

Ex Convict 2841

Chapter 2841

Even if they lived together and looked affectionate in front of people, it was false. They were still going to get divorced in the

future.

“One day, you’ll also have a new relationship. You’ll meet a woman who loves you very much, and you’ll love her too,” said Kyla as she tried hard to smile.

However, she had no idea that her smile stung his eyes. “You want me to have a romantic relationship?”

“Yes, I do,” replied Kyla.

Martin Weiss’s face darkened. “Are you that eager to get rid of me?”

Kyla’s smile gradually froze. “Martin, none of us is getting rid of the other. All we did was lose each other. I lost you, and you lost

me.”

Those events eventually became a bitter pill that was hard to swallow.

The highlight of the charity gala, the auction, began. A wide

Chapter 2841

2/3

variety of things were being auctioned, but they were all ‘costly’.

At a charity gala like this, spending money on auctions was a way to flaunt your wealth.

Some people even deliberately raised the price.

Valda Theller was a little fidgety. Her portrait was up next. It would be embarrassing if no one bought it.

She figured she would buy it herself for 10,000 or 20,000 dollars if no one would buy it. The money would go to charity anyway.

“Don’t worry.” Brian’s voice rang suddenly in her ears. “If no one buys your portrait later, I will.”

“How did you know...” Valda Theller looked blankly at Brian. He figured out what was on her mind.

“Anyone can tell by the look on your face,” he said indifferently.

She touched her cheek. “Is it that obvious?”

He said, "Yeah, but why did you think about donating the portrait?"

You could've just taken off the earrings and donated them."

"They're yours. How can I give them away without permission?"

Valda Theller said.

"Since you're wearing the jewelry, they're yours," he said.

Chapter 2841

"But they're too-

3/3

Brian said, "Are you going to say they're too expensive? But you should know that they mean nothing to me, so you don't have to worry too much about it. You can do whatever you want with the gowns and jewelry I give you."

Valda Theller knew Brian was telling the truth, and she would definitely take good care of everything he gave her.

No matter how things ended up between them, she would treasure the things he gave her.

Finally, it was time for Valda Theller's portrait to be auctioned.

However, Valda Theller did not expect Phoebe Cross to participate in the auction and shout 50,000 dollars.

Valda Theller looked at Phoebe Cross with some doubt while

Phoebe Cross smiled. According to the procedure, the buyer

would be interviewed by the emcee, who would ask why the buyer wanted to bid on the item.

She could take the opportunity to humiliate Valda Theller. She could call it worthless work, but she took pity on Valda Theller and

bought it.

Chapter 2842

Later, she could find ways to mock the portrait. What Valda

Theller did today would then become a joke!

Phoebe Cross looked confident. Just then, someone suddenly called out, "100 million dollars!"

1/4

Phoebe Cross raised her head in amazement and looked at Brian not far away in disbelief. He... called for 100 million dollars.

Valda Theller choked on her own saliva. '100 million dollars? Did I hear him wrong, or did he make a slip of the tongue?'

The auctioneer on stage was shocked by the figure of 100 million dollars. After a while, they finally said, "Mr. Hart offered 100 million dollars. Is there a higher offer?"

Everyone was silent. Buying an unpopular comic artist's work for 100 million dollars? It was not like money grew on trees!

"A-Are you crazy?" Valda Theller muttered as she tugged on Brian next to her.

"You drew a portrait of me, so the price is right," said Brian.

"But..."

Chapter 2842

2/4

"The Hart family was going to donate money to charity anyway, so it's perfect," he said again.

"100 million dollars going once... 100 million dollars going twice..."

100 million dollars going thrice..."

As the mallet dropped with a thump, the portrait was sold for 100 million dollars.

Everyone also focused on Brian and Valda Theller. They only thought Brian must dote on Valda Theller very much. Otherwise,

why would he spend 100 million dollars on Valda Theller's portrait?

Phoebe Cross's expression was distorted. The 100 million dollars price was like a loud slap in the face.

What did a woman like Valda Theller have for Brian to pay 100 million dollars?

