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The mother and daughter, Camelia Meyer and Lily, were immediately surprised at this.

The piece of land in the south of the city was a hot piece of land. The Atkinson family had put in a lot of effort to get it. The real estate boom of the past few years had made this land now worth ten billion dollars!

Were they giving Grace ten billion dollars just like that?

How could they reconcile to that!

Camelia Meyer was just about to have a fit of anger, but what the mother and daughter did not expect was Harold's face

to pale. "Are you sure you won't reconsider it, Young Master Reed?"

Could it be that... Jason refused?

Camelia Meyer and Lily showed a surprised look at the same time.

After a while, Harold put down his phone and looked into the eyes of his second daughter with helplessness and sympathy.

The causes that were planted now bore the fruit.

Who would have thought that Grace, who anyone could trample on back then, would now have the most powerful backup in Emerald City?

"You'd better leave the entertainment industry and return to the Atkinson family. Since your sister has died, the Atkinson family is yours to inherit," said Harold.

Of course, Lily knew that she would inherit everything the Atkinson family had, but she was going to wait after she

was 30 years old when she had won all kinds of awards

in the entertainment industry. Then, she would quit the

entertainment industry, return to the Atkinson family's business, and become the actual owner of the company as

well as a legend in the eyes of others.

She wanted to follow the plan she had set for herself.

However, returning to the family business because she was blacklisted... How could it be the same?

She would only be a joke to others!

"Why did Jason refuse? Doesn't he know that it's worth ten billion dollars?" asked Lily.

"How could he not know? However..." Harold paused. "He said that since you destroyed Grace's career, now he'll destroy your career for Grace!"

All of a sudden, Lily felt every hair on her body stand on end.

'Jason is such a lunatic!'

When Grace went to the small restaurant again, she did not see Nelson and Mrs. Corbyn, so she asked, "Did Auntie take Nelson to the small park nearby?"

"No..." She began to speak but stopped.

"What's the matter? What happened?" asked Grace.

"I saw Martin Weiss in a shopping mall with Nelson yesterday.

I don't know if he saw Nelson and me, but when he turned his head to look my way, I grabbed Nelson and ran away. I was afraid that he would find me, so I asked my mother to take Nelson to hide somewhere else first. They can come back if everything's all right after a while," said Kyla Corbyn.

Grace did not expect Kyla Corbyn to meet Martin Weiss, so she thought about it before saying, "How about I ask Jason to help you find a place to hide?"

Kyla Corbyn smiled wryly. "Thank you, Grace! However, no thanks. You can help me once or twice, but you can't help me forever, so I'd better take care of this matter myself

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She had also figured it out these days. If it was doomed that she and Martin Weiss would be entangled with each other again and if it was doomed that Martin Weiss would find her, then when the day came, she would just let him take his revenge to his heart's content.

"However..." Grace wanted to say more, but Kyla Corbyn

gently took her hand and said, "I know you want to help me. I'm really happy to have a friend like you. It's just... This is something between Martin Weiss and me. It'll have to be settled eventually."

After a pause, Kyla Corbyn added, "Grace, I have only one thing to ask of you."

Kyla Corbyn's expression was solemn and serious, which made Grace's heart tremble suddenly.

"I just hope that if... Martin Weiss does find me, then maybe I won't be able to visit my mother and Nelson for a while. I hope

you can take care of them when the time comes. After all, one is old, one is young, and both are incapable," said Kyla Corbyn.

She had left all her money to her mother, but... She was still worried.

Due to Martin Weiss, her friends had all distanced themselves from her. Now, the only person she could trust was Grace.

Grace said immediately, "I'll take care of them." When she first came looking for a job, Kyla saved her from despair by letting her work in the restaurant despite having been in prison.

Of course, she wanted to repay Kyla for her kindness.

Besides, Mrs. Corbyn and Nelson were also very kind to her, especially Nelson. He had clung to her when he first saw her, and she really liked Nelson.

