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Chapter 1301

"What's the matter? Did I say it wrong?" he asked.

"Did you call my mom... Mom?" she asked in a mutter.

"We're already married. Your mother is my mother. Is it wrong for me to call her Mom?" he asked with amusement.

There was... nothing wrong with it, but she had always thought that the word 'Mom' was taboo for him.

It was because his mother's existence had hurt him.

Seeing Grace's eyes widening in shock and doubt, Jason sighed gently. He bent over to hug Grace and said, "I was once abandoned by my mother, so the word 'mother' had always represented hatred to me. I didn't think I'd ever call

anyone 'Mom' again. But Grace... It was you who showed me that the word 'mother' still has warmth."

He closed his eyes gently, rested his head on her shoulder, and told her things he never said to anyone. "Just like how you're a good mother, and your mother was a good mother too. That's why you miss her so much. She was the one who gave birth to you, and I'm very grateful. Without her, I would never have met you and would never understand what it feels like to love

Grace just felt that his breath seemed to surround her, and she seemed to have never been so close to him before-so close that he was taking the initiative to tell her about his trauma and his pain, little by little.

"So it's not just because we're married that I'm calling your mother 'Mom. More importantly, she's the mother of the woman I love the most. She's the one who gave you life, which tantamounts to giving me a second life. Grace, you're my second life," he whispered.

Suddenly, the tip of Grace's nose felt a little hot and sore. Her heart was moved.

She felt sorry for the man. Her heart broke for him, and she... wanted to protect the man more and make him happy.

She had felt this way before, and she felt it again... now.

Perhaps this was what love was! She had always loved him and had never once gotten over him!

"Jay, I love you!" Grace whispered the words to him.

Yes, she loved him.

Their love had been broken, but he pieced it together little by

little. The cracks in it slowly disappeared and were replaced by a lost and found sense of cherishing and rejoice.

She previously thought it would take a long time to get here, but it turned out to be so fast!

Jason immediately stiffened as if he dared not believe what he just heard.

‘What is she talking about? Could I have misheard it? Is that possible?’

However... his heart hoped that he did not mishear it. ‘Please don’t let it be a mistake! I mustn’t have misheard it! Because...

that’s my deepest desire!’

Jason slowly straightened up. His ink-like eyes stared intently at Grace, and he said hoarsely, “What did you... just say?”

When he finished asking, he waited almost breathlessly for her answer.

Even though he had always been calm, he was extremely nervous right now as if he was facing a tense and difficult problem.

“I said I love you,” Grace smiled and repeated what she had just said.

Chapter 1302

All of a sudden, Jason’s eyes turned red. Was he too nervous, or was he so looking forward to it that his body even started trembling slightly? His lips were quivering too.

“You love me... Really?” he murmured with a shaky voice.

Grace said, “Yes. Could it be fake? Jay, I love you. I thought it might take a long time for me to love you again, but... love doesn’t seem to be affected by time.”

There was no earth-shattering incident nor any special opportunity. She just naturally confirmed her feelings for him.

It was probably because she loved him.

Jason suddenly held Grace in his arms again. “You said you love me. You can’t go back on it!”

“Yes, I won’t go back on my word,” she said, hearing the lump in his voice. “Jay, are you crying?”

He did not answer her but buried his face deeper into her shoulder, taking in her scent as if to imprint everything about her into his heart.

Grace could only feel the wetness on her shoulder.

When Grace and Jason slowly walked out of the cemetery, Terrence, who was waiting outside, was surprised when he saw his boss with red eyes.

On the other hand, Grace seemed to be in good spirits with a faint smile on her face.

Somehow, Terrence thought that the scene should be of a man bullying a little lady so her eyes reddened with tears of grievance while the man was jolly!

However, the scene before him seemed to be the other way round!

‘Well... Was Boss bullied? Was he bullied until his eyes were red with tears?’

