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Chapter 1111

"Grace gave a wry smile after Brian left. Her phone was still with Jason.

Jason had taken her phone when she was locked up in the mansion, and she never saw it again.

It seemed that she would have to report that she lost her phone card and get a replacement as well as a new phone.

It did not cost much to get a replacement card, but a new phone... She heard a knock at the door as she was thinking about it.

'Did Brian come back?' Grace stood up and opened the door to her rental house.

However, to her surprise, it was Terrence at the door.

"Hello, Miss Cummins. Here's your phone. Master Reed asked me to return it to you," said Terrence as he handed Grace her phone.

Grace took the phone, and Terrence left without saying anything more.

Grace turned on her phone once she was back in the house. It still had some battery left. She saw a lot of missed calls that were mostly from Lina and some from the firm.

Grace called Lina back to let her know that she was safe.

Lina was so flustered when she received a phone call from her best friend. "Did you... get away from Jason? Are you okay? Where did Jason take you? Did he do anything to you?"

Grace felt her best friend's concern from the series of questions.

Grace replied, "He didn't do anything to me. Besides, I don't think he'll do anything to me anymore."

"What do you mean?" Lina was surprised.

"It's probably over between us," said Grace.

"You..." Lina was a little hesitant to speak. Her best friend's voice was calm, but there seemed to be something else in it. "Are you sure you're okay?"

"I'm fine. Alright, I just called to let you know I'm back in the rental house and something like this probably won't happen again. My phone is dying, so I'm going to hang up now," said

Grace.

After the call, she checked her phone again. It was the same as it was before Jason took it. Actually, the only difference was

that a photo had been deleted.

A photo of... Jason as a child.

She had seen his childhood photo album before they broke up and took a photo of him as a child with her phone.

After the breakup, she deleted his phone number but the photo remained on her phone.

The deleted photo was Jason telling her that they had nothing to do with each other anymore!

That was alright. It signified a clean break and no more entanglements.

In the end... the man who called her 'Sis' and said he loved her had become a part of her memory...

Grace laughed at herself as she looked down at her feet blankly.

It was not that she was not touched and never thought about getting back together when he knelt in front of her and kissed her instep as he made the oath.

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However, sometimes, everything could change in an instant- just like when they broke up.

Only that time, it was he who wanted to break up. This time, it was she who wanted to leave.

"Jason, I really should get over you this time," murmured

Grace.

Lina planned to head over to Grace's rental house to see her as soon as she got off work the next day.

Although they had talked on the phone yesterday and Grace said she was alright, Lina was still a little worried.

However, a figure stopped in front of her when she came to the parking lot to get her car.

"You must be Lina," they said.

it was a woman wearing a new outfit from multiple luxury brands' fall collections. She wore elaborate makeup and was looking haughtily at Lina.

Lina was stunned. "Who are you?"

"I'm Elizabeth Jackson, the one Hadwin Stephenson is going to marry. I heard you've been with Hadwin for a while, so I

- wanted to meet you. What do you think? Why don't we go somewhere and talk?" she said. It was a question, but her tone was more like an order that had no room for rejection. Her

eyes were full of disdain.

Lina raised her eyebrows. 'Marry... Um, why didn't Hadwin Stephenson tell me about it? Is this a situation where my rival in love is trying to show me who's the boss?

'Wait a minute. This woman doesn't seem to be my rival in love!

Lina made all sorts of speculations in her head, temporarily ignoring Elizabeth Jackson.

Elizabeth Jackson had never suffered such treatment. If it were not for her next plan, she would have turned around and left by now. She would not waste her time on this seemingly ordinary woman.

She had no idea what Hadwin Stephenson saw in this woman!

"Hey, do you want to talk or not?" Elizabeth Jackson said. angrily.

"Sure. Let's just go to the coffee shop next to my office, but it's your treat," said Lina. Lina was not going to split the bill for those who came looking for trouble and save them money.

The disdain in Elizabeth Jackson's eyes grew stronger. She found that Lina was indeed someone too embarrassing to show in public. She would even fuss over the price of a cup of coffee.

