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Chapter 681

Jason's eyes glistened as he lowered his eyelashes gently. "Maybe he's having a hard time after framing you. He's been abroad, and if he didn't want to come back, we wouldn't have been able to catch him so soon. He voluntarily returned and surrendered himself when he knew that they're investigating the

case again."

Of course, what he did not say was that Dexter Rios was willing to surrender himself because he had used a lot of means to force the

man to do so.

"A hard time?" Grace snorted. "Can he be forgiven just because he had a hard time? It's like murdering someone and asking forgiveness from the victim. Don't you find it ridiculous? I just didn't die in prison. If I had died in prison, there's no way I could

stand in front of him!"

Every word she said was like a whip, whipping his heart and making it harder for him to breathe.

"So... You won't forgive him, right?" asked Jason in a mutter.

"Yes, I can never forgive a man who has done me so much harm!" replied Grace, unaware of Jason's unusual behavior.

All her emotions were in the anguish of having been framed. "How

dare he ask for forgiveness? How dare he? If kneeling and

apologizing is the solution, why bother with the law? I won't

forgive him. Absolutely not. He ruined my life!"

"Stop!" Jason suddenly threw his arms around Grace. "Grace,

stop saying that, all right? If you don't want to see him again, then you'll never see him again. If you want him to get what he deserves, then he will!"

'Just stop saying that!'

If she knew the truth, she would not be saying those words to Dexter Rios today, but to him!

'If I had any pity for her back then, it wouldn't have come to this!"

Grace sobbed in Jason's arms. "Jason, why do you think human nature is so evil? Is it so easy to sacrifice someone else's life for your own? Even if he came back voluntarily and accepted the trial, I can't get back the life he destroyed!"

Unless time could be turned back, otherwise even if he was sentenced to life imprisonment, it was only a great relief to her. The rest was meaningless.

Jason only felt the chest area of his clothes getting wet again.

He knew they were her tears.

She was crying, crying for her three miserable years.

Now, all he could do was to help her reverse the case and clear

her name.

He could not give or tell her the rest!

"Grace, it's because the evil of human nature is beyond your

imagination," he said.

'I'll make it up to you. I'll make up for my cruelty to you and for

what you've suffered.

'So please forgive me just this one time.

'Forgive me!"

He said to himself, because... He loved her so much!

In the same meeting room in the detention center at night, Dexter

Rios was looking at Jason puzzledly.

Back then, Grace seemed nothing more than a pushover who anyone could bully. Even though she was Sean Stevens's

girlfriend, she was powerless herself. Besides, he was sure the

Stevens family would not offend the Atkinson family and the Reed family for Grace.

Therefore, he had used Grace as a scapegoat.

However, he never expected Jason to stand up for Grace one day.

Two people who could never have interacted with each other

outside of Jennifer Atkinson's case did so.

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"Mr. Reed, I... I've done as you said. Please, let me live!" Dexter Rios said hastily.

Jason's eyes were dark. The man in front of him was one of the

main culprits in making Grace bear the crime. "As long as you never say what you shouldn't, you can keep your life."

Dexter Rios was relieved.

If he could, he would never even think about turning himself in. He was only forced by Jason.

Even abroad, when someone like Jason wanted to go after someone, there was no getting away from it.

"Then, my family..." Dexter Rios said nervously.

"I won't touch your family since they don't know what you've done. However..." Jason's voice paused. Dexter Rios had just felt the slightest bit of relief when he was suddenly nervous again. "What you made Grace suffer and what you made her pay back then, you must now pay back twice as much."

Dexter Rios was eager to defend himself, but Jason had already stood up as if he was too impatient to hear more from him. "Dexter Rios, I'll let you keep your life. You should thank Grace. She wants

you to face the law. Otherwise, you wouldn't have the chance to

talk to me right now."

Fear flashed in Dexter Rios's eyes as he understood what the man.

was saying.

"Also, remember, don't say anything you shouldn't. Otherwise, I

can assure you, your worst nightmare will not be having to go to jail!" Jason finished and left the meeting room.

It was only now that Dexter Rios realized his palms and his back

were covered in a cold sweat.

He knew that a man like Jason had thousands of cruel ways to

torture someone, and there was no escape from it-No matter if

he was in prison or abroad.

All he could do now was do as he was told.

Besides... He had a feeling that not only he but also all those involved in that case would pay for it!

He was only the first!

It was the seventh day after Grandma's death, and Grace went back to the town. Of course, she saw Stella Lindsay again.