Kyla Corbyn finally smiled with relief. "Grace, thank you."

"Kyla, I hope that if you really get in trouble, you would come to me too and not suffer all by yourself," said Grace.

"Got it. If I really... Can't take it, I'll come to you." However, she knew in her heart that if one day she really could not take Martin Weiss's revenge, then it would be useless to find Grace.

Even if Grace had Jason backing her up and even if Jason ruled Emerald City, Martin Weiss... Was definitely no slouch.

She had been with Martin Weiss for years and knew this man all too well.

He was cruel enough, heartless enough, and cold enough!

She had once tried to warm his heart with her sincerity. She thought that constant effort brought success and that perseverance would prevail, but in the end, she was only deceiving herself.

Since she ran into Martin Weiss at the mall, she had been on edge these days, feeling as if something was going to happen.

Maybe... Some things would still happen no matter how she hid.

Looking at the calm Kyla Corbyn right now, Grace could only feel a heavy weight on her heart.

After coming out of the small restaurant, Grace was about to get in the car and return to Reed Residence when a voice suddenly rang behind her.

"Grace, can you give me a minute?"

Grace stiffened. This voice... Had once been so familiar to her.

The voice once said, "Grace, you're the only woman I want to marry."

The voice also said, "Grace, I'll make you happy. Even if my family opposes it, I've decided that you're the one I want to

spend my life with."

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However, when she was in dire need of help, the man said, "What I regret most in my life is that I chose you to be my girlfriend."

'How ridiculous! How ironic!'

It turned out vows of eternal love were unable to withstand the blow of an accident. It turned out the so-called 'the only one' and 'decided' were easily replaced by another woman.

The voice that was once familiar now sounded so strange.

Grace turned to look at Sean Stevens who was standing not far behind her. He was still clad in luxury brands and was fashionable, looking just like a charming young man.

No wonder Lily chose to be with Sean Stevens. After all, he looked pretty good.

"I don't think there's anything left between you and me for us to talk about," said Grace.

"Just a few minutes. I just want to say a few words to you." Sean Stevens snapped. Then seemingly afraid of missing out on the opportunity, he added, "Grace, I know that I let you down with that incident. I didn't protect you because of the pressure."

Grace looked coldly at him. "Sean Stevens, you don't have to tell me this. I'm not interested in listening."

A flash of embarrassment came over Sean Stevens's face. "I just want you to understand that the person who's really wrong for putting you in prison is Dexter Rios, not Lily. Lily is innocent. She just thought you're the one who killed her sister, so she treated you the way she did. You shouldn't hate her."

Grace only found Sean Stevens's remarks ridiculous.

'Yes, it's Dexter Rios who put me in jail, but what did Lily do to me when I insisted I was wronged?'

How many people had suffered the pain of having ten fingernails pulled out and the bones of their fingers being broken inch by inch?

From what she gathered, many of the people who abused her in prison had received money from the Atkinson family.

In the eyes of the Atkinson family, Jennifer Atkinson's life was a life, but was the life of others worth nothing?

Sometimes, she even wondered if the Atkinson family really did not suspect and investigate the false evidence Dexter Rios

made when Dexter Rios went abroad after she was

sentenced.

"Grace, Lily is really innocent! You shouldn't have asked Jason to blacklist her in the entertainment industry for this. Besides,

she has already apologized to you. What else do you want?"

said Sean Stevens. The way he looked at Grace was as if he thought she was ignorant.

'What else do I want...' He asked as if she was ignorant, greedy, and unsatisfied.

Grace suddenly had the urge to laugh.

He used to have this look in his eyes whenever she had an opinion or a disagreement with him.

Back then, she was willing to play along with him because she had feelings for him.

However, now... He was nothing to her!

"If she really meant it, why didn't she pull out her fingernails, break the bones of her fingers inch by inch, and beg for my forgiveness? Innocent? Who's the innocent one?" Grace said coldly.