Valda Theller was still in a trance when the gala ended.

Even though Brian had already planned for the Hart family to donate money to charity, she felt like she was in a dream when he bought her worthless portrait for 100 million dollars.

“Then portrait...” Valda Theller said hesitantly.

Brian said, “I’m keeping it. After all, I won it, didn’t I? I’ll ask them to send it to me.”

Chapter 2842

“Okay.” She nodded in a trance.

3/4

“Alright, you must be exhausted. Let me take you home,” he said.

She nodded again. She was exhausted today.

After getting into the car, the driver drove in the front while Valda Theller and Brian sat in the back.

Valda Theller yawned and closed her eyes. Her head kept nodding like a chicken pecking at rice.

Brian saw that her head almost hit the car window, so he gently cradled her head and let her lean against his shoulder.

Speaking of which, he would never impulsively buy a worthless portrait for 100 million dollars if it was in the past.

However, he did just that today.

Even though he told the media not to report anything related to

Valda Theller to avoid her being judged online, someone would probably still post it online. The best he could do was suppress

the news.

Her head suddenly rubbed against his shoulder, and her arms dangling by the sides wrapped around one of his arms.

He looked down at the woman whose eyes were still closed. He

Chapter 2842

knew that she was still asleep.

Chapter 2843

'Girlfriend...' He seemed to have gotten used to her presence and closeness without knowing it...

He seemed to be more relaxed when she was around.

She always felt that he had helped her with many things, but she had no idea that she was the one helping him...

Valda Theller was awakened by a phone call from Camille Strickland.

"Valda, did Brian spend 100 million dollars on your portrait yesterday?" Camille Strickland asked in surprise.

Valda Theller was confused. "H-How do you know?"

"It's online, but someone seems to have suppressed it, so it didn't go viral. My colleagues at the magazine told me about it," said Camille Strickland.

Valda Theller finally sobered up slightly. 'Thank God... it didn't go viral.'

"But that's too much! He spent 100 million dollars on your portrait.

Chapter 2843

Aren't you going to be rich in the future?"

2/4

"The Hart family was going to donate money to charity anyway. He only bought my portrait to donate to charity. Besides, don't you know how much my portraits are worth?" Valda Tholler said.

"Anyway, I can see that Brian is really good to you. I think he's serious about you."

Valda Theller's eyelashes quivered. "He has always been very serious about me."

After ending the call, Valda Theller sighed and sat up.

'Yeah, Brian has been serious and honest with me since the beginning. He's never lied to me whether in our first fake

relationship or in our current real relationship.'

Valda Theller threw back the covers and got out of bed, but she paused after taking two steps.

She was not wearing the gown she wore last night but her pajamas.

Her clothes had been changed!

All she remembered was falling asleep in Brian's car. Then... She...

She had no recollection of what had happened!

She did have a few glasses of champagne at the gala yesterday.

Chapter 2843

'Did I... get drunk, so he changed my clothes?'

3/4

She instantly blushed at the thought and immediately saw the gown lying on the other side of the bed. The jewelry was on the nightstand.

If Brian did change her clothes for her, what should she say the next time she saw him?

After a quick wash, Valda Theller came to the studio with her head in a mess.

Her two assistants had also learned about the portrait that was auctioned off for 100 million dollars. They asked her if it was true when they saw her. They looked envious after getting her confirmation.

Valda Theller answered half-heartedly.

In the afternoon, Valda Theller visited Camille Strickland at the magazine office to discuss the comic fiesta.

"My boss said to hold a book signing for you at the company booth at the comic fiesta," said Camille Strickland.

Valda Theller frowned slightly. "Is it because of Brian?" As a comic artist, she looked forward to a book signing. After all, it meant that more people were reading her comics.

However, she would rather not hold one if it was only because of

Chapter 2843

Brian.

