

## **Ex Convict 581**

### Chapter 581

Yes, it was all Grace's fault! It was Grace who made her lose all she had gained.

It just did not occur to Evelyn that everything she had gained was also because of Grace.

Grace had just finished delivering an order when she stepped into the small restaurant. Two figures immediately rushed

over. One of them raised her hand and slapped Grace in the face.

The slop struck so hard that Grace tottered back for several steps as she tasted blood in her mouth.

"You shameless creature. Are you so jealous of your little sister? How could you seduce your sister's boyfriend? Why did the Cummins family have a daughter like you?" A shrill voice followed the fall of the slop.

Grace looked coldly at Melinda Riley, her stepmother. She raised her hand to ward off Melinda Riley's other hand as it came toward her.

Melinda Riley glared at her. "Why, can't your mother hit you?"

Grace coldly said, "I only have one mother, and you're not her!"

"Who do you think your mother is? Sure enough, being shameless is also hereditary. Your mother was shameless, and the daughter she gave birth to is also shameless. All you do is seduce men..."

Before Melinda Riley could finish her words, she was slapped into a daze.

"How... How dare you slap me?" said Melinda Riley with a look of disbelief. She had no idea her stepdaughter would dare to hit her.

"Since you don't have any affection and treat me like an enemy, why don't I dare to hit you?" Grace asked coldly. "Besides, in terms of shamelessness, you're the shameless one. It was only a short time after my mother's death when you married into the family. And you already seemed to be several months pregnant when you came!"

In the past, she had been more or less mindful of the fact that Melinda Riley was her elder, Even if she had insulted her and said those outrageous things to her, she would endure it all. However, ever since they threatened her with her mother's grave, she had completely given up on them.

A woman who had shamelessly seduced someone else's.

husband was crossing the line by saying that it was the dead woman who was shameless.

It would be a disgrace to Grace's dead mother if she just endured it.

Melinda Riley's face paled and reddened, especially now that they were in the small restaurant where the customers were all looking this way. They looked at her with disdain after hearing Grace's words.

How could Melinda Riley stand it?

"I'm going to rip your mouth out!" Melinda Riley was furious. and pounced on Grace.

Grace ducked and Melinda Riley lost her pace. She ran straight into the doorway of the restaurant. Immediately, blood gushed from her forehead.

"How dare you hurt me? You... You murderer. Are you going to kill me today?" When Melinda Riley saw that she was bleeding, she swore even more. She said to her husband, "Are you just going to watch your daughter hurt me?"

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Tony Cummins immediately caught his wife and shouted at his eldest daughter, "How can you treat your Aunt Riley this way? She's your elder, after all. Come on, apologize to your Aunt Riley!"

Grace looked at her father coldly. She used to work hard to gain his approval so that he would treat her like how he treated Evelyn, but it all turned out to be wishful thinking.

Finally, she had given up completely. "Apologize? What do I have to apologize for? You expect me to crane my neck toward her and let her hit me if she wants to hit me? If she

wants to scold me or even my mother, I have to let her? Do I

have to be more explicit about who wronged my mother in the first place?"

There was a flash of embarrassment on Tony Cummins's face,

but then, amid Melinda Riley's screams, he said, "So what if Aunt Riley hits you? Why don't you tell me the dirty deeds you've done to your little sister? If it hadn't been for you, shel

wouldn't have been dumped."

Grace sneered. "Why don't you ask her what she did?"

“What dirty deeds can your sister do? Come on, apologize to your Aunt Riley!” yelled Tony Cummins angrily.

Melinda Riley just kept yelling, “She hurt me. I’m going to report it to the police. I’m going to sue her for hurting me! With intent to murder!”

Grace paid no attention to the couple. She turned to Kyla Corbyn and said, “I’m sorry, my personal affairs have affected the restaurant’s business.”

“It’s nothing,” replied Kyla Corbyn. She had started evacuating the customers one by one just now.

Tony Cummins watched as his eldest daughter ignored them. Feeling at once that his authority as a father was being

challenged, he rushed straight ahead and was going to hit Grace again.

Grace was about to get out of the way when suddenly a figure pulled her straight back. That person kicked Tony Cummins. with one foot, sending him to the ground.

Tony Cummins dizzily tried to get up but was quickly pinned down by a man.

Melinda Riley was stunned by the incident and subconsciously screamed, “What are you trying to do? You’re hitting someone. in broad daylight. I’m calling the police! I’m calling the police!”

