

Ex Convict 1561

Chapter 1561

In the following days, Jasper's kindergarten enrollment procedures were all completed. She and Mick would be attending the same kindergarten and were also arranged to be in the same class.

Jasper could not be happier after knowing she could be in the same kindergarten as her brother.

Mick Reed solemnly promised his parents that he would take good care of his sister in kindergarten and never let others bully her.

Looking at her son's solemn appearance, Grace found him pretty adorable. Her son was also a little kid. If anything happened, he would probably need others to protect him.

However, Grace was happy that the siblings were getting along.

"Can Daddy go with me on my first day of kindergarten?" Jasper Reed's eyes stared intently at Jason with an obvious longing.

Jason seemingly raised his eyebrows with slight surprise. "Do you want me to accompany you?"

"Because a lot of kids' dads go to kindergarten with them on the first day of school!" said Jasper Reed. Although it was not her first day of school, it was her first day of kindergarten!

She previously only had her mother to accompany her. Now, she finally had a father as well... She wanted her father and mother to accompany her like everyone else.

The little one could not wait to experience what it was like to have her father accompany her.

"Let's go to the kindergarten together tomorrow," said Jason. Jasper was instantly delighted and opened her arms, wanting

her father to hug her.

Jason pressed his thin lips together tightly. He was a little uncomfortable with his daughter's initiative. After all, his son was not clingy.

However, facing his daughter's almond-shaped eyes that were similar to Grace's, Jason still bent down and picked her

1.

The little one put her arms around Jason's neck and kissed him on the cheek. "Thank you, Daddy. Daddy's the best."

Her soft and young voice seemed to touch the tender part at the bottom of his heart.

she had been raising her daughter as a

3/4

single mother all this while. Her daughter grew up without a father, so she naturally longed for him more.

Her eyes fell on her son nearby. 'Does Mick also long for his mother? Does he want his mother standing by his side on special occasions as well?'

"Mick." Grace opened her arms to her son. "Do you want me to hug you?"

The little one said somewhat uneasily, "I'm not my sister."

However, there was a longing in the little one's eyes.

Grace smiled, picked up her son, and kissed him on the cheek. "I'll send you and your sister to kindergarten every day from now on, okay?"

The little one blinked and asked suddenly, "Is it because she's going to kindergarten?" 'Is Mommy just sending me too because she's sending her?'

"No, it's because of both of you. Even if Jasper isn't going to kindergarten, I'll still send you all the same."

She had too many things to deal with as soon as she came back. Although she had finished some work on hand before

4/4

coming here, there were still some follow-up problems to deal with.

Chapter 1562

Besides, she had to adapt to living in Reed Residence again after five years and understand how things and people had changed in the last five years... She had forgotten to think about how her daughter was probably expecting both her parents to accompany her to kindergarten, her son too.

As far as she knew, Jason and their son would go out together but they would travel in two separate cars most of the time. This meant that their son was usually accompanied by the maid and driver.

With that in mind, Grace was filled with guilt and regretted her carelessness.

Mick Reed was a little uncomfortable being held like this. After all, he had rarely been held like this after growing up. 'But... it seems comfortable... to have Mommy hold me like this...!'

'Will Mommy take me to kindergarten every day even if Tristas doesn't have to go... For some reason, he was happy when he heard his mother say that.

On Jasper Reed's first day of kindergarten, Grace specially

2/4

dressed the brother and sister in matching outfits. Looking at the two darlings of almost the same height wearing clothes and shoes of the same color, she just found them so cute.

The only difference was that Mick Reed was wearing pants, while Jasper was wearing a skirt.

Grace held the two kids and kissed them. Jasper was used to it. Her mother had loved kissing her since she was a child.

However, Mick Reed was not used to it. Even so, he did not reject Grace.

Looking at the mother and children kissing and hugging, there was a small curl in the corners of Jason's lips that even he did

not realize.

When the family of four arrived at the kindergarten, the married couple took their two children by their hands and got out of the car. They immediately attracted the attention of many parents around them.