However, Stella Lindsay seemed to be avoiding her on purpose.

She barely spoke to her.

Grace was unbothered because she had never gotten along with

Stella Lindsay, not to mention... Her mind was still full of doubts

about the dream she had.

However, these days, she had no more dreams at night.

When it was time to leave town, Grace said to Jason, "Can we go somewhere nearby for a while? There's a place I'd like to see."

"Sure." Jason agreed gladly. "Where do you want to go?"

Jason was silent when the car stopped in front of a hill. He had read the investigation results and knew that a mountain was

behind the hill.

It was called a hill, but it was covered with thickets and brambles. Some parts of the terrain were also incredibly steep. A few people died here every year because of accidents!

More importantly... This was where Brian and Grace met!

The little girl Brian was looking for was the one who saved him on this hill!

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"Why'd you want to come here?" Jason asked with subtle.

hoarseness in his voice.

"When I was a child, I used to play on this hill. Even though we

weren't allowed to play here because the adults said it was dangerous, I'd still sneak up the hill. I felt like an explorer on the hill," said Grace.

On the other hand, Stella Lindsay was not a big fan of coming

here.

"All children do that." he said.

"Back then, I always thought I'd find some secret on this hill. For example, treasures, alien spacecraft, or maybe I'd discover some time passage. Wasn't I silly?" said Grace.

Perhaps in the eyes of an adult, this hillside was not that big even. if it was connected to the mountain behind it. However, in the eyes of children, it was like a new world.

"No, it's adorable. However, you've grown up now. This is just a

hill, after all. Come on, it's getting late. I'm worried it'll be quite late when we get back to Emerald City," said Jason.

Grace nodded, but she looked back at the hill again before

leaving.

She did not notice that as she looked back at the hill, Jason's

hands, which had fallen to his sides, tightened sharply. A strange. look had flashed across his eyes.

Lily was mobbed by a group of reporters when she left the set.

"Miss Atkinson, what do you think about the court's acquittal of Mr. Sean Stevens's ex-girlfriend, Miss Cummins, today?"

Lily suddenly stopped in her tracks and looked at the reporter in front of her in disbelief. "What did you say?"

The reporter repeated it in a great hurry. The rest of the world did not know about the news yet. He only knew this because he had

friends in court.

The Grace retrial was so low-key that the public was not aware of

1. Therefore, this was exclusive news for him!

The reporter became excited as he thought of this.

Lily's face paled. 'Case reversal? Grace's case has been

reversed?'

However, when Lily heard Dexter Rios's name from the reporter's

mouth, her face turned even paler. She had not heard of that

name in more than three years.

Now, the reporter said that the court would set another date to sentence Dexter Rios for framing Grace back then.

"Miss Atkinson, Jennifer Atkinson's death had nothing to do with

Grace. She was wronged. Will it affect your relationship with Mr. Stevens? Also, you've said many times on various occasions that you'd never forgive Grace. Would you like to apologize to Grace now?"

The reporter continued to fire questions.

With a frown, Lily ignored the reporter and walked quickly toward her car. The reporter tried to catch up but was stopped by Lily's assistant and bodyguard.

Lily returned to her and Sean Stevens's home, but he had yet to return.

Lily immediately called her father and asked him to check whether this news was true. After all, she had searched the internet for a long time and could not find any news about it.

An hour later, Harold called his daughter. "The case was really reversed. Dexter Rios was arrested and sent back to the country half a month ago."

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"Even if they were going to reverse the case, it shouldn't have happened so soon! Following the normal procedures..."

However, before Lily could finish, she was interrupted by Harold. "Don't forget who has her back now!"

Lily fell silent. 'It's Jason!'

The so-called normal procedure's timeline was only applicable to

ordinary people.

"All right. Whatever it is, once the news is reported, the Atkinson family still needs to put on a show. We can't offend the Reed family over this, got it?" Harold repeatedly warned his daughter.

Lily's delicately manicured nails almost crushed her phone.

She had stepped on Grace in front of a lot of media and made a big splash about the fact that Grace killed her sister.

Now, what her father said was equivalent to asking her to apologize to Grace publicly. Was that not slapping herself in the face in public?

"Lily, do you hear me?" Harold's voice was serious. "Don't drag the Atkinson family through the mud. I want the Atkinson family to

last!"

Lily took a deep breath and said, "Got it!"

After ending the call, Lily smashed her phone to the ground.