‘Tears?’ Terrence was startled by the passing thought and reassured himself that it was absolutely impossible! ‘How could Master Reed possibly cry? His eyes are probably red because the wind blew sand into his eyes earlier.’

Terrence thought, but the next moment, what Grace said shattered it completely.

“Alright. Look at you, I wouldn’t have said that if I knew you were going to cry. Your eyes are a little swollen now,” said Grace as she looked at Jason’s eyes carefully.

However, his eyes that were swollen from crying were still so beautiful. Above all, the wetness in his eyes after crying even made people feel sorry for him.

Of course, Jason would not know whether to laugh or cry if he knew what was on Grace’s mind right now.

Terrence was petrified!

‘Master Reed really... cried?’

‘Well... What did Young Madam say that made Master Reed cry?’

“You have to tell me even if my eyes are swollen. You can’t keep it to yourself!” said Jason. Did she know how much it meant to him when she said she loved him?

“Okay, okay!” she said. She seemed to be pacifying a child, raising her hand to pet his head as if she were petting a puppy.

Terrence stayed petrified!

Only Young Madam could do something like that to Master Reed. If it were someone else, their hand would have been chopped off!

Chapter 1303

Jason enjoyed Grace’s gentle caress. After quite some time,

he said, "Alright, let's get in the car." With that, he glared at Terrence who was still gaping in shock out of the corners of his eyes.

Terrence trembled before coming back to his senses and quickly lowering his head.

'Gosh. Did I just see something I shouldn't have seen? Will Master Reed kill me to keep it a secret?'

After getting into the car and driving for a short time, Terrence's phone rang. A moment after answering the phone, Terrence turned to Jason in the back seat and reported, "Master Reed, Hadwin Stephenson has shown up!"

Grace exclaimed, "What? Where's Hadwin Stephenson?"

"At the Jackson family's house in J City. Hadwin Stephenson only showed up secretly. The police are still unaware of this, and the Stephenson family probably isn't aware of it either," said Terrence.

Grace was once again stunned. 'The Jackson family?'

"Elizabeth Jackson's Jackson family?" she asked hurriedly. After all, Elizabeth Jackson had once approached Lina to show her who was boss, saying something about her being the fiancée the Stephenson family had arranged for Hadwin Stephenson.

Afterward, she and Lina almost had a car accident, which was also plotted by Elizabeth Jackson.

Hadwin Stephenson hurried back to the Jackson family's house because of this incident!

"Yes, but Elizabeth Jackson is just the Jackson family's adopted daughter. Now, the Jackson family's real heiress is back. She's

called Katherine Jackson. Hadwin Stephenson secretly went back to the Jackson family's house with her."

Grace was stunned. 'Why did Katherine Jackson go back with Hadwin Stephenson? And why didn't Hadwin Stephenson go to the police?'

"Then... Can you get in touch with Hadwin Stephenson?" asked Grace.

Terrence shook his head. "No, it was only by chance that we found Hadwin Stephenson secretly entering and leaving the Jackson family's house. Besides, J City isn't our territory, after all. Our men can't go anywhere near Hadwin Stephenson."

Grace was silent, wondering why Hadwin Stephenson was with members of the Jackson family.

Jason gently patted Grace's shoulder. "Alright, don't overthink it. At least it proves Hadwin Stephenson is still alive and well! We can find out why he's with the Jackson family later!"

Grace nodded. They could only leave things at that first. However, she wondered whether Hadwin Stephenson knew about Lina's current situation.

'Hadwin Stephenson loves Lina so much. He'll certainly come to see Lina if he finds out!'

"Then... why don't you try and see if you can pass a message to Hadwin Stephenson. Tell Hadwin Stephenson about Lina's current situation. In any case, Lina... really needs him right now," Grace said after thinking it over.

She hoped Lina could see Hadwin Stephenson when she woke

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"Okay, I'll ask my men to try and pass the message to Hadwin Stephenson." Jason agreed and changed the subject, saying,

"It's almost noon. Is there anything you want to eat?"