Although Jason rarely appeared at the kindergarten, he had been here before. This kindergarten was a famous aristocratic kindergarten in Emerald City.

Many of Emerald City's distinguished and wealthy families would choose this kindergarten for their children, so some of them recognized Jason.

3/4

Those who recognized Jason were shocked that Young master Reed was accompanied by not only the Reed family's Little Young Master but also a little girl and a woman.

Some people knew that the mistress of the Reed family had come back from the dead and returned to the Reed family with a child. Now they were wondering whether Grace was the rumored mistress of the Reed family.

Some parents who did not recognize Jason had more or less figured out his identity. After all, Mick Reed was not an ordinary child in this kindergarten. Everyone knew that this child was the little young master of the Reed family. He was likely to inherit the Reed family.

Maybe 20 years from now, Mick Reed would be the one who ruled Emerald City.

Therefore, many parents were secretly observing Mick Reed and telling their children to make friends with Mick Reed.

However, Mick Reed did not have any friends in kindergarten. Even other children had a hard time talking to him.

Therefore, everyone could not help speculating when they saw Jasper and Grace.

Just then, another Porsche drove over. It was not a cheap

model. The market price of this car was at least five million dollars or more. The mother and daughter of the Gregory family got out of the car.

Chapter 1563

Suddenly, the people around them showed a look of amusement in their eyes. After all, many people thought that the single mother of the Gregory family was the most likely to marry into the Reed family.

Grace could not help frowning when she saw Irene Lynch's Porsche.

She had also gotten a lot of information about Irene Lynch

from the butler and Terrence. Irene Lynch had only been a minor influencer previously but she led a hard life because she was dumped by a rich second generation and had a child

out of wedlock.

The Reed family adopted Oriel Lynch in the last two years. The house given by the Reed family was immovable property and could not be touched. Besides, the Reed family gave Irene Lynch 200,000 dollars every month for the mother and daughter's living expenses. Even if they did not spend any of that money, Irene Lynch still could not afford the car.

Moreover, Irene Lynch's outfit probably cost millions.

As Grace sized up Irene Lynch, she was also sizing up Grace. Who would have thought the woman would be Jason's dead

wife?

2/4

.....

Seeing her stand next to Jason, Irene Lynch was jealous but could only smile and say, "Well... Miss Cummins, hello. I'm sorry for the other day. Please forgive me. I just dote on my daughter too much and said some things I shouldn't have..."

However, before Grace could answer, Jason said solemnly, "She's not Miss Cummins. She's Mrs. Reed."

Everyone around them instantly gasped when he said this. Those who knew that Grace was Jason's wife realized that Jason was announcing Grace's identity.

Even though the woman had disappeared for five years, she was still the Reed family's rightful mistress.

People who did not know Grace's identity stared at her dumbfoundedly when they heard that. They had no idea why Emerald City's Young master Reed suddenly appeared with a 'Young Madam', and it seemed that she also brought a daughter with her.

After all, Jasper and Grace looked like mother and daughter.

Irene Lynch felt awkward, feeling as though all the looks on her were of sarcasm and sympathy.

After all, all the parents had tried to curry favor with her

previously to become friends with the Reed family!

"I... I was wrong, Mrs. Reed." Irene Lynch clenched her teeth but still looked apologetic.

3/4

Grace looked at Irene Lynch indifferently. "The children were just quarreling. I didn't take it to heart, but I hope you won't use the Reed family's name to do something that'll disgrace the family, Miss Lynch."

Irene Lynch felt even more bitter and looked at Jason with an aggrieved look. "Young master Reed, Young Madam seems to have misunderstood me."

Jason said lightly, "Since my wife said so, listen to her!" In other words, even if Grace were to punish Irene Lynch, she could only suffer it.

Jason was on Grace's side.

Irene Lynch also got the message. Her face turned pale, and she could only nudge her daughter over. "Come on, Nana. Say hello. Aren't you happy to see Mr. Reed?"