However, now she would have to swallow her pride no matter what. Even if she had to apologize in public for wronging Grace, she could only admit defeat.

Grace looked at the written judgment in her hand and still found it surreal. 'Did I... Really reverse the case?' The weight of the crime. which had weighed upon her was so heavy that she could hardly breathe. She almost thought that she would never be able to

reverse the case.

However, who would have thought it would be reversed so quickly?

Once, she thought she would cry bitterly when she got the written. judgment. After all, the thought of clearing her name was too deep and persistent for her.

However, when she did get the written judgment, she only felt weary. It was as if she had been held too tightly by this invisible shackle of a crime.

Now that the shackles were gone, she felt like she was out of her

element.

"What's the matter? Aren't you happy?" asked Jason as he looked

at Grace who had seemingly fallen into a trance by the written.

judgment.

"No, I'm happy!" Grace let out a long sigh of relief and said,

"Maybe this is the best day I've had since my accident! I just feel

so tired all of a sudden and want a good sleep. Maybe when I

wake up, I'll be the same person I was again."

"Then, have a good sleep," he said.

She tilted her head and leaned slightly on his shoulder. "I'm not guilty now, and I can get my lawyer's license back, but... I've left. all that professional stuff behind for almost four years. Can I be a

lawyer again?"

"You can if you want to," he said.

"I want to. I do want to be a lawyer again! I've worked so hard for so many years to become a lawyer. That was my dream. Why wouldn't I?" murmured Grace in a dreamy voice.

Jason fell silent and heard Grace's muttering voice in his ear agajn, "Jason, thank you... If it hadn't been for you, I might never have been able to reverse the case. It's great... To have met you..."

As her voice grew softer and softer, her eyes closed and she fell asleep.

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He lowered his head, his eyes falling on her. She was leaning on his shoulder. 'If she knows the truth, would she still think... It's

great to have met me?

'Probably not.'

Once Grace was sound asleep, Jason gently moved and gingerly picked up Grace. He went back to the bedroom and put her down on the soft bed. Then, he gently stroked her hair with his fingers. "Grace, everything ends here, all right?"

The truth of her case ended here, and so did her past with Brian.

'Let's not pursue either of these matters any further!"

'It's for the best!

A reporter spread the news of Grace's case reversal on the internet.

For a moment, there was a great deal of discussion about it.

Of course, Grace was just a promising rookie lawyer who had been cleared of a wrongful conviction. It was Grace's

ex-boyfriend, Sean Stevens, and Lily, a celebrity, who were the

topic of discussion.

Although the reporter who broke the story said that he had interviewed Lily before this, Lily did not seem to know about the case in advance. After she did, she did not say anything!

As a result, more people went to Lily's social media accounts to ask what she thought of Grace's case reversal.

Others showed screenshots of Lily publicly saying that she would not forgive Grace, calling her low and disgusting.

Lily did issue a public statement saying that she had just learned that Grace was wronged. She only said those things because the law made a wrongful conviction and also that she was now willing to publicly apologize to Grace.

Then, Lily released a video of herself publicly apologizing. The video was simple. It was just Lily saying to the camera, "Grace, I apologize for what I've said to you." There was nothing else.

Many found Lily's apology too simple.

Some even claimed that since Grace was wronged, Lily had stolen her boyfriend and cursed her for being inhumane. She was worse than the Wicked Witch of the West.

On the other hand, Lily's fans found their idol straightforward and upright. If they wanted to blame someone, they should blame the

one who made the wrong judgment as well as the false witnesses and Dexter Rios.

In short, there were all kinds of interesting comments on the

internet.

Others took to Sean Stevens's social media account to ask if Sean

Stevens would make a different choice since Grace was wronged.

Sean Stevens only responded publicly, "The past is in the past,

and I just want to cherish the present."

Lina Sweeney did not know that her best friend's case was reversed until she read the news. She called her best friend in a hurry and said, "Why didn't you tell me about such a big issue?"

"Aren't we supposed to meet tomorrow? That's what I wanted to talk to you about!" said Grace.

"Why didn't you say so in advance? If it hadn't been for the news, I wouldn't have known!"

"I'm just afraid if I told you in advance and failed, I'd spoil your happiness for me," said Grace. Lina had done so much for her that she did not want to cause Lina any more problems.

Chapter 686

"You're regarding me as an outsider if you say that. Grace, we

said we'd be friends forever. You mustn't keep such things from

me in the future. I don't want to learn about what happened to my

friends from the news," said Lina Sweeney,

"Got it." Grace found her nose a little sore.