Sean Stevens's face grew grimmer. "Grace, I didn't expect you to turn out like this. You weren't so vicious before, you-"

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“Vicious?” Grace interrupted Sean Stevens. “If that’s called vicious, then you probably don’t know what vicious really is,

Mr. Stevens!”

The inhuman torture she had suffered in prison had made her think several times that she would not survive. Sean Stevens probably had not suffered a tenth of that pain.

“Will you only be satisfied after ruining her?” Sean Stevens asked angrily.

“Didn’t she try to ruin me too? If I hadn’t gotten lucky, my hands wouldn’t be able to lift anything now,” Grace said sarcastically.

Sean Stevens was shocked, and his gaze fell on Grace’s hands by her side.

In the past few years, his mind would recall that scene every now and then. When that happened, he would feel a surge of mixed feelings.

Especially after learning that Grace was wronged, he wondered if he and she would have stayed together if she had not been wronged.

However, he would always put a stop to the idea.

Lily was the best for him. Lily was the best choice for him and the Stevens family.

“Grace, now that you have Jason, why bother being so ruthless with Lily?” Sean Stevens softened his tone.

Grace sneered and looked at Sean Stevens with nothing but disgust in her almond-shaped eyes. “Mr. Stevens, I’m afraid you don’t know what it means to be ruthless.”

“Lily is now only blacklisted in the entertainment industry, but she’s still the second daughter of the Atkinson family.

“She still has her family and you. She has the Atkinson family and the Stevens family as backup.

“Being ruthless would be having everyone turn their backs on her and have the Atkinson family and the Stevens family reach a dead-end. She would be in pain but can’t get help, and she’d rather be dead than alive.”

As Grace spoke, Sean Stevens's face grew paler and paler.

"Do you want to see me be that ruthless, Mr. Stevens?" asked Grace.

Sean Stevens could not utter a word.

It was not until Grace got in the car and sped off that Sean Stevens stumbled.

For a moment, there was a surge of fear in his heart that Grace would indeed go ahead and be as ruthless as she said.

When she was dating him, she was confident, energetic, and gentle. Whenever he asked for something, she always tried her best to do it well.

However... What was left was cold and disgust.

Maybe she was giving another man her gentleness and energy, a man... He simply could not afford to offend!

Sean Stevens could only feel a sense of loss in his mind.

Why... Did he feel this way when Lily was a better fit for him than Grace?

His heart seemed to be throbbing.

'Is it for Lily? Or is it for Grace?

'Or is it for what Grace called 'ruthlessness', which is something that Grace herself has experienced...

Sean Stevens did not want to think about it anymore.

The driver drove Grace back to Reed Residence.

On the way, Grace sent a message asking Jason if it was true that Lily had been blacklisted.

She did not expect Jason to answer right away.

Only three seconds later, he replied with a message, 'Yes.'

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It was a simple word, but it meant that Lily was really blacklisted!

Although she was mentally prepared, Grace was still shocked. After all, Lily was not an ordinary celebrity in the entertainment industry. She was the second daughter of the

Atkinson family!

However, Jason... Blacklisted her just like that.

Staring at the 'Yes' on her phone, she was momentarily a little lost in thought.

After a while, Grace sent another message, 'Will the Atkinson family turn against you?'

She did not want to have his career affected because of her.

After all, the Atkinson family was also rich and powerful in Emerald City.

Jason's response was concise. 'The Atkinson family won't dare to do anything.'

Those few words made her feel relieved.

In the evening, Lily publicly announced that she would quit the entertainment industry and return to the Atkinson family to inherit the family business.

The entire entertainment industry was immediately in turmoil at this sudden news!

After all, Lily was the hottest celebrity right now and was even more likely to be named best actress with the movie that was

about to be released this year.

However, she had not even been named best actress yet and she was going to quit?

Immediately, the news was the most searched topic online with hundreds of thousands of comments pouring in below.

Grace saw the news on her phone and found that everything was changing too fast.