Oriel Lynch greeted Jason as 'Young master Reed' but refused to call Grace her adopted mother. It did not matter to Grace either. After all, she had no attachments to Oriel Lynch.

Chapter 1564

Jason held their son's hand while Grace held their daughter's hand. The two little ones held each other's hands. Just like that, the family of four walked into the kindergarten.

Irene Lynch gloomily followed as she held her daughter's hand.

In the past, Irene Lynch would have wanted to be seen walking with Jason, but now she hung her head low, hoping people around her did not recognize her.

Oriel Lynch, who she led by the hand, kept staring at Jasper and Mick Reed's interlocked hands.

Mick had only held her hand one time when he first met her but never held her hand again since. She did not understand. She was much better looking than before, even wearing beautiful princess dresses. Her mother would ask the maids to do her hair in beautiful hairstyles every day, but Mick only disliked talking to her more.

'I'm Mick's sister too!

'Is it because I'm just an adopted daughter?

2/4

'Mommy said that the little girl who fought over Jason's photo with me is the real daughter of the Reed family and Mick's biological sister!

When they were reaching the middle class' entrance, Grace and Jason led their children inside. Grace talked with the teacher in charge of the middle class while Jason looked on nearby. Mick Reed dragged Jasper to the place where the

children placed their school bags in the classroom. He even took the initiative to help Jasper take her school bag off.

Oriel Lynch was even more jealous when she saw this. Mick had never treated her like that!

She knew Mick first!

"Mommy, can't I be Mick's real sister?" Oriel Lynch looked up at Irene Lynch and asked.

Irene Lynch was surprised and quickly looked around. No one was nearby, so she grabbed her daughter and whispered, "Don't say that again."

"Why? Mr. Reed said I'm Mick's sister," Oriel Lynch said unhappily.

Irene Lynch whispered, "Just keep that to yourself from now on, got it? Don't argue or fight with Jasper in kindergarten. Try to avoid her. I'll make you Mick's real sister in the future."

3/4

Irene Lynch looked past her daughter through the classroom window to see Grace standing next to Jason in the classroom.

'So what if this woman is now the mistress of the Reed family? It's been five years. If Young master Reed really had feelings for this woman, he wouldn't have let those gossips spread.

'Young master Reed probably only accompanied this woman to the kindergarten because of the children.

'If I wait patiently for my chance, I'll take her place as mistress of the Reed family one day!' thought Irene Lynch as her heart filled with jealousy!

Lina was drawing blueprints in her architectural design office. She was in a good mood because Grace had recently come back with her daughter.

With both of them in Emerald City, it would be much easier to meet up.

Five years ago, she was hospitalized because of serious injuries. Then, she got discharged and spent another year in rehabilitation before fully recovering.

Her boss at the architectural design office had asked her to

4/4

come back to work, so she had been working there until now.

Just then, her phone rang. Lina picked up the phone and heard her mother's voice coming from it. She was talking to her about blind dates and asked if she was free tonight. Her friend just happened to introduce a nice man to her.

Chapter 1565

Lina then took her phone to the corridor outside the office and said to her mother, "Mom, I'll find a boyfriend myself. Don't worry about it. And stop finding me blind dates. You've found plenty."

“So you know there’s been plenty! It’s been a few years. You’re not 28 anymore but 33 now. Before long, you’re going to be an old woman. Women older than 35 years old will have trouble finding a partner!” Mrs. Sweeney persuaded earnestly.

Lina’s eyes dimmed. She understood her mother’s worries and anxiety. They were afraid she would be alone with no one to take care of her after they passed away. If she missed the ideal childbearing age range, she would end up childless.

However, she did not think that she would not be able to live alone.

She could live a good life alone. At worst, she could find a nursing home when she was old.

However, she wanted her parents to stop worrying about her. They had worried enough.

“Okay, okay. I understand. Give me his contact information. I’ll

2/4

contact him later to meet up tonight, okay?” said Lina.

Mrs. Sweeney ended the call with satisfaction after hearing that.