That was how Lina behaved. If she regarded someone as a friend,

she would treat them wholeheartedly.

The next day, Lina Sweeney met with Grace and learned the details of the case, including how Dexter Rios was the mastermind behind it.

"I can't believe he'd frame someone else just because he was afraid of being involved. However, now that you've proved your innocence, what are you going to do next?" Lina Sweeney said emotionally.

"I have no idea," said Grace. She had some expectations but also some hesitation for her future.

"Are you going to become a lawyer again?" asked Lina Sweeney.

Grace chuckled bitterly. "I haven't been in the business for four years. I don't know if I can do it yet. I can't even remember some

of the legal provisions I used to know very well."

"It'd be a shame if you gave up on being a lawyer. Since you're not in a hurry for a job, you can familiarize yourself with the legal provisions and case studies first. Grace, I'm sure you can do it!" Lina Sweeney said confidently.

She had always admired her best friend's ability to learn.

Grace thought about it before saying, "That's true. I should familiarize myself with them first. I'll have to give it a try."

She was finally qualified to be a lawyer again, so of course she should cherish this chance more.

"Accompany me to the bookstore later. I want to buy the latest law

books," said Grace.

"Sure!" Lina Sweeney said happily. Her best friend was finally pulling herself together. Of course, she had to support her fully.

The two arrived at the bookstore, and Grace went to the law

section to begin looking. Speaking of which, it seemed that she

had not been here for a long time.

Before she went to prison, she was a regular. She came here

almost once or twice a month, not only for books on her

profession but also magazines.

Even though online reading had become the norm, she still preferred the feeling of reading on paper and taking notes at random.

Grace felt emotional coming back here.

Lina Sweeney was a bit bored hanging out at the law section.

After all, it was not what she studied. As such, she said to Grace,

"Grace, I'll go check out the magazines. You can come and find me when you're done choosing."

"Sure," said Grace while nodding.

Lina Sweeney trotted over to the magazine section to browse through magazines about her favorite idols while Grace continued to pick out her books.

Just then, a voice suddenly rang out, "Are you... Grace?"

Grace was stunned and looked up to see the face of an unfamiliar

man. He was about 25 or 26 years old. He was dressed in casual clothes and looked quite ordinary.

When he saw her looking up, he immediately added, "You must be Grace. I've seen your photos online. Lily has apologized to your online. Why didn't you respond to her? Is it so hard to say that it doesn't matter? Moreover, Lily believed that you were her sister's murderer because of the court's misjudgment back then. In fact, she didn't have to apologize to you at all. She was just too nice..."

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The man uttered a series of words, all in defense of Lily. He behaved just like a fan of Lily's.

Grace frowned a little, picked up a couple of books she had chosen, and went over to the cashier to pay for them. She planned to look for Lina Sweeney after paying.

However, the man did not give up and continued to follow Grace. He went on with his speech, wanting Grace to declare online that she was willing to forgive Lily and even took out his phone to film

her.

Grace frowned more deeply. "You have no right to film me without my consent!"

"You feel guilty, don't you? I'm just filming with my phone. What's that got to do with you? You haven't publicly responded to Lily's apology. You don't have a secret, do you? Is it possible that you want to rekindle your relationship with Sean Stevens?"

The man exaggerated as if to spur some hot gossip.

Grace hurriedly paid the bill. She was hoping to find Lina Sweeney, but more and more people had gathered around her.

Besides, because of what the stranger said, the people around

her now knew who she was even if they had not recognized her at

first.

After all, Lily's apology was also a hot topic on the internet these. days.

"It's Grace!"

"Is she the Grace who had her case reversed?"

"What a pity. She spent three years in prison in vain and lost her rich boyfriend. She must have thought of killing herself."

"I thought a woman who could compete against Lily for a man. would be dazzlingly beautiful, but she just seems all right!"

People around her started exchanging opinions with each other. Many even pulled out their phones and started filming Grace.

Grace saw that the crowd was growing and was afraid that looking for her best friend now would only drag Lina into the fray.

Therefore, she thought about it and walked straight to the exit of the bookstore. She planned to get out of here first before calling her best friend.

However, as she rushed out of the bookstore, the man who first recognized Grace got a bit impatient and reached out to grab her. "Don't go. You haven't answered my question! Are you trying to sabotage Lily and Sean Stevens's relationship? Do you have a

skeleton in your closet? Otherwise, you could just answer openly!"