On the day of the fair, Lily was still a famous female celebrity, but now, she was forced to quit.

"Are you looking at Lily's news?" Jason's voice unexpectedly rang in Grace's ears.

"I just happened to stumble upon this. It's now the most searched topic online," said Grace.

"Since you don't want to forgive her, then I'll get back

everything she made you lose,” said Jason. He glanced at Lily’s exit statement on the hot search list and smiled. “It’s not so

easy for Lily to quit glamorously.”

‘What does he mean?’

Grace was stunned. Her phone rang suddenly. Grace took a look at it and saw that it was a call from her best friend, Lina

Sweeney.

She had just pressed the answer button when Lina Sweeney’s panicky voice sounded. “Grace, have you seen the news online? Lily wants to quit the entertainment industry!”

“I have,” replied Grace.

“She’s so shameless. She was blacklisted, so she had to quit, yet she said she thinks her parents are getting older, so she has to go back and take over the family business,” Lina

Sweeney said sarcastically.

She hated Lily! She had treated her best friend cruelly. Those

methods of torture were simply vicious! Who would have thought it was done by a woman who looked elegant and

intellectual?

Grace was stunned. “How do you know that she was

blacklisted, so she had to quit?” She had not told Lina that yet.

“Someone broke the news, of course! I need to share it quickly to make it more popular, so more people know that this woman was blacklisted and forced to quit!” Lina Sweeney’s voice sounded eager. “By the way, is it Jason who blacklisted

her?”

“Yes.” Grace did not hide it from her best friend and just

confessed.

“Grace, what a nice husband you’ve chosen!” praised Lina

Sweeney.

Grace blushed immediately. ‘Please! Jason isn’t my husband yet! We haven’t registered our marriage!’

However, Jason was beside her right now and Grace was

ashamed to say it.

“All right. We’ll talk about it the next time we meet. I got to go!” Lina Sweeney said and hung up the phone.

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Jason wrapped his arms around Grace's waist and placed his lips slightly on her earlobe. "It seems Lina Sweeney does say some nice things sometimes."

"What?" Grace interjected.

"You chose a nice husband." As Jason spoke, he licked Grace's earlobe with the tip of his tongue gently. She gasped, blushing even more. "Jay..." She was starting to stutter a little.

"After a year, we'll get married right away," muttered Jason. 'One year. I'll wait for her for one year. One year later, I want her to truly belong to me.'

He parted his thin lips and nibbled on her earlobe gently before sucking it, causing her to shiver.

"Jason, don't..." She was now like a boiled shrimp. Her ears were so hot that all her blood seemed to be rushing there.

However, it was as if he had not heard her. He continued to suck tenderly at her earlobe before kissing her on her chin,

neck, and all the way to her chest.

She blushed and could hardly look at his face. "Don't... Don't.

What if the servants come in?"

After all, this was the kitchen. If anyone saw them...

"No one dares to come in without my orders," he murmured, and his kiss fell on her heart.

Suddenly, she felt her heart beating harder!

One beat after another, she could hear it all.

"Grace." He took her face in his hands, forcing her to look at him. "You know what? No one in this world will love you more than me, so just obediently stay with me, alright?"

'Don't go anywhere.

'Don't place other men inside your heart either!

Just stay by my side, keep me company, accompany me, and rely on me!'

Grace panted slightly, her watery almond-shaped eyes reflecting brightly in the kitchen light. She looked so innocent that it easily reminded him of all his desires.

“Sure.”

He could not and would not restrain his desire as the word slipped from her red lips.

He loved her too much.

He loved her so much that he wished he could rub her into his own flesh and blood. He wished he could trap her and let her eyes look only at him.

It was also because he loved her too much that he was afraid.

He was afraid that she would leave him one day. Perhaps only when she loved him more and was more reluctant to leave him would it soothe his unease.

On the other hand, Lina Sweeney held her phone and looked for gossip news about Lily’s blacklist. She was commenting on and sharing the articles.

