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Chapter 1461

Jay knew from the very beginning that I was wronged, but for the benefit of the company, he chose to do nothing. He chose to say nothing, let me go to prison, and let the Atkinson family wrongly accuse me?’

At this moment, Grace only felt cold.

The steps leading to the first floor in front of her were only a short distance away, and the number of steps was only 30 or so. However, why did she feel that the steps seemed to be getting longer and longer? She eventually had the feeling that she would never reach the end.

“If you really want to give Grace justice, you should let Lily be punished by the law! Both you and the Atkinson family need to accept your due punishment!” Brian said angrily.

He felt bursts of pain in his heart at the thought that Grace was wrongly convicted because of Lily. ‘If I... If I had been by her side, I would never have allowed her to be so unjustly wronged.’

A touch of rage suddenly burst in Jason’s eyes. He rushed forward and grabbed Brian’s collar, “What do you know? Who are you to talk like that in front of me? If I had met Grace earlier and fallen in love with her earlier, I wouldn’t have let her suffer back then!”

2/3 Brian sneered, “Yeah, it’s because you haven’t fallen in love with her at that time, so... her suffering didn’t matter to you. She’s nothing but an ant to you!”

“Brian, what’s your purpose in coming here and telling me this? What’s the matter? Are you trying to tell Grace about this? Are you going to tell her that I didn’t do anything back then? Are you going to tell her that I know who’s responsible for it? If you dare tell her, I’ll... kill you!”

It was not a false threat but a clear message.

Seeing Jason’s fierce behavior, Brian, who had known him for many years, could naturally see how serious he was. He would do anything to hide this fact!

“I won’t,” said Brian. Since he had chosen to tell Jason about it, he had already made up his mind. “But it’s not because I’m afraid of you. It’s only for Grace’s sake.”

Grace was now more than seven months pregnant. Besides, Grace had given him the answers to his question at the funeral today, making him unwilling to ruin her happiness.

Although, he knew that if he told her, Grace and Jason’s relationship would probably suffer and Grace might even leave Jason.

However... if the life now was what Grace wanted, then... perhaps it was the end of the matter.

Brian also wondered why Old Master Reed had not given the materials to Grace straight but to him instead.

Perhaps... Old Master Reed was also hesitating whether to

let Grace know about this, so he chose to let him... make the decision?

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Not many people knew about his feelings for Grace, but Old Master Reed probably knew about it.

He seemed to have made the same choice as the old master, choosing not to tell Grace about the matter!

"But Jason, if you do Grace wrong one day, I'll expose the truth. Even if I can't bring you down, at least you'll get the punishment you deserve!" snapped Brian.

"There won't be such a day!" Jason said coldly.

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Grace suddenly found it hilarious when she heard everything the two men said. 'Why is it up to others to decide whether I should learn about the truth I deserve to know?'

"Jay..." The word escaped her mouth softly. The volume was soft as usual.

However, it made the two men in the hall below stiffen instantly.

The two men looked up almost at the same time and looked in Grace's direction.

Their expressions instantly changed. Brian was worried and frustrated. After all, he had not intended to let others hear this. Jason had also asked all the maids to leave the main house for the same reason.

The purpose was to make sure no one would overhear their conversation.

However, sometimes, the more you were afraid of something, the more it would happen!

Jason looked at Grace standing at the top of the stairway with astonishment. His face was pale, and all his blood seemed to have frozen when he heard the word 'Jay'.

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'Jay... Jay...'

As much as he liked hearing her call him that, he was afraid to hear it now.

He had taken precautions against his maids and butler but not her!

He thought she would sleep a little longer and not wake up so soon. He had forgotten to think of the possibility that she might wake earlier.

'Why? Why am I so careless?

'Why didn't I even predict that?

'Is it because I knew Brian had probably found out about the truth of the case, so I was flustered and my brain was in a mess that I forgot the things I should have thought of?

'And how long has Grace been standing there? How much of our conversation has she heard?'

He wanted to call to her gently in his usual tone, voice, and smile.

However, his whole body seemed to be quivering. His voice seemed stuck in his throat, and it became extremely difficult to utter a single syllable.

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Grace put one hand on the handrail and walked slowly down the stairs step by step.