"Got it. Lead the way," said Elizabeth Jackson.

Lina shrugged and led the way, trying to figure out what the marriage was all about.

In the coffee shop, Lina bluntly ordered a cup of expensive coffee for herself and listened to Elizabeth Jackson as she spoke in a superior tone. "I looked into you. You're just a designer in a small design firm from an ordinary family background. Don't you think you're unworthy of Hadwin?"

"Would I date him if I felt that way?" Lina said as she curled

her lips.

Elizabeth Jackson was stunned by Lina's words. "You..."

"By the way, what's your family background and what do you do?" asked Lina. After all, one would prevail in every battle if one knew oneself and one's enemy.

"I'm the daughter of the boss of Four Seas Property, and I'm also the marriage partner decided by the Stephenson family.

Soon, Hadwin and I will be engaged and then married.

Therefore, if you're smart, you'd better leave before things get embarrassing," said Elizabeth Jackson as she raised her chin.

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Lina blinked her eyes. She took out her phone and started searching for Four Seas Property.

Seeing this, Elizabeth Jackson almost had an impulse to faint.

'Is this woman telling me through her actions that she hasn't heard of Four Seas Property?'

Elizabeth Jackson felt like she had been slapped in the face.

She thought Lina would be shocked to hear her mention Four

Seas Property, but instead... she was looking it up on the search engine.

After reading the online introduction of Four Seas Property, Lina smiled. "Okay, I know your background, but you said

that you're the marriage partner decided by the Stephenson family and you and Hadwin will get engaged. That means you're not engaged yet, are you? You're the marriage partner decided by the first wife of the Stephenson family, but Hadwin Stephenson probably hasn't decided yet. Therefore, you have nothing to do with him, do you?"

Lina did not believe Hadwin Stephenson would marry this woman at all. Somehow, she trusted Hadwin Stephenson.

'Perhaps this is the so-called power of love!' Lina thought to herself.

Elizabeth Jackson clenched her teeth with hatred as she glared at Lina. The woman was right. The marriage was decided by the Jackson family and the first wife of the Stephenson family. Hadwin Stephenson never said yes!

"Then I... Ahem!" Lina coughed twice, raised her chin, and

grinned at Elizabeth Jackson. "I'm Hadwin's girlfriend. I'm official! So Miss Jackson, don't you think it's a bit ridiculous for you to tell me to leave Hadwin?"

Elizabeth Jackson snorted coldly, thinking Lina was

deliberately putting on a show. She went straight to the point and said, "How much money do you want for you to leave

Hadwin Stephenson?"

Lina's eyes lit up. 'Damn, I never expected the scenario in novels and TV dramas where people use money to get rid of someone to actually happen to me one day!

However... she was the one that was being rid of.

"Are you going to give me money?" asked Lina.

Elizabeth Jackson mistakenly thought Lina's eyes had lit up because of money. She sneered in her heart. 'She's indeed a money-hungry woman!"

"Is five million enough?" asked Elizabeth Jackson.

However, she looked disgusted. "Only five million? Is Hadwin only worth five million? Five million is only enough to buy a

house in Emerald City, and it's probably less than 100 square meters in a rather remote area."

"Then how much do you want?" asked Elizabeth Jackson as she clenched her teeth.

"Isn't hundreds of millions of dollars falling from the sky all the rage these days?" asked Lina.

Elizabeth Jackson almost fainted. The woman in front of her

was not the miserable and gullible person she expected. She was simply someone extremely greedy.

Even if she pooled all the Jackson family's cash, she could not raise hundreds of millions of dollars all at once!

"Lina, are you fooling me?" Elizabeth Jackson clenched her teeth. Her eyes, covered with mascara and eye shadow, glared at Lina angrily.

Lina said, "Aren't you humiliating me by asking me to leave Hadwin for five million? Of course, one of your plans is that you'll give me money to leave, and the other, you'll pretend to say yes and record our conversation. Then, you'll find a chance to show it to Hadwin so that he'll think I'm a money-hungry woman and our relationship will be ruined."

Lina glanced at Elizabeth Jackson's phone that was on the table as she spoke. However, the phone's back was facing up. The screen was glued to the table, the opposite of how a normal person would place their phone.