4/4

“What are you thinking? The company planned it long ago. I didn’t tell you because it wasn’t confirmed, I was scared you’d get excited over nothing. Isn’t the adaptation of your comic being filmed now? Besides, you’ve been in the business for years. You have a certain amount of work published, so you’re fit for a book signing. But I gotta tell you it’s nothing big. The company’s just going to promote you and sell your comics at our booth at the comic fiesta,” said Camille Strickland.

Chapter 2844

Valda Theller was relieved when she heard that. “Alright.”

“By the way, get prepared for the comic fiesta and come up with your own tagline.” Camille Strickland began telling Valda Theller details about the comic fiesta.

On the other hand, Patrick arrived at Brian’s office.

“I didn’t expect you to spend 100 million dollars on your girlfriend’s portrait yesterday. It seems you’re more serious about her than I thought,” said Patrick.

Brian glanced indifferently at his best friend. “Did you come here to tell me that?”

“I just wanted to ask you to keep an eye on Phoebe. I’m afraid she’ll get hot-headed and do something bad,” said Patrick.

“You want me to keep an eye on her? Didn’t you try to talk her out of it? Do you think I would spare her if I’ve been keeping an eye on her and I find out she did something she shouldn’t have done?” Brian said coldly.

Patrick laughed drily. “Since I told you to keep an eye on her, you’ll minimize the damage as much as you can, of course. It’s better than you ruining her after she’s done something that can’t be

Chapter 2844

undone.”

He would not be here if Phoebe Cross were not so stubborn.

Brian was silent.

2/4

Patrick continued saying, “We grew up together. She only fell for someone she can’t have. Be... considerate.”

‘She can’t have?’ Brian’s eyes darkened slightly. He had also fallen for someone he could not have.

“Alright, I’ll keep an eye on her. I just hope she won’t have a lot of funny ideas. Otherwise, I won’t go easy on her and the Song family,” said Brian.

Patrick sighed to himself. ‘What’s with all the trouble?’

“Alright, let’s leave it at that. I hope she thinks it through herself.” As a mutual friend, he could only do so much. “But then again, since you love Valda Theller so much, when are you going to take her to meet your parents? According to my mom, your parents haven’t met her yet.”

“Later,” Brian said indifferently. He would take her to see his parents when he had fallen in love with her. He did not want his parents to be excited over nothing, nor get her involved with things she did not have to.

“Later?” Patrick raised his eyebrows. “I thought you were planning to marry her already.”

Except for Grace, he had never seen Brian take a woman so seriously.

3/4

“Get married?” Brian murmured. He would probably lead a happy life if he married a woman like Valda Theller.

However, it would be unfair to her if he could not fall for her.

“If I ever want to get married, it’ll most likely be with Valda Theller,” he replied.

Valda Theller was on her way back to her apartment when she received a call from Brian.

“Where are you?”

“I just got on the bus after leaving the magazine office. I’m heading back to my apartment,” said Valda Theller.

“Where will you get off the bus?” Brian asked again.

Valda Theller gave the name of a bus stop, and Brian said, “Wait for me at the bus stop. I’ll come and pick you up.”

“Oh... Okay.” She hesitated before responding as she was thinking about the gown she had changed out of this morning.

She wanted to ask him if he had changed her out of the gown

Chapter 2844

4/4

yesterday but failed when the words were on the tip of her tongue.

Chapter 2845

When the bus arrived at the bus stop and the door opened, Valda

Theller saw Brian standing there.

He wore a white shirt with partial black stripes, black trousers, and leather shoes. He looked elegant and noble.

He attracted attention like a prince in a fairy tale.

Valda Theller got off the bus and immediately felt everyone waiting for the bus looking in their direction.

“How long have you been waiting?” she asked in a mutter.

Brian said, “Not too long. My car is parked nearby. Where do you want to eat tonight?”

“Why don’t... we buy some ingredients from a nearby supermarket and go to my apartment for a simple hotpot?” she said. They had bought ingredients and cooked themselves before.

“Alright,” said Brian.

Therefore, they went to a nearby supermarket and started shopping for hotpot ingredients for the evening.

Chapter 2845

However, Valda Theller would look at Brian from time to time

2/3

while shopping in the supermarket. When Brian looked at her, she immediately avoided him.