She was sparing no effort to step on Lily. Lily was so mean to Grace before!

Therefore, Lina Sweeney also sent relevant news and gossip to some relatives and friends she knew, asking them to share it. She also sent a link to Hadwin Stephenson on Messenger and wrote, ‘Help me share this, and you’d better write a

caption. PS: Please make sure it’s more than 15 words.

In a huge meeting room, the company’s senior executives saw their president looking at his phone with a strange look on his

face.

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Hadwin Stephenson sometimes felt that many of his firsts had been created by Lina Sweeney.

For example, she was the first woman who got drunk and got on top of him. She did all the things she should have done and should not have done.

Then, for the first time, he was dumped by a woman the next day without a word.

Now, for the first time, he had been asked to share a link to such gossip news in Messenger.

Had she ever wondered who he had in his Messenger?

However, he had heard her talk about the things between Lily and Grace before. As such, he knew that she detested Lily.

He was not afraid of offending the Atkinson family. After all, he had offended many people to get to where he was now.

However... Hadwin Stephenson slightly narrowed his eyes and replied Lina Sweeney in Messenger, 'Why should I do this favor for you?'

A moment later, Lina Sweeney replied, 'Because you're my boyfriend!'

It was accompanied by a kneeling meme.

Hadwin Stephenson was a little amused.

Sometimes, this girl would make him jump to his feet in anger, but sometimes, she made him find her adorable.

It seemed that only when he was with her could he really relax and ignore the cheating and backstabbing that happened. before.

That was why he had always been thinking about her and looking for her. When he found her, he could not execute the revenge plans he had in his mind on her.

He even tied her to him, saying that they were a couple.

However, her mind was full of longing to see when his revenge would be over so that he could leave her alone.

'Who'd live so well if someone's taking revenge on them? Why didn't she think of this? If I wanted to get back at her, would I accompany her to eat all her favorite foods, scour small bookstores for comic books, and even help her book tickets to her idol's concert?'

As he thought of this, Hadwin Stephenson had a faint headache again.

'Maybe... Maybe it'd be better if she liked fewer idols!'

While thinking, Hadwin Stephenson actually shared the gossip news Lina Sweeney just sent to his Facebook Moments.

Some of the senior executives in the company had the president's Messenger. After the meeting ended, these senior executives saw their president, who rarely posted anything in Moments, posting a piece of gossip news about a female celebrity being blacklisted in the entertainment industry.

Along with that news, their president also included a caption. 'Alright, I've shared as you requested. Are you satisfied?'

All of a sudden, everyone who saw the post was wondering who the 'you' was.

It seemed that President Stephenson was still begging for their approval. It was even requested by this 'you'!

Nowadays, how many people could request President Stephenson to do something? Even the Stephenson family's madam, who Hadwin Stephenson should respectfully call 'Aunty', could not.

Therefore, the senior executives who saw the post did not

know if they should like the post or comment on it.

Lina Sweeney immediately saw that Hadwin Stephenson had

shared the gossip news to his Moments, so she was quick to

like it and left a comment below. 'I'm satisfied!'

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At the end of the day, Hadwin Stephenson went to pick up Lina Sweeney. In the car, Lina Sweeney was still sharing and commenting, trying hard to make the gossip news number one on the trending searches list.

As she 'battled' on, Lina Sweeney did not forget to say, "The Atkinson family is so despicable. They keep removing it from the hot searches. Otherwise, with the comments and shares now, it would've already been in the trending searches list."

"You want it to be on the trending searches list?" asked Hadwin Stephenson.

"Of course, what else am I doing this for?" she grumbled but did not stop what she was doing.

"It's just putting a piece of news in the trending searches list. Why go through so much trouble?" asked Hadwin Stephenson.

"If I don't work hard, there's no hope at all," Lina Sweeney said angrily.

"Don't you know you can pay to put something in the trending searches list?"

Lina Sweeney was shocked by his words that seemed to enlighten her. Then, she raised her head immediately, staring

at the man with her bright cat-like eyes.