"I think you're going with the second plan, aren't you, Miss Jackson?" asked Lina.

Elizabeth Jackson stiffened, her face turning red.

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She was indeed going to do what Lina said. She was not even going to give her the five million. She only intended to make Hadwin Stephenson get rid of the woman in front of her.

However, she did not expect her to be so meticulous and even correctly guessed her intention.

Just then, Lina's phone rang. She took out her phone and saw an incoming call from Hadwin Stephenson, so she pressed the

answer button.

"Where are you?" Hadwin Stephenson's gentle voice came from the phone.

"I'm negotiating with the daughter of the boss of Four Seas Property, whom the Stephenson family has chosen to marry you," said Lina.

"Negotiating?" Hadwin Stephenson was stunned and got nervous immediately. "That woman came to see you? Did she do anything to you?"

"She's trying to gain something for nothing. She said she's going to pay me to leave you, but she never planned to give me a dime," said Lina.

Elizabeth Jackson's delicately painted face was distorted when she heard that. 'Lina doesn't play by the rules. I'll only make a

bigger fool of myself if I stay!"

Elizabeth Jackson got up angrily. She gave Lina a look that said 'You'll regret this' and left the table without saying a

word.

Lina was still on the phone. She shouted as soon as she saw

Elizabeth Jackson leave, "Don't forget to pay for the coffee."

Elizabeth Jackson staggered a little, then steadied herself and continued to walk toward the cashier not far away.

"What's the matter?" asked Hadwin Stephenson, who was on the other end of the line.

"Nothing. Miss Jackson has left now. I just reminded her to pay for the bill. After all, she promised me it's her treat today."

Hadwin Stephenson could not help laughing a little at that. His

Lina never seemed to let him down.

At the beginning of the call, he was worried that Lina might misunderstand something, but now, it sounded like no big

deal.

“Shall I come and get you?” he asked.

“I’m going to Grace’s place later. I’ll come see you if I have

time after meeting Grace.” Lina was a good example of putting friendship first and love second.

Hadwin Stephenson could only accept it. Fortunately, only

Grace received such treatment among Lina’s friends. Otherwise, Hadwin Stephenson would be further distressed if

there were a few more!

When Lina came to Grace’s rental house, she saw Grace

eating dinner and said, “Nice. Here’s another dish for you.”

With that, she put the roast duck she had bought on the small dining table and said, “Is there any rice left? Give me a bowl.”

“You haven’t had dinner?” asked Grace. After all, she had

dinner a little late today and did not expect someone to not

have had their dinner yet.

“I could’ve come earlier, but something held me up,” said Lina

as she took the rice from her best friend and dug in.

Grace had only made a tomato omelet and a bowl of seaweed soup. Adding Lina’s roast duck made the dinner a lot

more varied.

As they ate together, Lina asked, “Where did Jason take you? Do you know how worried I was these days?” It was inconvenient to ask about some things on the phone yesterday, so she just asked her face to face today.

Grace made no secret of it, telling Lina about the old mansion

and how she had stayed there these days.

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Jason just locked you up there? He didn’t... Uh... Do anything bad to you?” Lina asked gingerly.

‘No’ said Grace.

Lina was relieved. “Then he’s still a gentleman after all.”

Lina seemed to think of something and said, 'By the way, what did you mean when you said you have nothing to do with

Jason anymore? You-

"Like I said, he's he and I'm me. Even the brother and sister game is over now. He and I are really just strangers," Grace said calmly.

However, Lina was worried about her calmness.

She did not like Jason. She just thought that Jason had hurt Grace too much, but. Once she knew that Jason and Grace had really become strangers, she had a sour feeling in her hear.

Lina more or less thought that maybe Jason and her best friend still had a chance.

"Joson's not the only man in this world. You'll find someone better." Lina encouraged her best friend.

Grace smiled faintly and did not contradict her best friend's kindness. She knew Lina was worried about her future and that she would end up alone.

However, even if she were to die alone, the idea did not sound that terrible to her. After all, it would be nice to have solitude and not be involved in those complicated relationships.