Soon, Lina received the man’s phone number and personal information from her mother on WeChat.

Lina sighed gently. Maybe it was just as her mother had said. She was already 33 years old, not 28. She was not young anymore.

It had been five years. She should have gotten over Hadwin Stephenson by now.

Suddenly, a voice in her heart asked... if she had really gotten over him.

Putting away her phone, Lina walked toward her office. However, when she passed by the general office area, a colleague suddenly stopped her and said, “Lina, your ex-boyfriend has come to Emerald City!”

The exclamation was heard by everyone in the general office. Many people instantly looked her way.

Lina looked at the person who spoke. It was Holly Greer, another senior employee in the office. She was here when she was dating Hadwin Stephenson back then.

Holly Greer had made a lot of sarcastic remarks about her back then.

However, Lina was stunned when she said her ex-boyfriend had come to Emerald City.

3/4

Many senior employees knew she had only one ex-boyfriend- Hadwin Stephenson!

‘He’s... here in Emerald City?’

As if to clarify her doubts, a new employee asked Holly Greer curiously, “Holly, who is Lina’s ex-boyfriend? Is he famous?”

“Of course. The chairman of Stephenson Group. Isn’t he famous?” Holly Greer sounded as if she was joking, but her eyes flashed with satisfaction and contempt for Lina.

‘So what if Lina dated Hadwin Stephenson back then? She ended up getting dumped!’

She was now worse off than her. She married a man from a good family and was now living a much better life than Lina!

As soon as Holly Greer uttered Hadwin Stephenson’s name, many people in the office who had just joined the company in the last five years revealed a look of surprise.

‘Lina and the chairman of Stephenson Group

Chapter 1566

1/4

No matter how one looked at them, they did not seem to have anything to do with each other!

Lina slowly came back to her senses, naturally understanding that Holly Greer only intended to trample on her to get some sense of pride.

After all, Holly Greer had a lot to say when she was dating Hadwin Stephenson back then. She even knew that Holly

Greer had said behind her back that Hadwin Stephenson would dump her sooner or later.

When she returned to the office and Holly Greer learned that she had indeed broken up with Hadwin Stephenson, she gloated, “See, I knew it. How could someone like Hadwin Stephenson date you?”

‘Is it true?’

Lina did not think so. No matter what... she thought Hadwin Stephenson really did love her when they were dating.

However, she did not have a strong family background and could not give him what he wanted.

a

“But it’s a pity that Lina has broken up with Hadwin

Stephenson. Otherwise, Lina would have been the wife of the chairman of Stephenson Group right now.” Holly Greer continued to make snarky remarks.

She could not wait to step on Lina further.

2/4

Lina looked at her coldly and then suddenly smiled. “If you feel sorry for me, then go to Hadwin Stephenson and help us make up so that you’ll stop expressing your pity for me in front of our

colleagues. You make it seem like I'm betraying your trust if I don't get back together with Hadwin Stephenson."

Once Lina said this, Holly Greer's expression immediately changed.

The other colleagues had also come to their senses. They looked at Holly Greer strangely.

Holly Greer felt a little uncomfortable from their gazes. She could only smile drily and go back to her office.

Lina returned to her seat and pulled out her phone. She intended to send a message to her blind date tonight to confirm the time and place for their meeting.

However, she could not help searching for news about Hadwin Stephenson in the end.

3/4 It had been five years. In these five years, she had tried hard not to think about Hadwin Stephenson or read his news. She wanted to get over him.

However, she just realized that maybe she was not over him.

Some of the latest news regarding Hadwin Stephenson popped out on the webpage. Sure enough, like what Holly Greer just said, Hadwin Stephenson had come to Emerald City. The one accompanying Hadwin Stephenson was Katherine Jackson, the true heiress of the Jackson family. The Jackson family found her five years ago and she returned to the Jackson family.

It was the Jackson family that helped Hadwin Stephenson successfully turn the tables around. He regained control of the Stephenson family and Stephenson Group.