God. How could she forget? This man beside her had plenty of money, not to mention anything else! It was a piece of cake for him to pay to make something number one on the trending searches list!

For the sake of making it number one on the trending

searches list and to continue to step on Lily, Lina Sweeney immediately put on an obsequious expression. "How about. you help me pay to get it on the trending searches list?"

"Why should I? I recall helping you to share this news to my Moments during the day," Hadwin Stephenson said slowly.

Lina Sweeney thought about it and agreed. "What can I do for you to help me get it on the trending searches list?" she asked

modestly.

"What do you think you can do right now that would make it worth my while to get it on the trending searches list for you?"

he asked.

"You can give me a beating?" she replied after thinking about it. After all, she thought, 'Isn't he going to get even with me anyway? I might as well let him have some fun with it!

Hadwin Stephenson rolled his eyes. What was going on in her head?! Was it impossible for her to see why he was keeping her around and dating her?

Suddenly, he turned the wheel and pulled the car over to the side of the road. Then with a click, he unbuckled his seat belt, leaned forward, and kissed her hard on the lips.

Lina Sweeney was a little stunned.

It took her a while to realize that he... Was kissing her! They

were just beside the main road!

'Come on! People are passing by!'

"Hadwin Stephenson... Um..." She had just opened her mouth, but he seemed to have swallowed all her words.

Lina Sweeney tried to push him away. Her hands had just moved, but his hands pressed against her wrists, making her

unable to move.

She could not fight back!

Lina Sweeney accepted the kiss passively. She could only comfort herself, thinking that if someone saw them, she and Hadwin Stephenson would be embarrassed together.

'Besides... It feels good to be kissed by him. Since I can't fight

back, I might as well enjoy it!

Therefore, what started as a one-sided kiss gradually became two-sided. After the kiss was over, Lina Sweeney felt... Um, there was still more to be desired!

"Lina Sweeney, do you really not know what I want?" Hadwin Stephenson glared at the person under him.

She was a little stunned. 'What he wants... Is for me to fall in love with him so that he can kick me aside and get the thrill of revenge, isn't it?'

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However, why was there a strong feeling in the way he looked at her as if it could not be melted?

It even gave her the illusion that he loved her!

'How could he love me?

'He hates me! I slept with him and left the next day without a word!

"I..." She bit her lip and for a moment did not know what to say.

He did not wait for her to answer. He took out his phone, dialed a number, and said to the other end of the line, "Get the news about Lily being blacklisted and forced to quit to the top of the trending searches list... Yes... Hold on."

As he spoke, Hadwin Stephenson turned his head to Lina Sweeney and asked, "How many days do you want it to be number one on the trending searches list?"

"Huh?" Lina Sweeney blinked, still a little distracted. She said subconsciously, "Three days?"

"Three days then," Hadwin Stephenson replied to the other end of the line. A moment later, he put away the phone and said to Lina Sweeney, "Alright. I've done what you wanted."

Lina Sweeney blinked her eyes again. 'That's... It?'

She worked hard for most of the day without success, yet... Uh, it was all done with a kiss and a phone call?

Lina Sweeney suddenly thought that her kiss... Seemed to be worth a lot of money. However, she did not know how much money topping the trending searches list would cost Hadwin Stephenson!

It could not be removed. Even if Lily used the Atkinson family and her own ability to pull some strings, the news about her being blacklisted and forced to quite stayed well on top of the trending searches list.

'Who did it? Who the hell did it?

'Is it Jason?'

Was there someone else?' After all, many people in the entertainment industry were jealous of her, so there were probably a lot of people who were planning to kick her while she was down.

"Still can't figure out who it is?" Lily barked at her manager on the other end of the line.

"They're mysterious. We can't find out who it is. All I can find out is that your news has to top the trending searches list for three days before getting removed," said the manager.

"What?" Lily could not believe it. She could not even stand it for an hour, let alone three days!