‘I can’t ask... Can I ask if he took off my gown last night?’ Valda Theller lamented in her head.

Even if he did, he was probably just worried she would not be comfortable sleeping in the gown.

However, the incident would haunt her if she did not ask.

After shopping at the supermarket, Brian drove to Valda Theller’s apartment. The two got out of the car with the ingredients.

“What’s the matter? You seem to be taking peeks at me every now and then. Do you have something to tell me?” Brian’s voice rang out suddenly.

She quickly denied it and said, “Ah... It’s... It’s nothing. I... I just think you look good, especially in black and white.”

“Really?” He stared at her thoughtfully.

She nodded, but he still saw through the guilty expression.

Brian looked down and said nothing as he entered the elevator with Valda Theller and arrived at her apartment door.

Valda Theller opened the door, and the two went in.

Chapter 2845

3/3

“Put the ingredients on the marble counter in the kitchen,” said Valda Theller before putting down the things she was holding. She suddenly felt a shadow loom over her. Brian came close and pressed her against the marble table.

“You know what? You’re a terrible liar. You have a guilty look on your face whenever you lie,” he said as his thin lips parted.

Valda Theller bit her lip awkwardly and looked flustered.

“So you might as well just tell me anything you want to say and save me all the guessing, okay?” Brian continued saying, his dark phoenix eyes staring straight at her.

She felt her heart beating fast again at that moment, and his eyes seemed to see right through her.

Taking a deep breath, Valda Theller blushed and said, “Actually... I just wanted to ask... whether you changed me out of my gown and into my pajamas... last night... because... because I don’t remember anything...”

It took her a lot of effort to say that.

Chapter 2846

“So that’s what you wanted to ask.” Brian suddenly understood.

Valda Theller nodded and immediately added, “Of course, it... it doesn’t matter if you don’t tell me. It doesn’t matter at all...”

She said as she lowered her head, not wanting him to see her embarrassed expression and flushed face.

“You changed out of your clothes yourself,” said Brian.

“Myself?” Valda Theller suddenly raised her head and stared at Brian in disbelief.

He said, “Yes, but... it’s not like I wasn’t involved. After I brought you home yesterday, you woke up and started yelling that the gown wasn’t comfortable, so you tried to get it off. But the gown

had a zipper at the back and you couldn't pull it down anymore after pulling a third of it. Then you insisted that I pull the zipper for you."

"And then..." she asked in a mutter.

"And then?" Brian had a faint smile he did not even notice. When she started to strip herself out of the gown last night, he turned away and did not look at her.

Chapter 2846

2/4

However, she walked over to him when she could not get the zipper down. Her hands grabbed his waist as she yelled, "I... I need you to help unzip my dress or... I'll feel uncomfortable..."

He felt as if a small animal was rubbing at him. Valda Theller was so soft that he wanted to hug her.

He closed his eyes and tried to unzip her dress, but her hands began tugging his tie when he turned around. "Just... Just cover your eyes with this."

"Don't worry. I've closed my eyes and won't look," Brian said.

She mumbled, "No, I can only be relieved... after you... blindfold yourself... I... I don't have a good figure. My boobs... uh... they're rather small. I can't let you see them... or... or you'll be disappointed. But... don't worry... I... I'll try to make them grow a little bigger..."

He had been a little irritated by her distrust but did not know whether to laugh or cry when he heard her words.

"Then you said you don't have a good figure and your boobs are small. You were worried I'd be disappointed. It wasn't enough for you that I had closed my eyes. You wouldn't be at ease until I put my tie over my eyes," said Brian.

Valda Theller felt like killing herself. 'Gosh! What did I say?'

If she had known, she would have pretended she knew nothing

Chapter 2846

and would not have asked.

"You..." She looked at him sheepishly.

3/4

"I covered my eyes with a tie and pulled the zipper down for you. Then you took off the gown and ran to the wardrobe to take your pajamas before changing into them. You only removed my tie when you were done. So you don't have to worry about me seeing anything," said Brian.