She thought Hadwin Stephenson would marry Katherine Jackson soon after he broke up with her. However, it had been five years. Hadwin Stephenson and Katherine Jackson had not married and continued to date.

It had led to speculation about how long it would take for the couple to tie the knot.

Lina silently looked at Hadwin Stephenson's photos in the news articles.

4/4 He wore a black suit, and his somewhat baby face was as beautiful as ever. It was just that the years had given him a touch of maturity.

Standing next to him, Katherine Jackson was gorgeous and alluring. The tight red dress highlighted her stunning figure.

'They do make a good match in these photos.

'He... finally got what he wanted. Lina gently smiled. It was bitter and full of dejection. She had become history to him.

Chapter 1567

After closing the web page, Lina sent a message to her blind date that night. The most important thing now was for her to go on blind dates!

Maybe she could find someone she liked who could also reciprocate her feelings.

At night, Lina went to the plaza in tMason Swansonty center at the appointed time and met Anthony Sherman, her blind date today. He was said to be the department head of a big company.

After Lina saw him in person, she could not help exclaiming to herself, 'The blind date Mom set up for me this time... is a little too good!'

Anthony Sherman was dressed in a suit and tie. He wore gold-rimmed glasses. He looked well-mannered and was indeed good-looking. Her mother said he was two years older than her. He was 35 but looked like he was in his early 30s.

"Hello, you must be Miss Sweeney. Nice to meet you," he said.

"Hello," Lina said with a smile.

After exchanging some pleasantries, they reached a restaurant.

2/4

Lina originally just wanted to have a meal and chat at a random restaurant, but the restaurant Anthony Sherman took her to was not cheap. It was a restaurant with a good dining environment. Of course, the prices here were not cheap either.

"Miss Sweeney, you can order whatever you want," he said politely.

Lina thought about it and ordered some relatively cheap dishes. Anthony Sherman's thoughtful eyes flickered for a moment, but he did not say anything and ordered a few more dishes.

"Miss Sweeney, why did you agree to go on blind dates? Do you think you have to marry someone because it's time?" asked Anthony Sherman.

"It's not that I have to marry someone. After all, it's not like you can't live without marriage, but... I don't want my family to worry and think there's something wrong with me. Won't it be nice if I actually meet the right person on a blind date?" said

Lina.

Anthony Sherman muttered, "Really? Then we're in the same boat. I don't want my family to worry too."

"That's good. We're really similar," said Lina.

Anthony Sherman smiled.

3/4

They had a good chat during the meal. Although they were in different fields, they could find common topics to talk about.

For example, the two of them had similar tastes in TV shows. They enjoyed those cheesy romance dramas. In particular, they had been watching the same TV show recently.

"Do you think... it's strange for a man to enjoy watching these romance dramas?" Anthony Sherman asked, sounding as though he was a little embarrassed about it.

"What's so strange about that? Many romance dramas are written by men," said Lina.

However, she was a little surprised after learning that Anthony Sherman never had an official girlfriend. After all, this man was not bad-looking. He had a good job, a house, and a car. It surprised her that he was her blind date today.

'He's never had a girlfriend. Are all the women around him... blind?'

"Are you sure you've never had a girlfriend?" she asked.

"he answered.

"Is it because you have high standards?"

Chapter 1568

"It's more like I've never met a woman who managed to captivate my heart.""

'Captivate your heart... That feeling is very rare!' Lina could relate to that. It was just like how she fangirled after celebrities and liked many of them, but Hadwin Stephenson was the only one who captivated her heart.

Since then, she had never met another person who could captivate her heart.

"That's true. It's difficult to meet someone who can captivate your heart. It's even harder to meet another one if you've already met one," said Lina.

Anthony Sherman was slightly startled. "It seems you've met one."

"Yes, I met one," she said honestly. Although the person in front of her was her blind date, she thought of him as a friend after they began chatting.

"Oh? What was he like?" Anthony Sherman asked with some curiosity.

2/4

"He's a handsome man. He's handsome, well-behaved, and obedient." There was a slight curve on the corners of Lina's lips when she talked about Hadwin Stephenson.