“That’s great. Call the police, Terrence!” A cold voice rang in the small restaurant, making everyone shudder.

“Yes.” Standing behind Jason, Terrence, who was his private secretary, took out his phone and called the police.

Only now did Tony Cummins and Melinda Riley discover that it was Jason who had just kicked Tony Cummins!

Why... Was Jason here?

The two of them were confused! Having heard from Evelyn that Grace worked in a small restaurant, they thought Jason

did not care about Grace.

After all, if he took her seriously, would he let her deliver food for a small restaurant?

They came here to take revenge for their little daughter. Who would have thought that they would have to face this?

“I want to teach my daughter a lesson. It’s... It’s none of your business. Can the rich stop others from teaching their daughters a lesson?” Tony Cummins struggled and tried to break free from the bodyguard who was pinning him down,

but he failed.

“Grace’s my woman. Whoever touches her will be an enemy of the Reed family!” Jason spat out these words, making Tony

Cummins and Melinda Riley gasp.

The two people who were overwhelmed with fury finally realized what the Reed family and Jason stood for.

It was more than just money!

If they became enemies with the Reed family, their lives would not be enough to compensate!

Kyla Corbyn looked somewhat unexpectedly at Jason who was holding Grace in his arms. A man like this must love Grace deeply if he was willing to say that.

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Grace... Had better luck than her! Kyla Corbyn’s eyes dimmed when she thought of her past. Once, she also thought she had met a man who was willing to fight the whole world for her.

However, it turned out that the man regarded her as his enemy.

Pathetic and ridiculous-that was her comment on that relationship.

Now, she just wanted Nelson to grow up well.

Jason lowered his head to look at the corner of Grace’s mouth. that was injured from the slap. He saw that her cheek was swollen as well. There was a trace of blood trickling down the corner of her mouth. The sight stung his eyes.

Frowning, his fingertip gently brushed across her wound.

“Who did this?”

“Why are you here?” she asked without answering.

“I just finished some business and happened to pass by, so I thought I’d come and see you.” It was a good thing he had come to see her. If he had not come, she would have been

bullied by her father and stepmother just like that. “Who hit you just now?” He repeated his question.

“My stepmother,” said Grace. It looked like he would not stop until he got an answer. “I’ve slapped her back.”

Jason glanced lazily at Melinda Riley.

Melinda Riley felt a chill rising in her stomach. There was a sudden surge of fear in her heart. "What do you want? So what if... If I hit her? She can have her wounds examined and I'll pay for her medical expenses..."

Jason slowly walked up to Melinda Riley and gave her a sharp slap with a thunderous wave of his hand.

Melinda Riley was knocked to the ground. A tooth was knocked out of her mouth with blood spurting everywhere.

"Hit... Hit me. You... You hit me..." Melinda Riley cried out in pain.

Jason looked down at her coldly and said, "So what if I hit you? You can have the wounds examined and I'll pay for the medical expenses."

He was handing Melinda Riley's words right back to her.

The only problem was who would dare to ask Jason to compensate for their medical expenses?

After a while, the police arrived. They all went to the police station.

Grace did not get into much trouble as Jason had called his lawyer to the police station. The lawyer hired by the Reed family was naturally a famous barrister in Emerald City.

Tony Cummins and Melinda Riley were placed under administrative detention for five days for causing a disturbance.

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Once they heard they were getting detained, the couple immediately cried and screamed. However, this time, they dared not scold Grace again.

Jason took Grace out of the police station and got into the car. He looked at the wound on her face with distress. "It seems that I should send someone to protect you at all times, lest you get hurt again by accident."

Grace immediately said, "No, I only earn 4,000 dollars a month. How much do you pay the bodyguard a month for protecting me?"

The bodyguard's salary was several times hers!

"How about coming to work for me?" he asked. It would be easier for him to look after her.

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She hesitated and said, "I'm actually quite happy at the small restaurant, and..." She paused and said very seriously, "I want

to work on my own, Jay. If I were to work at your company,

I won't have to do anything if everyone knows I'm your girlfriend. I'll just sit there and get paid every month."

"Isn't that great?" he asked.

"I want to see how far I can go on my own. I don't expect to spend my whole life delivering food. I'm also looking at some research materials in private, hoping it'll help me in my future career," said Grace.

She had begun planning for her future career.

Jason raised his eyebrows slightly as he heard this. Then, he raised his hand and stroked her swollen cheek.