Valda Theller was slightly relieved. It turned out she changed into her pajamas herself after getting drunk!

She stammered, "Well... Forget what I said last night... Forget it all... I... I'll prepare the hotpot for tonight first."

With that said, she hurriedly went round Brian and immersed herself in cleaning the ingredients.

Brian leaned against a wall and watched. He failed to mention that she did not remove his tie from over his eyes as soon as she had

changed into her pajamas. Instead, she had thrust herself into his arms.

He was caught off guard as she pressed him on the couch.

The next moment, her lips were on his.

Chapter 2847

It was the first time he had been kissed while blindfolded. He could not see, but his other senses became sharper.

Her scent, warmth, and nasally voice became very clear to him.

He could not help being absorbed in the kiss. Valda Theller's hand tugged off his tie and caressed his eyes when it was over.

"Brian, you have such beautiful eyes. They're so beautiful! Do you know... I... I was drawn to them the first time I saw them on that rainy day."

"Drawn?" he murmured.

"Yeah, drawn. I just thought... your eyes looked like they were going to cry. I... I didn't want to see you cry. Such beautiful... eyes shouldn't be crying..." she said as she kissed his eyes.

He shuddered. The woman had said not long ago that she would never make such intimate gestures unless he had fallen for her.

However, she was so intimate with him after getting drunk.

Instead of rejecting her, he was... expectant.

'Expectant... What am I expecting? Am I expecting her to be more

2/3

intimate with me?'

"I'm not going to cry," he murmured. He had no reason to cry.

"R-Really?" she muttered as her fingers began to play with his eyelashes. "Then you... you're not allowed... not allowed to cry from now on. You're a puppy If... If you do!"

He was torn between tears and laughter by her remark.

“Alright, you’re drunk. Go back to bed and sleep first.” He gestured for her to get up, but her arms wrapped around his neck while her head leaned on his shoulder. She mumbled, “I’ll... treasure you very much. I’ll treasure you more than anyone else... so... don’t cry... I won’t leave you. I won’t...”

Her voice grew quieter and quieter until it finally faded.

However, he was in a trance for a long time.

‘Does this woman want to treasure me more than anyone else? Does she love me that much?’

After a long while, he carried the woman who had fallen asleep back to bed and carefully covered her with a thin blanket. “If you won’t leave me, let me fall in love with you first.”

“By the way, did I do anything to you last night other than cover your eyes with a tie?” Valda Theller turned her head suddenly and

asked Brian.

Chapter 2847

He smiled faintly. “No, you didn’t do anything else.”

3/3

Valda Theller was a little reserved at the beginning of dinner, but she loosened up afterward.

Come to think of it, Brian had seen her at her worst anyway,

so she had nothing to be ashamed of. It was pointless being embarrassed about what had happened anyway.

“By the way, are you sure you don’t want to take back the gown and jewelry from yesterday?” Valda Theller asked.

Chapter 2848

“Do you think I’ll ever take back what I’ve given away?” Brian asked rhetorically.

Valda Theller said, “Thank you for the gifts... then. By the way, the

comic fiesta is next week. The magazine will be holding a small book signing for me. Will you be free to stop by after the book signing?”

“Comic fiesta?” he asked.

“The comic fiesta venue doesn’t close until 10 o’clock, so we can take a look around until then. Of course, I’ll just look around myself after the book signing if you’re unavailable.”

She had often attended comic fiestas by herself. If Camille were free, she would take Camille with her.

However... she wanted to check out the comic fiesta with him. It was as if she wanted him to get to know her hobbies, and it would be great if he liked them too.

“Okay, I understand. Let me know the specific time and address,” said Brian.

Valda Theller instantly had a bright smile when she heard the news.

Chapter 2848

He paused slightly when he saw her smile. ‘When did I start to enjoy seeing her smile more and more...’

2/3

After dinner, Brian went downstairs and drove off alone. A figure slowly emerged from a hidden corner when the car pulled out of the apartment compound.

It was a face 80 percent similar to Grace’s. Even her hair and dressing were similar to Grace’s.

