hadwin Stephenson as he gave him his word.

The little boy nodded. "Then lead the way!"

They hurried to Lina's ward with the little boy.

The little boy looked at Lina, who was lying on the hospital bed. Her face was pale, while all sorts of equipment were attached to her body. She looked half-dead.

"Take off all the equipment!" the little boy said.

The crowd looked at each other. In the end, Hadwin Stephenson found a nurse to remove the equipment attached to Lina's body.

The little boy opened his hand to Uncle Andy.

Uncle Andy understood and asked for a clean bowl. Then, he took out a dagger and said to the little boy, "Young Master, bear with it."

"I got it!" the little boy said impatiently.

The dagger cut the boy's forearm while carefully avoiding the meridians. Blood gushed out and dripped into the bowl. Uncle Andy only stopped the bleeding and bandaged the boy when the bowl was half full.

"Feed her this blood. It should help," the little boy said. Then, he said something that shocked everyone. "She had difficulty delivering because someone injected a substantial amount of toxins into her body that made it difficult for her to give birth. But the toxins metabolized quickly. It's difficult to detect in blood tests."

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"What?" Hadwin Stephenson seemed startled, not expecting this to be the reason for his wife's difficult labor.

'Injected toxins? Who is it? Was it the hospital's doctors or nurses? Or was it the person taking care of Lina?' Countless speculation flashed through Hadwin Stephenson's mind for a

moment.

The little boy seemed very pale and a little weak.

Uncle Andy quickly picked up the little boy to leave.

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However, Uncle Andy said to Hadwin Stephenson before leaving, "Don't forget your promise today. If you break promise, the entire Hunter family will make the Stephenson family suffer!"

After they left, the crowd in the ward seemed to finally regain their senses. Hadwin Stephenson looked at the bowl in his hand that was half-filled with blood. He carefully fed Lina the blood without any hesitation.

He would find out whoever tried to hurt Lina!

He was careless back then, causing Lina to get seriously hurt and lay in the ICU ward while he had to give in to the Jackson family! Now, he was careless yet again.

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He thought he had prepared everything, but there was still a loophole and it was enough to kill Lina! Little by little, Lina drank the blood.

He thought it would take a long time to feed Lina the blood but it only took a short while. In the end, Lina seemed to be instinctively attracted by the blood as she started swallowing herself even though she was in a coma.

After Lina finished drinking the blood, Hadwin Stephenson carefully wiped his wife's lip and looked at her expectantly.

Grace and Kyla seemed to be holding their breaths, fearing that the blood would not work.

Although the little boy was considered their last hope, could his blood save Lina? They could not be sure until they saw Lina wake up.

Fortunately, after about ten minutes, Lina's eyelashes quivered slightly. Then, she slowly opened her eyes as everyone watched

her.

There was a look of surprise on Hadwin Stephenson's face. "Lina, you're awake? You're awake!"

Lina seemed to be stuck in a trance. Looking at the disheveled

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Hadwin Stephenson, she said hoarsely after a while, "Why did you become uglier when I've just... given birth... Where's the baby? How's... the baby?"

"The baby's fine. She's fine... She's very fine!" Hadwin Stephenson pretty much babbled while Jason had someone call the doctors and nurses to check on Lina.

After all this, it was nearly midnight.

The doctor gave Lina a preliminary examination and said that the patient was doing well.

Lina fell asleep again after staying awake for half an hour.

It made Hadwin Stephenson nervous. He was scared that his wife would never wake up again.

"It probably won't happen again. Since the boy was confident that his blood could wake Lina up and save her, it won't lose its effect so soon. Lina is just a little tired from having woken up not long ago. She should wake up again after a nap." Grace comforted Hadwin Stephenson.

Even so, Hadwin Stephenson still stayed at Lina's bedside nervously.

"Thank you for today. Go home first. I'll accompany Lina," said Hadwin Stephenson.

"Get some sleep too. You haven't slept well in days." She heard Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney say that Hadwin Stephenson

would sometimes lie on Lina's hospital bed to take a nap. He would wake up after half an hour or an hour.

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It would be hard for anyone to survive with so little sleep every day, even if they were in good health.

"Why don't you get some rest too?" Grace advised him.

However, Hadwin Stephenson seemed not to hear her at all. Grace knew he probably would not listen to her anyway.

The group left the hospital. Grace and Jason were on one side, while Kyla and Martin Weiss were on the other.

On the way, Grace asked Jason, "Do you know who the Hunter family is?"

Jason said, "Yes, I do. Old master Reed mentioned them when he was alive. They're a secretive yet strong family. Otherwise, Old master Reed wouldn't have specifically warned me not to become enemies with the Hunter family unless absolutely

necessary."

"Then why were you willing to make an enemy of that family earlier?" Grace asked with some doubts.

"What else could I do? If Lina fell into a vegetative state and had to lay in bed all her life, you would probably be unhappy all your life, wouldn't you?" he said. He was well-aware of her fated friendship with Lina.

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Even he could not help feeling jealous over how important Lina was to her.