She gasped in slight pain.

He said, "Apply some medicine when you get back. Also, didn't I tell you to call me if there are any problems? Why didn't you

call me?"

God knew what would have happened if he had not decided.

to drop by.

She replied somewhat awkwardly, "Uh... I forgot..." After all, it all happened so suddenly. She was in a confrontation with her father and stepmother. At that moment, she forgot to call him.

His eyes flickered slightly. 'Does this mean that in her heart, I'm still not the first person she wants to rely on when she's in

trouble?'

"You must remember to ask me for help if you get into any trouble in the future. Don't you forget it again!" said Jason.

"Oh, got it!" she replied, feeling a surge of warmth in her heart. "By the way, you didn't need to slap my stepmother a second time. You'll get into trouble if she tries to sue you."

"Then let her sue me," Jason said without a care in the world. He wanted people to understand that if they want to touch her, they should be prepared for him to touch them.

"Why did your father and stepmother bother you today?" asked Jason.

"Maybe they think I have something to do with Evelyn and Brian's breakup." Grace found it ridiculous as she spoke of it. "Or maybe they just want to find a scapegoat to blow off some steam and make them feel that Evelyn's break up with Brian isn't Evelyn's problem but someone else's."

"Is that so?" Jason's eyes darkened a little. "Don't they know whose girlfriend you are?"

"I think they should know by now," replied Grace.

Back at Reed Residence, Jason took out the first-aid kit and applied the medicine for Grace. "Do you want me to deal with your father and stepmother?" he asked.

Had one of them not been her biological father, he would not have asked this. He would have just left those two homeless and helpless in Emerald City.

"Forget it. There's no need for that. I think they dare not bother me anymore after today," said Grace, yawning.

She was exhausted after today's commotion. She was already sleepy when it was only eight o'clock in the evening.

"You should turn in early," said Jason.

"Yes." Grace nodded and lied on the bed, falling asleep in the blink of an eye.

Jason sat on the bedside, staring deeply at the sleeping face of the person before him. After a moment, he stood up, went downstairs, and made a call. "Where are you? I want to see you now."

Brian was making tea alone in the huge private room of a club owned by the Hart family. The wall on one side was made from special glass that was transparent from the inside, but when one looked from the outside, it was opaque.

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Through this glass wall, one could see the hubbub in the center of the hall outside. There were singing and dancing performances by various resident singers.

Compared with the noise outside, the private room was strangely quiet.

Brian poured himself a cup of tea, sipped on it, and stared coldly at the uproar outside that was alien to him.

The door was pushed open, and the sound of footsteps rang in the private room.

Brian turned his head slightly and looked at the visitor. "You're here. Would you like a cup of tea?"

"No thanks." Jason walked to a chair opposite Brian and sat down. "I came to tell you a few simple words. I'll leave right after."

Brian raised his eyebrows slightly. "Really? What do you want to tell me?"

"It's your business to break up with Evelyn, but don't get Grace involved. I have limited patience and won't let Grace be

Brian's eyes glinted. "What do you mean?"

“Today, Evelyn’s parents went to Grace and said you broke up with Evelyn because of Grace. Is the reason Evelyn’s parents think so because of Evelyn or you?” said Jason.

Brian gently twirled the teacup in his hands. The fragrance.

of tea diffused through his nose along with the heat and gradually filled the whole room. “Does it matter?”

“Since I’m here to see you, of course, it’s important,” answered Jason.

Brian lowered his eyelids and was silent. He did not immediately answer Jason.

Jason’s voice once again rang in the private room. “Does your breakup with Evelyn have anything to do with Grace?”

Brian’s hands trembled almost unnoticeably. It was a subtle gesture, but Jason noticed it.

Jason’s eyes darkened slowly, and an almost stagnant vibe pervaded the private room.

After a long time, Brian slowly raised his phoenix eyes and met Jason’s. “What if I say it does matter?”

Instantly, Jason’s eyes looked like they were covered with ice.

“Do you want to die?”

“She seems to mean a great deal to you. However, if I really want her, then you can’t stop me even if you’re Jason,” Brian said, looking into his eyes.

Immediately, there was tension in the air.

“You can’t afford her.” There was an air of danger around

Jason.

Brian emptied his cup of tea. “She’s not the one I’m looking for. Otherwise, there’s no way I’ll let go even if I have to fight you. Therefore, even if I’ve broken up with Evelyn, I’m not going to do anything about Grace.”