She would not get hurt and feel pain anymore if she did not love.

"By the way, what's going on between you and Brian?" Lina thought of this. She remembered how he had still tried to find out Grace's whereabouts after he broke his hand. Lina only felt that her best friend occupied an unusual position in the heart of the entertainment industry's crown prince.

Grace did not keep it a secret and told Lina about her matter with Brian.

Lina was the last person in the world she would keep a secret from. She could even give Lina her life!

Lina was shocked when she heard this. "So that Stella, who trended online several times, is just an impostor who took your place as Brian's savior when he was little?"

Grace said, "That's one way to put it. I didn't think Stella would take my place either. However, I was with Jason and didn't want to get involved with Brian, so I didn't say anything about it."

"Now that you're no longer with Jason, why won't you tell him?"

Lina asked in confusion.

Grace gave a wry smile. “I... don’t want to owe Brian any more favors.”

She and Brian had evened the debt. She saved his life once, and he saved her life once.

However, the debt of love was the most difficult to pay off.

Since she did not love Brian, if she told him that she was the one who saved him when he was a child, he would probably

be even more reluctant to let her go.

Instead of telling him the truth, it was better to continue to keep it as it was. Perhaps his feelings would fade a little when he did not get her response after some time.

Lina looked at her best friend but could not give any advice. After all, other people could not interfere when it came to relationships.

However... “That lucky b*stard, Stella. She has done nothing but gets to live a rich and prosperous life by pretending to be someone else!” It was so infuriating!

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However, Grace planned to continue hiding the truth from

Brian, so she could not even tell the truth if she wanted to!

Grace smiled faintly. Just then, Lina’s WeChat notifications rang. It was a WeChat message from Hadwin Stephenson. Lina took a look, and it was Hadwin Stephenson asking when

she was going over to his place.

Grace accidentally caught a glimpse and said, “Alright, Hadwin Stephenson is waiting for you. Go to his place first. Let’s get together again sometime.”

“Alright then. Remember to call me if you need anything. Don’t suffer on your own,” Lina said a little worriedly.

“Okay, got it!” Grace smiled. Only when she was with Lina could she relax and show her true self.

She knew that Lina would stand by her no matter what.

When Lina left Grace’s place, her heart suddenly became a little heavy. She did not know whether this was good for

Grace.

She broke up with Jason only to be faced with Brian now.

However, Grace did not love Brian and did not want to accept him.

It seemed that in relationships, being able to share mutual
affections and trust was some sort of luck and blessing.

Lina also felt luckier and luckier. Although there were some
twists and turns with Hadwin Stephenson at the beginning, it
was still smooth sailing after all.

She drove to Hadwin Stephenson's mansion. Once she walked in, she saw Hadwin Stephenson talking to
someone on the phone. His expression was serious, and a solemn look flashed across his face while he
was on the phone. It was something

she had never seen before.

However, when his eyes saw her coming in, they instantly
turned into a familiar gentleness.

Lina's heart warmed. She put down her bag and sat on the couch nearby. Then, she held her chin and
silently watched Hadwin Stephenson talking on the phone.

Although Hadwin Stephenson did not turn on the speakerphone, Lina could tell to some extent that
Hadwin Stephenson was talking to the 'first wife' of the Stephenson
family.

That was because Hadwin Stephenson referred to the caller as 'Mother. Even though he was talking to
the other end of

the line in his usual tone and sounded gentle, at the same time, something cold still flashed across his
face occasionally.

When the call was over, Hadwin Stephenson put away his phone and looked at Lina. "How did it go with
Grace? Is she alright?"

"She looks okay, but actually..." Lina sighed. "I don't know if Grace is really okay."

She raised her hand and embraced Hadwin Stephenson as

she spoke. She buried her face deep into his arms. "I think my relationship is going smoother than
Grace's. I'm so lucky to

have met you."

Hadwin Stephenson lowered his head and looked at the person in his arms. "I'm the lucky one."

Lina said, "Let's just say we're both lucky. By the way, were you on the phone with the Stephenson
family's first wife just now?"