"I'm fine with anything," she said. Her mind was still occupied with Hadwin Stephenson and Lina's matter.

Jason frowned slightly and raised his hand to grab Grace's chin so that her face was facing him. "You care about

Lina and Kyla Corbyn. Can you care more about me, your husband? Can you just think of me when you're with me?"

Grace's face immediately turned red. The word 'husband' gave her a strange feeling.

"Of... Of course, I care about you too," she said.

"How much do you care about me?"

"Uh..." She blinked. 'Is he... jealous?'

Chapter 1304

"I care a lot about you. You're my... husband, the father of my children. How could I not care about you?"

"You won't care about me if I'm not their father?" he asked.

She immediately did not know whether to laugh or cry. 'Is he even jealous over the kids?'

"Of course... not!" she said at once. Even a fool would have known what to say.

However... he was the one she loved, and because she loved him, she loved their children even more!

She raised her hand and gently rubbed his head again as she spoke. "Alright, I care about Lina and Kyla because they

really need help right now. Besides, both of them have helped me a lot, especially Lina... If it hadn't been for her, I probably wouldn't have met you at all."

'I would have died in the cold prison.

Jason seemed to think of something and his eyes twinkled. "I know Lina is your lifeline, so you'll help her no matter what.

But does she even matter more than me?"

Grace could not help but laugh. "That's incomparable. My feelings for you are all different!"

"What if it has to be compared?" he asked.

Grace hesitated for a moment before looking at the person in front of her carefully. "Both of you are people I would give up my life for."

His eyes darkened immediately.

He knew more than anyone that she valued her family and friends more than anything. She would be willing to return double the kindness others showed her. Besides, Lina had once given up her future for her.

Lina had stayed by her side in those three years. Speaking of which, he should thank Lina!

Or at least he should be satisfied that he was no less important to her than Lina. Besides, she said she loved him, right?

She had given him what he wanted.

However, why was he dissatisfied? He was even greedy for more...

"Grace, when will you make me your lifeline too?" muttered Jason. In that case, would she need him more? So much so that she could not live without him?

During lunch, Jason chose a private room and ordered some sweet and sour dishes according to Grace's taste.

Grace's preference for food had also changed since she became pregnant. She now enjoyed sweet and sour dishes.

"Uh, you can order something else too. You don't have to completely cater to my taste," said Grace.

Jason said with a slight smile, "I'm not. You're pregnant, yet I can't help you share the burden. I can at least share a little of your experience by eating the same food as you. It makes me feel like I'm accompanying you through this pregnancy."

Grace could not help but smile at that. He was probably the only one who could think of such an explanation.

The food at the restaurant was pretty good. It gave Grace quite the appetite.

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However, as she ate, she suddenly felt like throwing up again. Therefore, she made a gesture and hurried out of the private room, walking quickly toward the restroom at the end of the corridor.

The female bodyguard guarding outside the private room quickly followed her.

Only then did Jason take out his phone and call Terrence who was dining with the driver in the general dining area outside. "What did you not say in the car earlier?"

Terrence was surprised. He did not expect Master Reed to have noticed it.

Young Madam was in the car earlier, so there were some things he could not say.

"They also reported that Hadwin Stephenson and the Jackson family's new heiress seemed very intimate. Moreover, the Jackson family seems to be working on something in secret, possibly to help Hadwin Stephenson regain power."

Jason pondered over it. 'Hadwin Stephenson and the Jackson family's newly appeared true heiress?'

"Don't tell Grace about this first, lest she panics and let her imagination run wild. Wait until we can clarify things. Check what on earth is going on between Hadwin Stephenson and that person from the Jackson family first," said Jason.

"Okay, got it," replied Terrence.

Meanwhile, Grace finally felt better after throwing up in the restroom for a while.

Speaking of which, she was already more than three months along but the morning sickness had not stopped. She had also looked up some information and consulted doctors, so she

knew that morning sickness solely depended on one's body's constitution. Some people would throw up until they gave

birth.