“Well then, I don’t want Grace to get into any more trouble. because of you.” Jason finished talking, stood up, and walked straight out of the private room.

He had the answer he wanted tonight.

Maybe he should be glad that Brian did not know that Grace was the person he was looking for. Even so, Brian was genuinely tempted by Grace.

If Brian had not been too obsessed with the person he was

looking for, he would have...

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Jason pressed his thin lips together. He would never give Brian that chance!



In the private room, Brian pulled the platinum necklace from his neck that had a small silver bracelet hanging from it.

His fingers gently rubbed against the bracelet which had been polished by him over the years.

The bracelet was like the whole world to him.

It turned out that the world had an affection that was so profound it could become heavier and heavier as it precipitated in bone and blood as time passed.

“Cut!” The director once again stopped the filming. He looked sullenly at Evelyn as he said, “What’s the matter with you? I just want you to look sad after your mother’s death. Is it so difficult to perform such a simple act? It’s not like you’ve only been an actor for a year or two...”

Listening to the director’s criticisms, Evelyn could only nod her head in response. She felt a sense of resentment in her heart.

The director had been obedient to her in the past. All her

scenes were done in one shot. Unless she asked for a reshoot, the director dared not say anything bad about her.

Now, all the director did was point his finger at her head as he scolded her.

All the other actors around them looked at Evelyn with sarcasm and disdain.

As Evelyn rekindled her mood for the scene, she heard other actresses sarcastically saying, “She doesn’t have acting skills. nor good looks, yet she has the guts to become the female

lead.”

“Well, she used to be so lucky, being the crown prince’s girlfriend and all. She thought she could marry into a rich and powerful family, but now, the crown prince has kicked her aside.”

“The crown prince probably found her too disgusting. She deliberately framed her own sister! It’s all right if she embarrassed herself, but now she’s ruining the whole crew!”

“Fortunately, the director has compressed her parts, or we’ll have to dismiss the crew!”

Evelyn was exasperated, but she could not do anything to

defend herself in the face of these claims. She wanted to make a comeback with this drama, but now the production team had severely compressed her parts. The scriptwriter even rewrote the script, making her parts less than a third of what it originally was.

In order to complete the drama smoothly so that she did not have to pay the penalty for breach of contract, she had to repeatedly endure the others’ ridicules and taunts.

They used to flatter her all the time, but they suddenly turned hostile and were now kicking her when she was down.

What was worse was that the numerous advertisements she had signed with wanted to cancel their contracts because of her scandal. Due to that, she had to pay for the breach of contract.

She would only have enough money to pay if she compensated with all the houses, jewelry, branded goods, and money she got from Brian.

However, that meant she would have nothing left!

How could she be content with that?

Grace... If it were not for Grace... Evelyn felt even more hatred.

at the thought of this!

During the filming, someone came to the set. Evelyn was very surprised to see the man. He was one of Brian's men.

The man went up to the director. After a few words with him, he went up to Evelyn. "Mr. Hart wants to see you, Miss Cummins."

Evelyn looked joyous.

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'Has Brian changed his mind?'

Evelyn looked around at all the people who ridiculed and taunted her earlier. She felt relieved!

Hmph! Once she became Brian's girlfriend again, she would drive all of them out of the entertainment industry one by one.

Evelyn left the set arrogantly.

However, when she saw Brian, she realized that things... Might not be what she thought they were.

The place where she was meeting Brian was in the detention center, and her parents were in the meeting room of the detention center.

Brian was sitting in a chair, lazily sipping on his tea.

On the other hand, her parents were trembling with fear. They were huddled in a corner on one side of the table.

Evelyn bit her lip, feeling butterflies in her stomach.

What was going on here? Why did Brian come here?

She knew about her parents' detention, but because it was

only for a few days, she did not care much as long as it did not get reported in the media.

However, now...

“Why did you choose to meet here, Brian?” Evelyn softened her voice to make herself seem pitiful. “However, it’s great that you’ll see me. Can you help me? I don’t want my parents to be detained here because of a little misunderstanding.”

She duly assumed the appearance of a dutiful daughter and blamed her parents’ detention on a misunderstanding.

“Misunderstanding?” Brian asked coldly, his dark phoenix eyes full of indifference. “Your parents went to look for trouble with Grace. Did you give them the address?”