If Brian were still around, he would be able to recall the woman’s name... Whitney Cooper.

However, Whitney Cooper’s beautiful face was twisted due to jealousy.

Brian had saved her from poverty and gave her hope when she was abroad.

He kept her around as his secretary but never let her get near him.

She later learned about Grace and knew that the woman was the person Brian loved. She also understood why Brian saved her.

Therefore, she tried hard to be more like Grace, even if she was just a substitute.

3/3

‘But why... Why does Brian have a girlfriend now, but that girlfriend isn’t me? The woman named Valda Theller is nothing like Grace!’

Remembering how Brian had told her to go to a company branch overseas and warned her not to overthink, Whitney Cooper’s heart churned.

It was all right if Brian did not love others for Grace.

However, she could not accept him falling in love with someone else!

Chapter 2849

If Brian wanted to fall in love with anyone, it should be her. She looked like Grace the most!

The next day, Whitney Cooper came to Valda Theller’s studio. After seeing Valda Theller, she said, “Do you have a minute? There’s something I wanted to talk to you about, Miss Theller.”

“You...” Valda Theller looked at her suspiciously. At first glance, she mistook her for Grace, but she could see their differences on closer inspection.

Grace was now pregnant and resting at home, but the woman in front of her was slim and had a flat belly.

“I’m Whitney Cooper, Brian’s secretary abroad. There’s something about Brian I wish to tell you. Don’t you want to find out?” said Whitney Cooper.

Valda Theller frowned. ‘She’s addressing Brian by his first name. Is she close to Brian?’

Jealousy spread in her heart as she thought of it.

“No thanks, I’ll ask Brian myself if there’s anything I want to know about him. I don’t need others to tell me. Miss Cooper, please

leave if there’s nothing else,” said Valda Theller.

Chapter 2849

2/4

“So you’ve asked Brian about Grace yourself?” Whitney Cooper asked suddenly.

Valda Theller froze, and the expression on her face changed. What she knew about Grace and Brian was from online, other people, or her speculation. She had never asked him herself.

Grace was like a taboo topic between them. It was an elephant in the room, but she could never ask about it.

Whitney Cooper smiled at this. “It seems you’ve never asked about it. In that case, I can tell you some information. If you don’t want to go outside with me, I can say it here.”

Valda Theller frowned. “I said I’ll ask myself if I want to know.”

Whitney Cooper walked casually to the bookshelf nearby. She flipped through the comics on the bookshelf and said, “You must be smug these days. Brian spent 100 million dollars on your portrait. Do you think he loves you? How funny. Do you know how deep his feelings for Grace are?”

Valda Theller pressed her lips tightly. ‘Of course, I know. How can I not know?’

“Grace likes purple gowns, so he never lets the women around him wear purple gowns. The food he likes is also food that Grace likes. He has Grace’s photos on his phone, so no one is allowed to touch his phone. He’ll also remember everything Grace has said to

Chapter 2849

him for the rest of his life.”

3/4

Whitney Cooper said and turned to look at Valda Theller. “I don’t think you’ve worn a purple gown in front of him before, nor have you looked through his phone.”

‘...’ Valda Theller quivered subtly. “What are you trying to say? Are you trying to sow discord to ruin our relationship?”

Whitney Cooper said, “I just want you to recognize reality. Don’t you think I look like Grace? Because of my face, he didn’t hesitate to save me when I was in trouble and made me his private secretary.”

Whitney Cooper said with a smile on her lips as if she was recalling the good old days. “He used to fall into a trance when he looked at me. He would even... hug me and tell me about his past and obsession with Grace, which he probably never told you about!”

Whitney Cooper seemed to be provoking her with every word she said. Valda Theller only felt her chest being stuffy.

“So? What are you trying to say?” Valda Theller took a deep breath and said, not wanting to show weakness in front of this

woman. “If you think you’ll cause any conflict between Brian and me and affect our relationship by saying this, it’s just wishful thinking.”