"Yes," he replied.

"Was the conversation unpleasant?" she asked curiously.

lost. They just haven't announced it to the public. Even Elizabeth Jackson doesn't know about it."

Lina's eyes immediately widened. 'No way. Are you kidding me? It's just like a plot from a cheesy drama!'

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"To the Jackson family, their biological daughter is the most important thing. As for Elizabeth Jackson, since she's not their biological daughter, she's only a sacrifice they can use." Hadwin Stephenson continued saying, "They thought that if they married Elizabeth Jackson to me, I would think that the Jackson family and I were of one mind. When the time comes, the Jackson family will defect and leave me with no power. Then, the Stephenson family will naturally belong to the first wife and her family."

Lina's mood fluctuated when she heard this. She felt that her IQ was not suitable for palace dramas!

"But how do you know that Elizabeth Jackson isn't the Jackson family's biological daughter?" asked Lina.

"I found out, of course. If I'm not even capable of doing this, how could I have taken control of the Stephenson family?" Hadwin Stephenson said with a laugh. His face was full of confidence.

Lina just thought her boyfriend looked good when he was confident. It made her have the urge to fangirl again.

"But it looks like you're a target now too," said Hadwin

Stephenson. The fact that Elizabeth Jackson found Lina today

was a sign. Lina was stunned, "Then... What are we gonna do now?"

Pretend to have a fight and break up or something?"

He did not know whether to laugh or cry after hearing her words. What was going on inside this woman's head? "Don't even think about breaking up!" He bent down and bit her cheek a little as he spoke.

"Ah!" Lina cried out in pain and touched the bite mark on her cheek. There were shallow teeth marks. "I said pretend, not break up for real."

"No, not even if we're only pretending! Didn't we make a deal? We must never break up once we start dating!" He rubbed her head gently as he spoke, "Don't worry. I'll settle the Stephenson family's affairs as soon as possible. At most, it'll be settled in three months!"

Three months? "What are you going to do?" asked Lina, suddenly feeling that Hadwin Stephenson seemed to be holding back something big.

"Make sure the first wife and her family can no longer cause trouble, of course," said Hadwin Stephenson as his eyes stared at her. "I told you before that I won't drag you into the Stephenson family's dirty mess, and I'll keep my word!"

Lina smiled. "Yes, I believe you. You can do it!"

Her trusting look stirred his heart. He leaned forward, and his lips gently pressed against the spot on her face where he had

bitten her. "Does it hurt?"

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She rolled her eyes at him. "What do you think? You'll know if you get bitten."

He said, "Sure. If you really want to bite me, do it."

Lina widened her eyes. 'No way. He's letting me bite him?"

However, if she really had to bite him, it seemed... she could not do it! Ling looked at the face in front of her that one could

almost call beautiful.

His looks had always been more neutral but not feminine. His fine features became clearer when she looked at him at such a close distance. She could even count his slightly fluttering eyelashes. He was... so seductive!

Lina could not help but pounce on him, kissing and licking him.

She was reluctant to bite him, so this was the only way to go!

Hadwin Stephenson trembled. His thin lips parted slightly and his hoarse voice said, "You're not biting?"

"You're so beautiful, I can't bear to do it!" said Lina as she was almost on top of him, kissing him non-stop.

pregnant now?"

His fingers caressed her rosy lips. "Since the Stephenson

family has made you a target, I need to hasten my plans. I'll

solve the Stephenson family's issue within three months, so...

three months later, we'll get married whether you're pregnant

or not!"

Hadwin Stephenson spoke. Marriage was the most proper respect he could give this woman! Even though he did not find the papers very binding, it was important to other people.

He loved her and just wanted to be with her all his life.

"Get... Get married?" Lina only felt that she had received one shocking news after another, and she was almost blown dizzy by the bombshells he threw her way.

“Yeah, we’ll get married. I love you, and you love me too. Isn’t it the most natural thing for us to get married?” said Hadwin Stephenson. He did not want to drag her into the Stephenson family’s conflict. He wanted to talk to her about getting

married after he solved the Stephenson family’s internal conflict.