The stairs, which she was accustomed to, seemed light and airy as if her feet were stepping on cotton.

His face grew paler with every step she took, and by the time she walked down the stairs and came in front of him, there was no more color in his face. Even his lips seemed to have a grayish tint.

The way he looked and what she had just heard was enough for Grace to understand what the truth was.

Even so, she took a deep breath while her almond-shaped eyes sparkled with tears. "Tell me if what Brian said is true."

His lips trembled, and he opened his mouth. However, he did not know how to answer.

"Was Lily the real perpetrator?" Grace continued asking.

Only then did he speak. "Grace, I... I can explain. I..." His voice, which should have been elegant and gentle, was now hoarse.

"Was it Lily?" she asked persistently.

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He was silent. His eyes met her almond-shaped eyes, and the word 'yes' finally came out of his thin lips.

"Is it true that you've always known the truth but chose not to say anything because of... the deal with the Atkinson family?" she continued asking.

His lips trembled even more. Each of her questions seemed to cut him with a sharp knife, making him feel like he was being executed.

However, the saddest part was that he deserved this execution. He could not even defend himself!

"Yes or no, answer me!" She raised her voice, and her expression became agitated.

He said, "Yes... But Grace, I..."

"Jason, how could you do that? You let someone innocent go to jail for money? You even... You knew what the Atkinson family did to me when I was in prison!" However, he chose not to look into it and just let the matter be.

She previously thought he did that because he had mistaken her as the perpetrator in the car accident.

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However, now she knew that she had made a fool of herself.

It turned out... he had known about the truth the whole time. He knew that she was innocent and wronged, but... he did nothing. He did not even have a shred of pity!

"I'm sorry... Grace, I'm sorry..." Jason kept apologizing. He wanted to go up and hug her.

However, she suddenly pushed his hand away. "Sorry... It turns out that someone's fate is just this to you. Do you know I almost died in prison? How could you lie to me and fool me like that... How could you..."

Grace frowned suddenly, covering her bulging belly with her hands. She was flustered by the wave of pain in her belly.

'Nothing... Nothing bad must happen to the babies!'

She knew that her agitation had probably caused the abnormality.

"Grace, what's happening?" Jason quickly grabbed Grace and asked her nervously. Brian also looked worried.

"My belly... hurts..." Grace mumbled with difficulty, a thin layer of sweat already breaking out on her forehead. "The babies... The

babies..."

"I'll get you to the hospital right away!" Jason immediately picked

Grace up and rushed out of the main house. Brian followed them

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too.

Grace only felt the pain getting worse and worse. She began to blackout. All she could think about before fainting was... 'Nothing bad must happen to the babies no matter what!'

Grace was sent into the emergency room where the doctor carried out a quick examination. Outside the emergency room, Brian looked at Jason who was extremely nervous and did not know what to say.

He had never seen Jason like this before.

Only things related to Grace could make Jason so nervous.

Brian laughed at the thought. 'And I'm the same. I'm nervous because of Grace and almost got into an accident when I followed Jason's car here.'

He just hoped that the babies in Grace's belly would be okay.

It would be too much for Grace to bear if anything happened to

the babies, and he did not want to see her sad!

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After a while, the doctor finally came out of the emergency room.

The doctor said, "All three babies are safe for now."

"How about the mother? Is the mother... okay?" Jason asked in a hoarse voice.

"We've given her some medicine and the situation is under control, but don't upset her again. If she breaks down again, I fear that the babies in her belly won't be able to hold on till the 35th week."

The triplets were expected to be delivered by Caesarean section on the 35th week. However, if Grace got too emotional, her water might break and she might have to deliver before then.

The babies' organs might not be fully developed yet then. Even if they survived, it was likely they might suffer repercussions.

"I see," answered Jason, but he did not know what to do so as to not trigger her.

'Why did Grace find out about the truth at such a time?

'Why?'

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Just as Jason was about to walk into the emergency room, Brian stopped him and said, "Are you just going to go in? If Grace wakes up and sees you again, aren't you worried that she'll get upset again?"

Jason paused and glared at Brian. "She's my wife!"

Brian said unflinchingly, "So what? Whether she's your wife or not,

I won't let you hurt her. You've triggered her once. Do you want to trigger her again?"