“I want to clarify that you don’t look like Grace! He won’t love you

Chapter 2849

4/4

at all! I don’t know why Brian wants people to think you’re his girlfriend, but I think there must be a reason for this. Don’t you want to know?” Whitney Cooper said. All she had to do today was plant a seed of doubt.

Chapter 2850

Valda Theller asked rhetorically, “So, are you smug because you look similar to Grace? It’s not surprising that two people look similar, but you’re even trying to copy her hairstyle and fashion sense. Are you trying to imitate her and become her substitute? Do you think Brian would love a substitute?”

“So what if I’m a substitute? I love Brian, and I don’t mind being a substitute for him!” Whitney Cooper said.

"I'll never want to be a substitute when I love someone. If you're a substitute, what's so great about getting temporary affection? You're only taking advantage! You're nothing when the real deal appears," Valda Theller said bluntly.

Whitney Cooper's expression became ghastly. She had wanted to embarrass Valda Theller, but now it seemed like she was the embarrassed one.

"What do you know? Brian loves Grace so much that he'll never fall in love with anyone else! Do you know how hard Brian cried and hugged me when he woke up in the middle of the night when we were abroad? Do you know how he begged me not to leave him?"

"That's enough! Whitney Cooper, since when did you have the right to meddle in my affairs?" A shout interrupted Whitney

Chapter 2850 Cooper.

Whitney Cooper and Valda Theller turned around to see Brian standing at the studio's entrance.

2/3

Whitney Cooper froze. "Brian, what are you doing here?" Today was a work day. She came here early to avoid him and meet Valda Theller alone.

Brian said coldly, "Why wouldn't I be here? And what are you doing here?"

"... I just... learned online that Miss Theller is your girlfriend. I came here to have a look because I was curious." Whitney Cooper tried hard to make her expression look more like Grace's. "Brian, you won't blame me, will you?"

"Why wouldn't I blame you? What nonsense did you tell her?" His dark phoenix eyes were cold.

Whitney Cooper bit her lip, looking pitiful. "Brian, I... I just told Miss Theller that I like you very much. I'm willing to do anything as long as I can stay with you!"

She said as she timidly went over to pull the hem of Brian's shirt.

"Brian, I missed you so much when I was abroad. That's why I came here to look for you. I want to stay by your side as your secretary, can I?"

Brian's eyes flickered with confusion. Whitney Cooper already

Chapter 2850

3/3

looked similar to Grace to begin with, and she looked even more like Grace with her hair, outfit, and makeup.

It was as if Grace was saying these words in front of him.

'Grace...'

The thought of the woman he loved made his heart ache again. If only Grace wanted to stay by his side.

"Brian..." Whitney Cooper called out softly.

The confusion in Brian's eyes thickened.

Just then, a pair of arms grabbed his arm.

Valda Theller said, "Brian is my boyfriend! If you're only Brian's secretary, Miss Cooper, I hope you'll keep your distance. Even if you like him, you should know he has a girlfriend now."

Her voice woke him up. He looked blankly at Valda Theller standing next to him with half of her body almost attached to his arm.

Whitney Cooper clenched her teeth in hatred. She could have

fooled Brian if it were not for Valda Theller.

"I'm free to like Brian, Miss Theller. You have no right to interfere," said Whitney Cooper.

"It's your freedom to like someone. But there'll be a problem with your integrity if you destroy people's relationships! Miss Cooper, if you're here to steal my boyfriend, I have to say that I don't welcome you here. Please leave!" Valda Theller said unceremoniously.

Whitney Cooper choked. Her face with delicate makeup was almost distorted.

"Didn't you hear her?" Brian turned to look at Whitney Cooper. "You're not welcome here. Besides, I already told you it's never going to happen between us! If you don't want to work abroad, you can resign. Hart Group doesn't support idle people!"

Whitney Cooper pressed her red lips tightly. She could tell Brian was angry. "I... I'll leave. Brian, don't be mad at me. I know it's my fault. I'm sorry I upset Miss Theller."

She solemnly said to Valda Theller, "Miss Theller, I'm so sorry."