Grace subconsciously stepped to the side to avoid the man's hand, but unexpectedly, the man came charging faster than she expected. The man was about to grab her arm, but in the next moment, the man's wrist was grabbed by another hand.

It was a beautiful hand-Slender, fair, and had well-defined joints.

Grace remembered seeing only a few men with such beautiful

hands, and according to her memory, the owner of this hand

was... Brian!

Grace looked up and immediately caught sight of Brian's

handsome face.

The next moment, Brian just twisted the man's arm and pushed

him to the side.

"Ah!" The man let out a piercing shriek.

Someone in the crowd recognized Brian. "It's the crown prince!

It's the crown prince of the Hart familyHart family!"

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There were already a lot of people gathered on Grace's side. Wit that scream, more people gathered around her.

Brian frowned slightly. The next moment, he pulled Grace into a parked car and drove away.

The car just sped off, leaving the crowd of people who had gathered there unable to do nothing but stare. Then, they began to discuss Grace and Brian's relationship.

After getting into the car, Grace said to Brian, "Thank you for just now. Just drop me off somewhere around here."

However, instead of stopping the car, Brian asked, "What the hell is going on?"

"Some stranger recognized me. After all, my recent case reversal became hot internet gossip because of Lily's apology. Please stop the car. My friend's still in the bookstore and I have to meet her later!" said Grace.

Brian pressed his thin lips together slightly and finally pulled up to the side of the road.

Grace tried to get out of the car, but Brian stopped her. "It's only 300 meters away from the bookstore's entrance. Maybe those

people will catch up with you and surround you again. You might

as well contact your friend and only get off once she's here."

She nodded hesitantly at that. Then, her eyes fell on Brian's hand

which was still holding her arm.

Brian's fingers tightened slightly before he slowly let go. Grace.

took her phone out of her bag and called Lina Sweeney.

"Lina, I got into some trouble just now. I'm outside at the Jayhuil

Building in front of the bookstore, about 300 meters away. Just

come over..."

Brian, who was sitting beside her, looked at the person close at hand in a daze.

Earlier when he drove past the neighborhood, he immediately caught sight of her in the crowd. It was as if he could spot her immediately even if she was doing nothing but standing in the crowd.

Every time he looked at her, his eyes, his heart, and his blood flow seemed to all go out of control.

At first, he had thought she was the one he was looking for. As

long as he found evidence, she would not be able to deny it. However, the more he looked for evidence, the more proof he got that the person he had been looking for was someone else.

'The one I should treat well is Stella, not her!"

Even though he had been repeating this to himself over and over again, when he saw that she was in trouble, he immediately got out of the car and walked over to her.

The empty feeling in his palm was more obvious!

Brian slowly gathered his hands and dropped them to his sides.

"When are you and Jason getting married? I'll attend the wedding dinner and give you a nice gift. After all, you're Stella's cousin." Grace said, "Probably a year from now. I want to mourn for my grandmother this year." After a pause, she added, "Also, you don't need to be extra nice to me because of Stella. Although Stella and I are cousins, we aren't that close. I've never given her any help."

Brian's thin lips were almost pressed into a straight line, and the

car fell into an awkward silence.

After a moment, his eyes fell on the two law books in her lap. "Are you planning to get back into law?"

"I plan to, but it depends on whether I have the ability to," said Grace. However, the longing in her eyes silently stated how much she wanted to be a lawyer again.

Brian was in a daze for a while. The person in front of him was clearly not the one, but why did she look so similar? Even the look in her eyes right now looked like the girl's who he held in his heart.

'She' had once solemnly said to him, "I got the best grades in my

class. Grandma said that only with good grades can I do what I

want to do when I grow up."

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"What kind of job do you want to do?" He had asked at the time, for everything was so easy for him that he did not have to work

hard for it.

Just like how some people were born with everything.

Besides... 'Job' was a word he had never thought of.

However, this person who was a year or two his junior was already

thinking of such things?

"I haven't decided yet, but I want to just have a job that'll protect not only myself but also people I like!" she had answered.

'Just?'

Being born in an upper-class family, he knew from the influence he received since childhood that there was no absolute justice, and sometimes, the so-called justice was just self-deception.

However, her eyes were so serious that some words seemed stuck in his throat.

When time passed and he finally found the little girl, he found that Stella Lindsay did not have the job she mentioned and her eyes no longer held that look of justice.

However, it was ironic that there was such a look in Grace's eyes.

instead.