The nutrition the children received would lessen due to morning sickness, so she needed to take in more nutrients.

The most direct way to take in nutrition... was by eating!

Grace gave a wry smile and looked at her still not-so-obvious belly. It seemed she still had to eat more!

She got out of the restroom, walked toward the private rooms, and pushed the door of one of them.

"Young Madam..." The bodyguard behind her called out, but it was too late. Grace had already pushed the private room

door open.

Grace immediately realized she was in the wrong private room. Everyone in the private room looked at Grace at the

same time.

Grace's heart sank as she saw the people in front of her.

They were all acquaintances-Lily, Sean, and some of Sean's friends. When Grace became Sean's girlfriend, he had also brought her into his circle of friends and she got to know many of his friends.

At the time, his friends would call her their 'sister-in-law', but it was a big joke now that she thought about it.

Sean was stunned when he saw Grace walk in. Speaking of which, he had not seen her for some time. She was thinner than he remembered. The loose long white dress she wore made her look frail.

However, she looked much better than before. Her face was the same, but the lethargy had disappeared, replaced by a bright gentleness and determination.

She had the same light when he first met her. No, it was unlike the sharp light when she showed her talent but a subdued

light after precipitation that was much more attractive.

Lily frowned as she looked at Sean who was staring blankly at Grace. She felt displeased and secretly reached out to tug Sean's arm.

Sean suddenly came to his senses and met Lily's

displeased eyes, feeling a sudden rush of annoyance and embarrassment.

Chapter 1306

‘What came over me just now? I can’t believe I fell into a trance just by looking at Grace!’

Just then, Grace said, “Sorry, I entered the wrong private room.” She was about to close the door of the private room and leave as she spoke, but someone had already gotten up from their seat.

They looked at her mockingly and said, “Hey, did you really enter the wrong private room or did you know that Young Master Stevens was here so you were looking for a chance to appear before him? Grace, I heard you got out of prison, but I didn’t expect you to chase after Young Master Stevens so desperately!”

The rest burst into laughter after hearing that.

“Did she not look at herself in the mirror? She’s an ex-convict.

How dare she show up in front of Sean?!”

“I know, right? Sean and Lily are engaged now and they’re getting married soon. Why is she so shameless?”

“Hey, Grace. You killed Lily’s sister back then. What’s the matter? Do you want to destroy Lily’s marriage and be the

mistress now? However, Sean probably won’t even look at you even if you stand naked in front of him!”

Grace looked coldly at the people in front of her. Obviously, none of them were well informed enough to know that her

case had been reversed.

However... Sean and Lily should surely know about it?

A hint of doubt flashed in Grace’s eyes. She did not know that Sean and Lily had suffered a lot from Jason because of her.

Naturally, they would not mention much about Grace’s case in front of these people.

Only some people in the legal industry knew about Grace’s case reversal. Not many people knew about it.

Grace said coldly, “I can sue you for slander and insult for saying these things.”

“Sure. Sue me if you can!” The man who spoke at the

beginning now walked over to Grace, trying to please Lily and

Sean. “Why don’t you kneel and apologize to Lily here and see

if Lily is willing to forgive you?"

He tried to put his hand on Grace's shoulder, but before his hand could reach, the bodyguard following Grace grabbed

his hand violently and twisted his hand to his back.

"Aargh!" the man immediately shrieked like a pig being slaughtered.

Sean immediately got up. "Grace, what are you doing? Hurry and ask your friend to release him. Why are you here?"

Sean thought the bodyguard beside Grace was her friend.

Grace said lightly, "I told you. I accidentally entered the wrong private room, but I'll have the material ready to sue for slander and insult."

"You..." Sean was visibly furious. "Grace, are you here for trouble? They wouldn't have said that if you had not deliberately appeared before me in such a clumsy manner. Do you dare say that you didn't show up in front of me on purpose?"

Sean only thought Grace was looking for a chance to

approach him. After all, he heard that Jason seemed to have dumped Grace, and he had not seen Grace around Jason for

some time!