"Whatever it costs, remove it from the trending searches list!"

Lily said hurriedly.

When Sean Stevens walked into the room, Lily threw herself into Sean Stevens's arms with a tearful face.

"Sean, someone's trying to get at me. They made the news about me getting blacklisted to the top trending search. What should I do? I... I'll be the joke of the entire upper-class society!" Lily said pitifully. The pity on her face was enough to evoke anyone's desire to protect.

Sean Stevens held Lily. "I won't let others laugh at you. I'll help you with the trending searches list incident."

"It's all Grace's fault. If it hadn't been for her, how could I have ended up like this? However, she won't be happy for long. I'm waiting to see when Jason gets tired of her and dumps her,"

Lily said bitterly.

"That probably... Won't happen, Sean Stevens said after a moment's hesitation. After all, anyone who had ever seen

Jason with Grace could tell how much Jason loved Grace.

Lily only smiled with a touch of menace on the corners of her lips. It formed a sharp contrast against the pity on her face.

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"My sister once said that a man like Jason can't love a woman at all! He can't trust women. He's the only one in the world he'll

ever believe in!"

'Unless Grace can make Jason have no doubts about her. Otherwise, as long as there's a little doubt...' Lily's eyes

darkened.

Jason is a lunatic. Sis loved him so dearly. Even though Jason didn't love her, she still wanted to marry him. However, Jason

didn't even shed a tear for her when she died.

'Now, I'd love to see what would happen to Grace.

'It's Grace who made me so miserable. When Grace gets dumped by Jason, I'll be sure to give Grace another taste of

pain!'

Although the Stevens family and the Atkinson family pulled a lot of strings and spent a lot of money, the news about Lily being blacklisted still topped the trending searches list for three days.

The families got word that more than one party wanted to put the news on top of the list.

Lily had been completely humiliated, so to speak.

Lina Sweeney was in quite a good mood when she saw that the news topping the trending searches list every day. She also praised Hadwin Stephenson. Incidentally, she also took a screenshot of the trending searches list and printed it out,

saying she wanted to make it a memento.

Hadwin Stephenson was speechless.

"By the way, the day after tomorrow is your birthday, Grace. Will you be spending it at Reed Residence?" Lina Sweeney asked during the phone call.

Her best friend had said before that her birthday this year just happened to be the day after the 49th day of her grandmother's death, so she did not want a big celebration.

"Yes. Just come with Hadwin Stephenson. If he's free, of course," Grace said.

"Sure. Hold on. I'll ask him," Lina Sweeney said and looked up at Hadwin Stephenson who was in front of her. "The day after tomorrow is Grace's birthday. Are you free to go with me?"

"Yes," said Hadwin Stephenson. Grace was Lina's best friend,

so of course he was going to go if he was invited.

After all, he would value the people Lina valued.

"Then I'll come over with Hadwin Stephenson the day after tomorrow," Lina Sweeney answered on the phone.

"Sure," said Grace. They talked some more before ending the call.

Grace put down her phone and turned to Jason, saying, "I've

only invited Lina, Hadwin Stephenson, Kyla, and Nelson to my birthday the day after tomorrow. That's all."

Jason pressed his thin lips together slightly. "Next year, I'll have a big birthday party for you."

Grace smiled. "It's alright. I think it's good enough to spend my birthday with people who are nice to me. It doesn't matter if it's a big birthday. However, I'm looking forward to the cake you'll make for me."

He took her hand. "Alright. I'll make you a perfect cake the day after tomorrow."

A man like him was willing to make a cake for her by hand. She thought if Grandma was still alive, she must be glad that

she found a man who loved her so much.

From now on, her grandmother who was in the next world

need not worry about her anymore, because someone would stay by her side and take care of her.

"It's the 49th day of Grandma's death tomorrow. I thought I'd go over and see her," said Grace.

"Then I'll ask the driver to drive you there. I'll come and accompany you after my morning meeting," said Jason.