Jason trembled a little and pressed his thin lips together tightly. He finally said nothing more.

When Grace woke up, she had been transferred from the emergency room to the VIP ward. The person here was... Kyla Corbyn.

"Kyla?" Grace was stunned as she had not expected Kyla Corbyn to be here.

'And where am I? The hospital?' She remembered hearing Jay and Brian's conversation at the top of the stairs, and...

The scenes flashed through Grace's mind like a movie, and her hands subconsciously covered her bulging belly. "My babies. Are my babies okay?"

"The babies are fine," said Kyla Corbyn as she helped Grace ring the nurse's bell at the bedside. Moments later, the doctor and

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nurses came to perform some basic tests on Grace. They then told her to take a good rest and stay calm.

She would need to stay in the hospital for three days for observation.

After the doctor and nurses left the ward, Grace asked, "Kyla, what are you doing here? Aren't you hospitalized too?"

Kyla Corbyn said, "My hospitalization is nothing, and I'm about to be discharged. I got a call from Jason. He told me that something happened between you two and it made you upset. He hoped I could come and talk to you."

Kyla Corbyn said and could not help sighing. "With a man like him, I could hardly imagine that his voice would be so helpless and restless when he called me. He was like a desperate man with no recourse."

Grace clutched at the thin blanket that covered her.

"Jason was just outside the ward when I came, but he refused to come in, saying he was afraid you wouldn't want to see him. Brian is also outside the ward. Grace, what on earth is going on?" asked Kyla Corbyn.

"Nothing. I just... made a fool of myself," said Grace. She knew she could not get emotional. She had to control her emotions no matter what for the babies in her belly.

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If she were emotionally unstable, then the babies would have to be born early.

Kyla Corbyn knew Grace was not willing to talk about it. Therefore, it was probably not something minor!

"Whatever it is, just tell me if you think it's too much for you to bear alone. I might not be able to help much, but at least I can hear you out. It's better than keeping it all to yourself," said Kyla Corbyn.

"Thank you, Kyla," said Grace.

"I should be the one to thank you. You've helped me so much," said Kyla Corbyn. Grace had helped her find evidence when she was framed and was the key witness in her case.

If it were not for Grace, she would not be where she was right now.

They chatted for a while. Kyla Corbyn told Grace some happy things to make her feel better.

After a while, Grace said, "Kyla, you haven't recovered either. You can go back first. Don't worry too much about me. I'll take care of myself. No matter what happens, I'll take good care of myself for the three babies in my belly."

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Kyla Corbyn saw the determined look in Grace's eyes and said with some relief, "Okay, then I'll go back first. Call me at any time."

Just as Kyla Corbyn was about to leave, Grace suddenly said, "Kyla, is Brian... outside? Ask him to come in. I have a few questions to ask him."

Kyla Corbyn was stunned for a moment before responding.

When Kyla Corbyn walked out of the ward, the two men outside looked at her and asked in unison, "How is she?"

The two pairs of anxious eyes made Kyla Corbyn feel somewhat impressed.

Who would have thought that these two men who could make Emerald City tremble with a stomp of their feet were now waiting outside the ward because of a woman?

"Grace is emotionally stable and wants to see Brian," said Kyla Corbyn.

The expressions on both Jason and Brian's faces changed.

Brian seemed surprised while Jason's face turned a little pale. Just as Brian walked toward the ward door, Jason suddenly reached out his hand and stopped him.

"What's the matter? Are you trying to stop me from going in?"

asked Brian as he raised his brow.

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Jason pressed his thin lips together tightly and looked at him coldly.

Brian suddenly sneered, "Jason, the fear you feel now is how much Grace had suffered back then."

"It's between Grace and me. You have no right!" Jason's voice was cold and angry.

"Since Grace wants to see me, then I must go in. Jason, you can't stop me!" said Brian.

The two looked like they were about to fight. Kyla Corbyn hurriedly said, "Grace just woke up. Just give her whatever she wants."

Jason stiffened after hearing this, but he withdrew his hands in the end. Brian walked into the ward.

Kyla Corbyn sighed and looked at Jason. "Grace only has a few questions to ask Brian. It doesn't mean anything else," she explained because she was afraid Jason would misunderstand.