Grace was almost amused by Sean's imagination. "I didn't show up in front of you on purpose. Lily would take a fancy to a man like you, but not me!" she said in disdain.

Sean and Lily's expressions changed on the spot as soon as

she said that.

Lily said, "Grace, I know you held a grudge when you broke

up with Sean, but Sean loves me. As for you, even if you didn't kill my sister and you've reversed your case, it's still impossible between Sean and you!"

Chapter 1307

Sean spoke even more bluntly, "Grace, did you hear that? The only one I have in my heart is Lily. Since you despise me, why would you come here to approach me with such an excuse? How shameless!"

"You're the one with no shame. I never said I was here to see you! Sean, who do you think you are? How great do you think you are that I can't get over you? You know what? I think the worst thing in my life is having met a scumbag like you!" Grace snapped back.

Sean instantly lost his cool before so many people. He immediately rushed forward, raising his hand to hit Grace.

The bodyguard who followed Grace kicked the man she had subdued earlier out of the way before moving to pin Sean to the ground.

"Young Madam, how do you want to deal with this?" the bodyguard asked.

"Let him stay on the ground. I'll call the police, and if any of them dare come forward, just hit them," said Grace.

"Sure," the bodyguard answered.

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The crowd in the private room was stunned. For a moment, no one dared to take a step forward. After all, they had witnessed how skilled the bodyguard next to Grace was.

Decisive and agile, she was a professional!

Sean, who was pinned to the ground by the bodyguard, kept screaming and struggling but was unable to free himself.

Lily said with a stern face, "Grace, I don't care who's having your back, but you'd better ask this person to let go of Sean right now. Otherwise, you're going against the Atkinson family and the Stevens family! You'll be put in a difficult situation in Emerald City!"

Before Grace could speak, another voice rang. "I'd like to see what difficult situation she would be in!"

A figure walked to Grace's side. Grace turned her head and saw that it was Jason.

The people in the private room were immediately surprised. The few people who did not know Jason were all right, but those who knew him were all dumbfounded, with Sean and Lily being the ones suffering the greatest shock!

Sean's voice was immediately stuck.

Lily's face turned red and pale, and she could only say awkwardly, "It's... It's probably a misunderstanding..."

"A misunderstanding?" Jason looked at Grace and asked, "What's going on?"

"I entered the wrong private room, but..." As if amused, Grace glanced at Sean who was on the floor. "It seems that Mr. Sean and Miss Lily over there thought I was trying to approach Mr. Sean on purpose."

Jason raised his eyebrows slightly. "What? Is Sean better than me that you'd leave your husband behind and approach him?"

Sean and Lily were dumbfounded when the word 'husband' was uttered.

Lily asked with a look of shock, "You're... married?"

Jason looked coldly at Lily. "From now on, disrespecting her in Emerald City is tantamount to disrespecting me. You should know what the consequences will be."

With that, he turned to look at Grace. "Let's go back to the private room. The food's getting cold."

"Okay," replied Grace. Then, as if reminded of something else,

she said, "By the way, I just called the police. Some people here were slandering and insulting me. The police should be

here in a minute."

"Then let Huang Qian stay here and deal with it," said Jason. The Huang Qian he mentioned was the female bodyguard

who followed Grace around.

Grace nodded and turned to follow Jason to leave.

Sean finally got up awkwardly from the ground and looked at Grace and Jason with some discomfort.

The woman he had abandoned like a useless pawn was now married to a much better man. It felt like a slap in the face.

However, he could not lose his temper! He could only swallow it resentfully.

Lily was a little stunned. The man her older sister once loved deeply did not even shed a tear at her funeral. His face was

even indifferent.

At that time, she could never have imagined that this man would one day be so gentle to a woman.

That woman was even Grace, Sean's ex-girlfriend! The thought added to her jealousy.

Jason took Grace's hand and walked out of the private room.