Evelyn’s expression changed while Tony Cummins and Melinda Riley, who were huddled at the side, cowered again.

“You’re not smart enough. I chose this place because I want your parents to hear this too. All the work you have at hand ends here. After your parents come out of detention, don’t let me see you and your family in Emerald City again. If I do, it’s not going to end so easily.”

Evelyn was stunned. Was he... Telling them to leave Emerald

The TV drama she got at hand... She had swallowed her anger these days just to make a successful comeback out of it. Was... Was he making her completely incapacitated?

“You can’t do this to me, Brian. If you stop all my work now,

how can I continue to work in this industry? Besides, all... All my connections and my agency are in Emerald City. My parents have been here all their lives. How... How can I leave?”

Brian said lightly, “You won’t be hired by the entertainment industry nationwide from now on, so you don’t have to worry about your connections and agency issues. If you don’t want to leave, be prepared to accept the consequences of this decision.”

Evelyn was shocked. Was... He trying to blacklist her completely?

Tony Cummins and Melinda Riley wanted to say something, but they were too scared. Before Evelyn came, Brian had done enough to scare them.

“Brian... It’s not fair. You’re going to blacklist me and drive me and my family out of Emerald City just because my parents scolded Grace a little?”

As she spoke, she tried to get closer to him.

However, when Evelyn was only a few feet away from him, she

was pinned down by Brian’s bodyguards.

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Brian looked at Evelyn coldly. Fair? Was there ever justice in the world? If success was proportional to effort, he should have already found the little girl he spent so many years looking for!

However... He had not!

It was as if that person never existed in the world.

However... That person existed!

"If you want it to be fair, your mother slapped Grace, so let's be fair and slap you too," Brian said lightly.

Evelyn, Melinda Riley, and Tony Cummins immediately froze at this.

Melinda Riley sprang from her chair, screaming, "Why should I slap my daughter? You can't do that even if you're rich and powerful!"

"You can't hit your daughter?" Brian laughed as if he had heard a joke. "But you can casually slap your stepdaughter who isn't related to you by blood, is that right?"

There was a flash of embarrassment on Melinda Riley's face. However, she then argued. "How... How is it casual... It was Grace who shamelessly sabotaged your relationship with Evelyn..."

However, before she finished, Brian's face darkened little by little. The next moment, Brian's bodyguard had slapped Melinda Riley in the mouth.

Poor Melinda Riley had just had her tooth knocked out by Jason a few days ago. She had not replaced her tooth yet and was already slapped again. She immediately cried out in pain.

"If I hear you say something about Grace again, then your mouth need say no more."

Brian finished talking. As if he was no longer interested in staying here, he stood up to leave.

Evelyn screamed, "You can't do this to me, Brian!"

Brian glanced at her lightly. "You should be glad that your lips look like hers. Otherwise, I won't be so kind to you!"

With that, he left and was followed by several of his men.

There were only three of the Cummins family members left in the meeting room.

Melinda Riley covered her mouth which was stinging from the slap. She ran to her daughter in a daze. "What shall we do, Yin? What... Shall we do in the future? Are you going to be... Blacklisted? Are we leaving Emerald City?"

Tony Cummins seemed to have come to his senses. He immediately said, "What about the penalty if all your work is stopped? How much will they cost? Does that mean we won't gain anything?"

Evelyn shivered. Was it only because of Grace that Brian was being so ruthless to her?

What was even more ridiculous was that Brian's 'kindness'

came from the fact that her lips look like Grace's! This was the ultimate irony.

If she was going to have a hard time, she would not let Grace do any better!

All of Evelyn's jobs had been suspended, and it was reported that the entertainment industry blacklisted Evelyn for allegedly offending Brian.

Therefore, the nosy netizens started to cite the blacklisted actresses among Brian's ex-girlfriends.

Then, someone commented that being Brian's girlfriend was also a high-risk job. It seemed to be glamorous with

many benefits, but they had to face the possibility of being blacklisted too.

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Some reporters discovered that Evelyn was selling off her house and jewelry. Even the house her parents lived in was put on sale online, presumably to gather money for the penalty for breach of contract.

A busybody managed to get all of Evelyn's uncompleted contracts and worked out that the total amount of compensation was estimated to be more than 70 million dollars.

For Evelyn, a D-list actress with a normal family background, this was a big number. Selling all her possessions might not even be enough to cover it.

Grace looked at the news on her phone, and one of the photos showed information about her family home that they had given the real estate agent.