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Jason was silent and did not say a word.

Kyla Corbyn said, "Whatever it is, don't hurt Grace if you care about Grace and love her deeply."

Jason's eyelashes fluttered a little. A long time passed before he said, "The last thing I want is to hurt her."

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Brian walked into the ward and saw Grace in hospital clothes. She was half-sitting on the hospital bed. She still did not look good.

"Sorry," he said. He had never thought of letting her find out about the truth in such a way. She had almost miscarried and was even hospitalized.

He had planned to keep the truth to himself and have Lily imprisoned and punished in other ways.

However, most of the time, things would not work out as planned.

Just like back then... He had wanted to be with her, but he did not trust her when she needed help most.

He had pushed her to Jason himself!

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Now, it was useless even if he held countless regrets in his heart.

Grace said, "You have nothing to apologize for. I just want to see the contents of the email that Old Master Reed sent you. I hope you can forward a copy of that to me if possible."

Brian seemed somewhat surprised. "You want to see the email?"

"Can I?" she asked.

He bit his lower lip lightly. "Sure. But your health..."

"I know my health well. I'll keep my emotions in check," she said. She deserved to know about the truth!

Everyone else now knew about the truth, but she was the only one kept in the dark.

Brian pulled out his phone and forwarded the anonymous email he had received to the email address Grace provided.

After doing this, Brian said, "Grace, I don't know what will happen next, but... if you need my help one day, just ask. My phone number will never change. I can help you with anything."

He would do anything for her if she asked!

Grace shook her head. "Brian, I told you to get over me. Now, I'm still going to say the same thing. You should get over some things,

or you'll be stuck in the past forever. You'll only end up wasting your feelings."

Brian smiled wryly. 'Get over?'

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It was easy to say those two words but difficult to actually do it.

He could not nor did he want to get over her. He was willing to stay stuck in the past even though it was a waste of his feelings and his feelings would never be reciprocated.

He... was still reluctant to get over her.

Brian left, and Grace asked the medical staff looking after her to ask Jason for her phone.

After all, she had been rushed into the hospital due to an emergency. She did not have her phone with her now.

Half an hour later, the medical staff gave her the phone.

When handing her the phone, the medical staff whispered to her, "Mrs. Reed, Mr. Reed is still outside the ward. Do you want him to come in?"

"No," she said. Perhaps she was not yet ready to see him.

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It had been a bolt from the blue, and it hurt her like hell!

However, she could not let herself suffer for the sake of her health and the babies in her belly!

Grace turned on her phone, logged into her email account, and looked at the email Brian had just sent her.

Old Master Reed had probably sent it to Brian!

At this moment, what Old Master Reed had said when he saw her before he died flashed through her mind...

"Then... let's make a bet... and see if you... really love Jason that much..."

'Is this the truth... Old Master Reed mentioned betting on? He wanted to use the truth to see if I truly love Jay!'

Old Master Reed had given Brian the truth. If things turned out as Brian had planned, then maybe the truth would never have been exposed to her and she would never have found out about it.

Perhaps she would have been much happier. However, at the same time, she would have gone through life not knowing who it

was who had really framed her and nearly ruined her life!

What on earth caused her to suffer all this?

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Should she muddle through life or live it while sober?

Perhaps there would never be an accurate answer. Everyone's choice would be different. It could be right or wrong.

However, she would rather live this life in pain but with awareness than being kept in the dark without knowing anything.

She opened the email and read it.

The email was very detailed. It included all the details of her case, clearly identifying the perpetrator as Lily.

Lily had tampered with the accident, and Dexter Rios was naturally in the know. Therefore, the Atkinson family had immediately sent him abroad after the accident happened.

'When I reversed my case, Dexter Rios never said Lily was the perpetrator behind the case. Was it because Dexter Rios was loyal to the Atkinson family, so he deliberately kept it a secret?

'Or maybe... Jay never had the intention of letting Dexter Rios expose this fact. Because once he exposed Lily, then the Atkinson family might expose their tunneling with the Reed family!

'The Atkinson family, Lily!'

Grace just found it ridiculous and hateful. The Atkinson family made her take the blame for the sisters' feud!