He stopped dead in his tracks and glanced down at the hand with slightly deformed joints in his hand. Then, he turned to look at Lily. "By the way, the Atkinson family had taken good care of my wife when she was in prison. You seemed to have wanted to cripple my wife's hands, didn't you, Second Miss Atkinson?"

Lily's face instantly turned pale, and she began to tremble

with fear.

Jason's black eyes glanced coldly at Lily before he left while holding Grace's hand.

Lily almost collapsed to the ground. She knew that what Jason said was alluding to what she had done to Grace back then.

'Is Jason going to get back at me for Grace for everything that I've done against her?'

"Sean, what... What should we do? Jason is going to retaliate against me and the Atkinson family for Grace!" Lily said in a

panic.

Sean was at loose ends too! In the past, the Stevens family had been afraid that the Reed family would retaliate against them, so he quickly broke up with Grace. However, who would have thought that Jason would retaliate against the Atkinson family and even the Stevens family for Grace?

At this moment, the other people in the private room finally realized that the man was Jason.

“Grace... married Jason?”

“That’s Jason? Unbelievable!”

“Why did Jason marry a woman who had been to prison?”

“Grace could now walk everywhere in Emerald City with her nose in the sky. Who would dare to mess with her?”

“So Sean and Lily...”

All of a sudden, the people in the private room who had been so eager to please Sean and Lily could not wait to get away from them.

Anyone could see that the Stevens family and the Atkinson family would probably be in turmoil soon.

Chapter 1309

“What? Grace married Jason?” In the Stevens family’s living room, Zoe’s face was full of disbelief!

‘How could it be? Many socialites want to marry Jason but

they don’t even have the chance. How could a woman like Grace have the right to do so?’

“Brother, could you be mistaken?” asked Zoe.

“How could I be mistaken? Jason called himself Grace’s husband in front of her! And Jason’s subordinate called Grace ‘Young Madam,’” said Sean, still shuddering at the thought of the scene in the private room.

Fortunately... he was pinned down by her bodyguard before it was too late. If his hand had touched Grace, it would probably be a question of... whether he still had his hand.

However, Sean could not help but feel a pang of fear in his heart when he remembered that he had watched as Lily got someone to pull out Grace’s fingernails and cripple her hands in prison.

Now that Jason and Grace were married, Jason would probably punish the Stevens family and the Atkinson family as a warning to others.

Zoe looked begrudging. “Grace has such dumb luck, and Jason is blind! Women like Grace are only fit to sweep the streets.”

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“Don’t say things like that outside. Do you think having one crippled leg isn’t enough?” snapped Sean.

Hatred flashed across Zoe’s eyes. If it had not been for Grace, would she have a crippled leg now? She had thought of looking for a chance to punish Grace and cripple her leg since Jason had dumped her!

Her plans are long gone now!

“So the Atkinson family...” said Mr. Stevens.

Sean said, “The Atkinson family is now in trouble too. The Atkinson family did a lot to Grace back then. If Jason really wants to get justice for Grace, the Atkinson family will probably be worse off than the Stevens family.”

“How could it be?” Mrs. Stevens was perplexed. If Jason was going to stand up for Grace, then the Atkinson family meant the same to the Stevens family as Grace meant to them back

then!

They were pawns they were trying to get rid of! Being involved

with them would only cause more trouble to the Stevens

family!

It had been easy to get rid of Grace, but the Stevens family dared not get rid of the Atkinson family! If they did, the Stevens family could forget about staying in high society!

The Stevens family was now in a complete dilemma.

“Why don’t we just beg Grace to write things off?” Mrs. Stevens asked with a hint of hope.

Sean chuckled bitterly. “Beg? Did we write it off when Grace begged us?” Having reached this stage, Sean did not think he would get anywhere by begging Grace.

The Stevens family’s living room fell into silence.

On the other hand, the Atkinson family had also fallen silent. After a long while, Harold Atkinson looked at his daughter and asked, “Are Jason and Grace really married?”