There were some collages of the interior of the house in the information.

The Cummins family's sale price online was 5,800,000 dollars.

The house with memories of her and her mother was now up for sale for 5,800,000. Grace felt a little emotional.

Actually, after so many years, there were hardly any traces

of her mother in the house. There were more traces of Evelyn and Melinda Riley in the house.

"What are you looking at?" Jason walked over to Grace. He looked down at her phone screen and raised his eyebrows slightly. "Is your old house on sale?"

"Yes, the Cummins family is selling their house," Grace replied as she nodded.

"Do you want it?" asked Jason.

Grace was a little stunned as she looked at him. Clearly, he would buy the house for her right away if she wanted it.

She shook her head and said, "No, I have more bad memories than good memories in this house."

Her mother had only lived there for three years, but her

stepmother and Evelyn had been living there for more than 20

years.

“By the way, you’ve known Brian for years. Is he... Looking for someone?” asked Grace.

Jason froze unnoticeably. Then, he asked, “Why are you suddenly asking this?”

“I read some gossip online. Some netizens were talking about Brian. It says that all of his girlfriends are actually substitutes, so I just got curious about it,” said Grace. She thought about what Brian had said to her that night when he was drunk.

Besides, she first met Brian because of a small bracelet.

“Are you curious about him?” Jason asked with a twinkle in his eyes.

Grace replied, “I’m just curious about this.” After all, she almost became one of the substitutes.

Jason took Grace’s hand and rubbed it gently in his, saying, “Then you can only be curious about this. You mustn’t bet

curious about him at all.”

Grace blinked, clearly puzzled.

He drew her fingers to his lips and kissed them. “If a woman is curious about a man, she may be interested in that man one day. Maybe... She would even fall in love with the man. Therefore, the only man you can be curious about is me, not any other men.”

Grace did not know whether to cry or laugh. Was this also a sign of him being domineering in their relationship? Was he jealous again?

“Shall... I forget that I asked?” she asked. She had just mentioned it casually and did not need to know the answer.

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Jason said, “Now that you’ve mentioned it, there’s no harm in telling you.” Even if he did not tell her now, she would know

about it soon.

After all, it was not really a secret in Emerald City’s high society.

He might as well tell her himself rather than have someone else break the story to her.

“Brian is indeed looking for someone. He’s looking for a girl he knew when he was young, but he still hasn’t found her. You can say that his girlfriends are substitutes for that girl. Since he can’t find the right person, he finds replacements to comfort himself instead,” Jason said as he watched Grace’s reaction.

Grace could not help furrowing her brows. "He's looking for a substitute for a little girl?"

"His ex-girlfriends look more or less like that little girl."

"But they're not the one he's looking for. Is it fun to keep looking for substitutes?" she asked.

"Maybe he's too obsessed with it, or maybe he's on the verge of despair. After all, maybe he doesn't even think he'll ever find that little girl again."

As Jason spoke, the conversation took another turn. "If you were that little girl and you knew there was such a person looking for you, what would you do?"

Grace was stunned for a moment. She had not thought about this assumption.

"Will you be touched and go back to him?" asked Jason in a deeper voice than usual. It was as if his voice was inducing her. with some sort of hypnosis to say what she really thought.

"Probably not. Just like what you've said, maybe he's too obsessed. He's not really in love with the little girl. Besides, he knew her when he was young. How deep can a child's feelings be?" said Grace.

"Really? What if he's bent on having you?" asked Jason.

Grace could not help laughing. "If he's bent on having me, must I give myself to him? Besides, I already have you. Even if I'm willing, you won't let me."

"Yes, you already have me..." muttered Jason. "Of course, I won't. I won't give you to anyone."

His hand suddenly grabbed the back of her head. He kissed her on the lips.

The hot, lingering kiss was overbearing and monopolistic, almost leaving Grace breathless.

She did not have a clue how much time had passed, but when the kiss was over, Grace's cheeks were flushed. Her chest was heaving, and her lips were opened slightly as if she had not come back to her senses yet.

Jason gently caressed her lip, his eyes flashing brightly. "Brian thinks he can get comfort from a substitute, but he's just deceiving himself. If it were me, I wouldn't be looking for a substitute. There's no point if the one beside me is not the one I want."

When Grace delivered the food in the afternoon, she again. received an order from her former law firm. The order was placed by her former colleague, Andrea Schwartz.