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'Lily is the murderer but she appears in front of me as the victim's sister and treats me so cruelly!

'And Jay knew about it all along. He knows who the murderer is, but... he hid it from me with the Atkinson family!'

Grace felt another throb of pain in her heart at the thought of it. She quickly put down the phone to calm herself down and did not think about it for a while.

The more she thought about it, the more painful it would be!

She looked down and gently stroked her big belly. "I'm sorry, I scared you... today. I'll be strong. I'll definitely be strong. You should be good too. Let's... wait for another month. Come out after another month, okay?"

However, she had no idea what would happen to her and Jay a month later.

She did not even know what to think of him now!

At night, Grace had fallen asleep in the ward. The ward door was gently pushed open, and Jason walked in.

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He never thought she would find out about the truth of the case like this. It even almost made her give birth prematurely.

If anything had happened to her, he would never have forgiven himself!

He went over to the bed and looked at her sleeping face in the moonlight. Her eyes were a little puffy, and she looked slightly pale. A few strands of hair clung to her cheeks. Even when she was asleep, her hand lay protectively against her belly, showing how much she cared for the babies in her belly.

She was gambling her life on these three babies!

"I'm sorry... I'm sorry..." His voice was a little hoarse. "It was my fault. I was so preoccupied with profits that I had no compassion. I thought it was just a small matter and never thought about what it meant to you."

It was just profit to him at the time. Besides, the Atkinson family had never pointed out to his face that Lily was the culprit.

However, he could sort of guess who the culprit was from a few clues.

At that time, he had no feelings for Jennifer, so he did not bother

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of a fiancée to him.

He could just find another fiancée if the Reed family needed it.

Yes, that was what it had meant to him back then. All he wanted to do was expand and develop the Reed family. Profits came first.

Grace was nothing to him back then. He never cared about her!

However, just like what she said, he had put someone innocent in prison for money. His indifference had harmed her!

No matter how many times he apologized, it could not make up for what she had suffered in prison.

Jason gently touched Grace's hand. Her slightly deformed joints stung his eyes.

Her hand... seemed to tell him in silence how cruel his decision had been.

He did not even know what to do to get her to forgive him.

The moonlight shone into the room through the window. The man stood by the bed, carefully touching the sleeping woman. He was afraid that he would wake her up. There was a helpless fragility on the man's face as if he would completely crumble with one gentle push.

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Grace was hospitalized for several days and never met Jason during this time. She was supposed to stay in the hospital for only three days, but she did not want to go back to Reed Residence, so she continued to stay in the hospital.

She had someone to take care of her meals every day.

Grace forced herself to stop thinking. She made herself relax by watching dramas or reading magazines.

Kyla Corbyn came to see her once again. After learning that she had not met Jason, she could not help saying, "Even if you have some problems, you should see him. Talk it through and sort it out. If there's a misunderstanding, you can clarify it sooner by talking. Don't be like me..."

Kyla Corbyn did not go on, but the meaning was already clear.

In Kyla Corbyn's opinion, if Martin Weiss had not approached her to be in a romantic relationship with her and instead explained to her their previous generation's feud, she probably would not have hated Martin Weiss even though he was bent on the Corbyn family paying the price.

After all, it was indeed her father's fault. Even if Martin Weiss blamed it on her, she would have paid the price more willingly.

Now, she could only stop hating Martin Weiss but could not love him anymore no matter what.

Grace could only taste bitterness in her mouth after Kyla Corbyn left.

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'Misunderstanding... If possible, I'd hope it's a misunderstanding as well. If only Jay had no idea who was the culprit and no tunneling was involved!'

When Grace fell asleep at night, Jason walked into the ward as usual.

This was the only time he could look at her and stay beside her for a while.

Did she know how precious moments like this were to him?

Just as his hand was about to gently push the strands of hair away from her cheeks, her eyes suddenly opened.

Their eyes met, and he suddenly stiffened. His expression instantly changed, and he almost stepped back in a panic. He turned around, wanting to leave the ward.

He knew she did not want to see him!

Even though he had stayed outside the ward every day, she never once mentioned wanting to see him. She would even rather stay in the hospital than go back to Reed Residence.

He knew she was afraid she would inevitably see him after going back to Reed Residence.