"Do you want to go back to the legal world in the hopes that you

can protect not only yourself but also the people you like?" The words escaped from his mouth just like that.

Grace was startled, and suddenly, there was a sharp pain in her head. Then, a young voice seemed to say in her ear, "Even if you don't have a job, I can protect you!"

"I'm the one protecting you right now, aren't I? Can you stand up?"

'Ouch... My head's hurting again. Who's speaking in my ear?'

Grace saw broken images flashing through her mind. She tried

hard to see them clearly, but her efforts were in vain.

"Grace, what's the matter?" An anxious voice rang in her ear.

She turned her head around. The little boy with the blurry face seemed to flash before her eyes again. Then, it slowly overlapped with the face in front of her.

'My head... Is still hurting....

'Who... Who the hell is..."

She wanted to see better...

With a tremble, Grace raised her hand and leaned closer to Brian's

face while she mumbled the word... 'Bryn'

Just then, the word seemed to pull him back to his senses.

The woman's face was pale, and there was something painful in

her eyes. Her hand was touching his cheek while she was calling out the name he had warned her never to say again.

Brian suddenly grabbed Grace's hand.

"Ah!" She let out a cry of pain before immediately realizing that her hand was touching his face.

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"I... I'm sorry!" She apologized quickly. The pain in her wrist was

easing her headache.

"Why'd you touch me? Why'd you call me by that name? Grace, do you really have no feelings for me at all?" His eyes were fixed

on her.

Her face paled and reddened. "You... You've misunderstood!"

"Misunderstood?" He chuckled suddenly. "Then tell me what kind of misunderstanding will make you call me by my nickname again. and again, and even touch my face with your hand."

She bit her lower lip. For a moment, she did not know what to say, so she could only say, "It's not what you think. I won't do it again. I had a headache, and I mistook you for someone else."

"Mistook me? Was calling me by the name 'Bryn' a mistake too?" he murmured.

"You're not the only one in the world called 'Bryn'," she retorted.

Just then, Lina Sweeney was already in the vicinity. Seeing her, Grace said to Brian, "My friend's here. Let go of me. I need to get off."

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Brian listened, but his dark phoenix eyes kept staring at Gra

The atmosphere in the car seemed to be stretched to the limit.

Suddenly, Brian released his fingers and Grace immediately

opened the door, stepping out of the car. Then, she said to her

friend who was looking for her not far away, "Lina, I'm here!"

Lina Sweeney heard her and looked over. Then, she jogged

toward Grace. When she was about to reach Grace's side, a

luxury car behind Grace pulled away. Lina Sweeney suddenly thought that the person in the driver's seat... Looked a lot like

Brian!

"Grace, was that... Brian in the car behind you?" Lina Sweeney asked with a surprised look.

"Yes." Grace did not hide it from her.

"You... How were you with Brian...? Why'd you suddenly walk out of the bookstore?" Lina Sweeney had only gone to the magazine section for a while and did not even go through half of the

magazine when so many things happened. She struggled to keep

up with the events.

Grace then told Lina Sweeney what happened earlier. Upon hearing this, Lina Sweeney immediately called the man who

chased after her best friend to film her shameless. Then, she said,

"Why didn't you come to me? If I was there, I would've kicked that

guy!"

"If I went to find you, I wouldn't be the only one being filmed.

by the people around me. Do you want to be searched on the

internet later?" said Grace.

"If you hadn't encountered Brian this time, you would've..."

"Of course, I would've thought of other ways. Alright, let's not talk about it." Grace dragged her best friend to a nearby dessert shop.

After ordering two desserts, Grace changed the topic and said, "By the way, if you dream a lot and it feels like you're dreaming about something from your childhood but you have no memory of it ever happening, could it be that you've heard someone else. talk about it, so you dreamt about it? It'd be easy to mistake those dreams for something that had happened to you in real life, right?"

Lina Sweeney was almost dizzy when she heard this. 'What's all this?' It took awhile for her to sort things out.

"I don't think I've heard of instances like this. Maybe it really happened but you've just forgotten about it? Isn't it often portrayed on TV?" said Lina Sweeney.

"You mean amnesia?" Grace was stunned.

"Yes, partial amnesia. It's often mentioned in novels and TV shows. You can try hypnosis. Maybe you'll remember, but it's better to consult a professional doctor!" said Lina Sweeney.

'Hypnosis...' Grace showed traces of consideration in her almond eyes.

She wanted to know what the dream was all about!