"Jay, thank you!" Grace said gratefully. She knew he had put the entire Reed family on the line for her when he confronted the Hunter family.

"Grace, you never have to thank me," muttered Jason.

He would try his best to do everything she wanted!

On the other side, Martin Weiss sent Kyla to the store's entrance. Kyla unbuckled the seatbelt but did not get off immediately. Instead, she turned to look at Martin Weiss. "Thank you for stepping up and helping today." She was referring to Martin Weiss including the Weiss family when Jason threatened the Hunter family.

"Even if I hadn't done that, the little boy would've saved Lina anyway," said Martin Weiss.

That child cared about Tina Stephenson the most, so everything else was secondary. The little boy would save Lina as long as Tina Stephenson cried.

Kyla said, "Thank you anyway." She was about to get out of the

car.

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"Kyla, in this day and age, do you still want to risk your life to have this baby?" They had just witnessed what had happened to Lina.

"You heard what that child said. Lina had difficulty delivering the baby because someone did something to her. I think we can avoid that if we're more careful. I don't want to give up this baby so easily." Kyla got out of the car after she finished speaking.

Martin Weiss froze. She had just said the word 'we'. She was putting both of them on the same team for the first time in years.

That one word filled his heart with joy.

'Does this mean that her attitude toward me has softened a

little?

'As long as this goes on day by day... She'll eventually learn to trust me again and believe that I love her!

'Maybe... she'll be willing to come back to me.

'Even though that day seems so far away, I still hope for it...'

The hospital ward became quiet again. Hadwin Stephenson stayed beside the hospital bed as he stared at the person lying on the bed.

She was the one he loved the most, but he could only watch her sleep soundly again and do nothing.

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It was like how it was back then, and it was unexpectedly still the same after all these years.

"Lina, you'll wake up this time, won't you?" he murmured as he held her right hand, which lay by the bed.

It was as if her temperature and touch would give him the courage to wait for her to wake up.

She was only awake for half an hour just now.

He was so scared that she would only be awake for a short time, just like what had happened in the delivery room previously. He was worried she would fall into an endless sleep again.

Every minute and every second was hell to him.

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He stared at the person on the hospital bed, not wanting to miss. a minute of her. He feared that something might happen to her, but he did not notice anything.

Sometime later, Lina finally opened her eyes again when the sky outside the window lit up.

Hadwin Stephenson stiffened all of a sudden. He only looked blankly at her eyes that were opened. Tears instantly poured out of his eyes.

"What's the matter... I... I just took a little nap. Why are you crying..." muttered Lina as she raised her hand to wipe away his tears. However, she found that her arms were so sore that she had no energy to lift them.

Hadwin Stephenson put Lina's hand on his cheek as he mumbled, "Okay, I won't cry. I won't cry!" He tried to hold back his tears and kissed her hand from the fingertips to the palm.

"Where's Grace? Have they gone back?" she asked with some difficulty.

"Yeah, they went back yesterday. They were up late worrying over you. They'll probably come to the hospital to visit you again. in the morning. They've been coming to the hospital to visit you every day these days," said Hadwin Stephenson.

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"These days?" Lina seemed to finally realize that more time had passed than she thought. "How long have I been sleeping?"

"You've been sleeping for 13 days," said Hadwin Stephenson. He had been counting the minutes and seconds of every day that passed since she fell into a coma.

Lina was shocked. She felt like she had just given birth. Who knew it had already been 13 days?

"By the way, where's the baby?" She remembered that the baby was still in the ward when she woke up, but now... the baby was not here.

"The nurse took the baby to another ward, lest she disturbed you. I'll ask them to bring the baby here in the morning," said Hadwin Stephenson.

Lina finally felt relieved. "Have you had a rough... 13 days?" Judging from his present state, she could almost guess how he had spent these 13 days.

Hadwin Stephenson murmured, "Everything's alright now that you're awake. Lina, I was so scared of losing you."

"Silly pie, I wouldn't have let you marry another woman and let my daughter call another woman 'Mom'. Even if I'm in a coma, I'll try my best to wake up! How could I leave you when you're so handsome?" She joked.

He could not help smiling when he heard that. She had always been able to make him relax.

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"But no one will say you're handsome... if you go out looking, like this... Even if I'm in a coma, you should cat well, sleep well, and dress well. How miserable would I be if you collapsed when I woke up?" she continued lecturing him.

"Okay... Okay, I'll clean myself up, have a good meal, and have a good rest!" he said hurriedly.

She looked at the obvious dark circles under his eyes. "Why don't you go to sleep now?"

"Now?" Hadwin Stephenson froze.

"Yes, now. My hospital bed is big enough for you to sleep on anyway. Take a nap on this bed. I haven't slept with my husband for a long time..." she mumbled.

"But... I don't want to crush you," he said with hesitation.

"You won't. You're a good sleeper. You never move around." She was the one who moved around. She would often put her hands and legs on him. Sometimes, she would kick the blanket as well as him!

"But I haven't showered in days. I'm... dirty..." He continued to

hesitate.

Lina said, "I don't mind it! I don't mind how dirty you are," she said as tears welled in her eyes.