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However, just after he took a few steps, her voice rang out in the ward. "Wait!"

He stopped in his tracks, hardly able to believe what he had heard.

'Did she say... wait?

'Did I hear it wrong? Or...'

However, he dared not look back for fear that what he heard was not that at all.

"Jason, let's talk," said Grace. Just as Kyla had said, some things would not be solved if she kept avoiding them.

Jason felt a pang in his heart. Instead of calling him 'Jay', she called out his full name. Her voice was still gentle, but it seemed to carry a sense of alienation.

"Okay," he said as he turned around slowly.

No one dared to offend Master Reed, the man who ruled Emerald City, However, he seemed to be at a loss in front of her now.

Grace looked at the man who was standing just a few steps away from her. She had also heard from Kyla that he would come in to see her every night when she was asleep.

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"Can you tell me how... Lily was the murderer? Did she cause Jennifer's death intentionally, or was it unintentional?" she asked about her doubts.

This was the question that flashed through her mind from time to time these days, even if she tried not to think about it.

Jason's lips trembled and he answered, "Yes... It was intentional. The Atkinson family had chosen Jennifer as their successor."

What Jason said instantly made Grace understand that if Jennifer was the successor, it meant that most of the Atkinson family's wealth would be Jennifer's in the future.

Although Lily was the second heiress of the Atkinson family, the wealth she could get might be limited.

It was not uncommon for the rich and powerful to compete for wealth.

"So I was just the unlucky fellow who coincidentally ran into Jennifer's car?" murmured Grace.

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Jason said, "It wasn't coincidental. Lily chose you to be the scapegoat. She had her eyes on Sean, but you were Sean's

girlfriend at the time. Making you take the blame was the perfect plan."

Grace instantly felt her hair standing on end.

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It turned out Lily wanted to kill two birds with one stone!

She was not made the scapegoat by chance; it had all been planned!

Grace closed her eyes to digest the truth.

Most truths were cruel, but maybe she would face something crueler afterward.

Her eyelashes trembled slightly, and her hands tightly gripped the thin blanket that covered her body. After a long time, she opened her eyes and looked at Jason again. "You only helped me reverse my case because you didn't want me to find out the truth, right? So you found Dexter Rios and made me think that was the truth to everything?"

Jason's body shook a little, and he slowly walked toward Grace.

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The closer he got, the tighter she gripped the sheets. Finally, he stood at the bedside and half-knelt before her. "I'm sorry. I thought it was the best way to close the case."

He never thought he would say sorry so many times!

However, these days, he had apologized countless times. When she was awake, and... sound asleep...

"Why did you lie to me?" She took a deep breath, her voice growing louder. "You didn't have to find the truth and investigate the case for me, but why did you lie to me? Why did you make me think Dexter Rios was the real perpetrator? Why cover up for Lily?"

Her every question was mercilessly slashing on his chest like the sharpest blade, making him feel so much pain.

"I'm sorry. I'm sorry..." Jason raised his chin slightly and apologized with a humble gesture. "I was afraid at that time. I was afraid that you would leave me when you found out the truth, but I was also afraid that you'd keep looking into the matter. It was the only way I could give you justice and clear your name!"

Grace smiled wryly and only felt her nose feeling intensely sore. "Is this the way you love someone? Do you love me by deceiving

me?"

"Grace, will you forgive me? I'll make Lily go to jail, I'll make the Atkinson family face the law, and I... I can go to prison as well. I can go through what you've been through..." He sobbed.

At this moment, he was no longer Emerald City's Master Reed but 3/3 a pitiful man begging for her forgiveness.

'Forgive...' Grace stared blankly at Jason. He was kneeling in front of her with pain and remorse on his face, but... 'How can I ever forgive him? The truth came too late.'

It was too late and she had already suffered too much. She had even firmly believed the truth he gave her.

'But I've found out now that he knew all about my sufferings! If... I hadn't found him after my release from prison and if he had not fallen in love with me, what would have become of me?'

Grace's silence made Jason grab her hand in a hurry. His hand was cold and slightly trembling. When he took her hand, it was as if he were clinging desperately to a piece of driftwood.

It was as if he could not let go no matter what, and he would drown if he did.