However, now that the first wife and her family had taken this step, he did not need to delay it any longer.

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other’s hands and grow old together!

The night was dark. Terrence stood in front of Splashes of Blood's door, looking at the closed door with some anxiety.

Master Reed had been in this room since after dinner and had not come out yet. Calculating the time, it had been almost six

hours!

Did something happen to... Master Reed in there?

Terrence suddenly thought of the long sword in the room in the glass display case.

Even though the long sword had lost its sharpness after so many years, but... If one wanted to do something with it, it was not impossible.

The more Terrence thought about it, the more uneasy he became. As he saw time ticking by, he suddenly stepped forward. He was about to knock on the door when the door was suddenly opened and Jason came out.

"Master Reed!" said Terrence. He looked at the boss in front of him. 'Good, he doesn't seem to have any injuries.

However, Master Reed was like a piece of ice, making people feel as if they would be covered in frost whenever they got

close.

Master Reed had been like this since Miss Cummins left with

Young Master Hart!

Terrence could not help sighing in his heart as he thought of the scene where Grace knelt in front of Jason.

Though it looked like Grace was begging Master Reed, he was actually the one begging Grace!

Even though Master Reed was looking down at Grace, who

at the time was kneeling on the ground, Terrence felt that

Master Reed could not have been any meeker.

After following Jason for many years, Terrence naturally knew that his boss was really hurt by Grace this time.

Grace was probably the only one who could hurt Master

Reed.

"Seal up the mansion!" Jason's voice came coldly.

Terrence was stunned. "Seal it up?"

“Yes, no one is allowed to set foot here from now on!” said Jason.

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The mansion would be sealed up. Then all that happened here would be completely sealed in his memories. He would never think of it again!

Jason lifted his foot and walked toward the mansion’s gates.

He would not come here again! His hopes and despair had taken place in this mansion, and it would only become taboo

from now on.

Just like how the woman he once called ‘Sis’ had become taboo!

Stella’s visit to the firm somewhat surprised Grace.

However, Stella had come to Lawyer Carter for some legal advice and to ask Lawyer Carter to help her deal with a defamation dispute, saying she wanted to sue some of the netizens for making malicious comments about her.

Lawyer Carter could not reject the business that came his way, not to mention the price Stella offered was pretty good.

After talking about what she wanted to do, Stella said with a smile, “I’m commissioning your firm with the case because my cousin Grace works here. I feel like I can give you some business and at the same time, I can feel at ease too.”

Lawyer Carter made a few polite remarks at that.

When Stella was about to leave, Lawyer Carter said, “Grace, why don’t you see your cousin out?”

Grace responded and walked out of the office with Stella.

“Grace, are you okay? I heard from Brian that you’re back safe and sound. I’m so happy for you,” said Stella.

Grace looked at her cousin coldly. She did not believe what she said. Her cousin had probably hoped she could not come back. “Sis, I’m surprised you came to my office to commission

a case," she said.

"What's so surprising about it? We're relatives. Of course, I'm going to give my family business," Stella said, looking like a good sister,

Sometimes, Grace admired her. They had fallen out, but her

cousin could still behave like nothing had happened and act like they were intimate sisters.

"Family?" Grace asked lightly, her eyes gazing intently at

Stella.

"Of... Of course..." Her gaze made Stella feel somewhat guilty. Seeing that the elevator had come, she immediately said, "I gotta go. I'll contact you next time."

With that, the elevator doors opened and Stella almost

hurried into the elevator.

Grace watched the elevator doors close slowly. Family... Her cousin had probably never thought of her as family.

She... probably no longer had a home!

Stella walked out of the office building and was about to go to her car in the parking lot when a figure suddenly grabbed her from behind. "You've been living a good life, I see. It's a pity I divorced you back then!"

Stella knew it was her ex-husband Robert Brewer when she heard the voice.

His name was so tacky and was not as nice as Brian's name. Not to mention how much Robert Brewer's appearance and family background differed from Brian's.

Stella broke free from Robert Brewer's arms and turned to look at him with disgust in her eyes. "Didn't I give you the money you asked for last time? What more do you want?"