“Yes,” said Lily.

“It seems that Jason may punish the Atkinson family as a warning to others,” Harold Atkinson said sternly.

“Darling, what should we do? We can’t just sit back and wait,” said Camelia Meyer who was nearby.

Harold Atkinson looked coldly at his second daughter. “Since

it was you who caused all this trouble, solve it yourself Don’t bring the family into this mess. The Atkinson family has borne

enough for you!”

“Dad!” Lily glared at her father. “Dad, do you think I can solve this alone? Didn’t you help me with everything Grace suffered in prison? Jason will retaliate against the entire Atkinson family if he wants to avenge Grace!”

Chapter 1310

“I won’t let the Atkinson family be destroyed. If there’s such a day, I’ll see Jason myself. As for... What you can do now is to stop Jason from opening fire on the Atkinson family!” said Harold Atkinson.

Lily’s expression immediately turned extremely pale.

The next day, the once-popular celebrity, the Atkinson family’s second heiress Lily, carelessly fell down the steps and fractured her arms. She needed to be treated in the hospital for some time. Even if she healed, she would probably suffer after-effects.

The news was trending on online sites.

Meanwhile, the Atkinson family and the Stevens family, who had an engagement with them, declined all interviews.

When Grace saw the trending news, she asked Jason who was reading 100 Questions of Pregnancy. “Does Lily fracturing her arms have anything to do with you?”

Jason smiled faintly. “What’s the matter? Are you afraid that I’ve done something illegal to stand up for you?”

She pressed her lips together in silence as if agreeing tacitly.

Jason closed the book in his hand, walked up to Grace, and squatted down before saying, “Maybe I would if it were before. I wouldn’t care about it as long as I could achieve my goal! But now...”

His eyes stared intently at her. “I won’t do anything illegal because of you. I’ll obey the law, and if I have to deal with anyone, I’ll only deal with them within what the law allows.” It was because he knew that she respected the law and had a sense of justice. He loved her and would naturally change some of his behaviors for her.

Grace was slightly stunned. At this moment, she felt very clearly that he was integrating into her world little by little.

“Thank you,” she said. She and he were no longer just two horizons forcibly intertwined by children but were getting closer and closer.

“What’s there to thank for? I love you. Isn’t all this as it should be?” he said, gently cupping her hands with his fingers. “I want Lily to compensate you with her hands, so the Atkinson family is using Lily’s arms to express goodwill.”

After a pause, he added, “What about you? Do you want to forgive Lily?”

Grace shook her head. “I’ll never forgive someone who hurt

me like that. Besides, even if she smashed and broke both her arms, it would just be like reading a piece of gossip news to me. And even if she did lose her arms, mine could never go back to the way they were, right?"

"Yeah. No matter how badly damaged her arms are, your hands could never be the same again. Then don't forgive her," Jason whispered and lowered his head to scatter tiny kisses

over Grace's deformed joints.

Grace said, "By the way, There's a course for pregnant women at the hospital that I'm interested in. The course teaches you what to do during pregnancy, what to prepare for labor, and also some knowledge about feeding the baby once they're

born."

Although she could learn some of the information from books, she could learn more straightforwardly through attending courses. She could also ask the doctor on the spot if she had any questions.

"But I saw from the curriculum that it's best for pregnant women to join the course with their partners. Do... Do you have time to go with me?" Grace asked after hesitating a little.

After all, she knew how busy he was with such a large company to run. Just like when she woke up in the middle of the night sometimes to find him in his study.

"Just tell me the time and I'll arrange my schedule," Jason said with a smile.

"Won't you be pressed for time?" she asked.

"There's not much I can do to help you with your pregnancy.

I can't even share your pain when you give birth. It's just sparing some time to attend the course with you, and I'll make time however tight the schedule might be."

Jason said, and his eyes fell on Grace's belly that had begun

to show slightly. He raised his arms, gently wrapped them around her, and pressed his face on her belly as if this would bring him closer to the babies.