Even after breaking up, she only wanted to remember the best memories of him.

Perhaps it was because Anthony Sherman was approachable, or she was affected by Hadwin Stephenson's visit to Emerald City, so she needed to find someone to talk to.

Lina even ordered a bottle of wine. She talked as she drank.

Anthony Sherman listened quietly. A while later, he stopped Lina's hand once he saw that she had drunk a little too much. "Stop drinking. You'll get drunk if you continue drinking."

"It's not bad to be drunk," mumbled Lina.

"It's not too appropriate to get drunk in front of a man you just met, right? Aren't you afraid that I'll do something bad?" asked Anthony Sherman.

Lina smiled. "You wouldn't have said that if you wanted to do something bad."

However, she stopped drinking. After all, if she were drunk, she would probably have to explain it to her parents tomorrow after she got home.

3/4

When Anthony Sherman was about to pay the bill, Lina insisted on going Dutch. "We're not boyfriend and girlfriend yet. We don't even know if the blind date is successful. There's no reason for you to foot the bill."

"Men should pay," said Anthony Sherman.

"But there's no law that states that. If you're my boyfriend, then I'll be okay with you paying. Otherwise, it's better to go Dutch first."

Anthony Sherman said, "Aren't you afraid that we can never be a couple? Are we supposed to go Dutch whenever we

come out for dinner?"

"We can treat each other to dinner if we become friends," said

Lina.

'Friends?' Anthony Sherman's eyes sparkled. He did not reject Lina's offer to go Dutch anymore.

Anthony Sherman wanted to drive Lina home once they got out of the restaurant. "You're drunk and can't drive."

Lina thought so too and said, "Sorry for the trouble."

"Wait here for me. I'll get the car," said Anthony Sherman.

Chapter 1569

"Okay," answered Lina. When Anthony Sherman went to the parking lot, she stood on the side of the road. The night wind made her a little uncomfortable. She suddenly ran to the trash can nearby and threw up.

She threw up for a long time before she was almost done. Dazed, she tried to reach into her bag for a tissue.

However, she could not find it anywhere even after

rummaging for a long time.

Just then, a hand holding a handkerchief appeared in front of her.

"Thank... you." Lina said her thanks with a drunken slur. Without thinking much, she took the handkerchief and wiped the corners of her mouth. She only realized that it was a handkerchief and not a tissue when she was done wiping.

"Why... Why don't I give it back to you after I wash it...?" she asked as she looked up.

She thought it was Anthony Sherman who handed her the handkerchief, but only then did she realize it was not!

2/4 What she saw was a face that was once so familiar to her. She had seen it in her dreams from time to time over the past five years.

It had been five years. Her memory of his face was from five years ago. She only saw what he looked like now after searching for his news today.

Lina looked at the man in front of her who was in a suit and tie. He had his hair slicked back, revealing his full forehead. It made his beautiful face look more defined.

The years had been kind to him that she hardly saw any traces of age in him.

Her hiccups broke the silence. "Long... Long time no see..." She had meant to say it in a calm tone but was tongue-tied after drinking wine.

"You drank too much," he said as he narrowed his eyes.

"I... I did drink a bit too much." She tried to open her eyes wide as if trying to get a better look at the man.

"Is that man just now... your boyfriend?" Hadwin Stephenson asked after a moment's hesitation.

"Boyfriend?" Lina suddenly chuckled. As she was drunk, her chuckle sounded a little silly. "I'm on a... blind date, but he's

pretty nice. Although... we just met for the first time today, we... hit it off."

3/4

Lina stammered as she slowly got up, looking at him in a daze.

She had tried so hard to get over him, so why was he showing up in front of her and destroying her peace?

"You met this man for the first time today? Do you have any idea how dangerous it is to get drunk in front of a man you met for the first time?" Hadwin Stephenson said somewhat angrily.

He was mad that she got drunk easily in front of another man. He was even madder that she... seemed to have affections for

that man.

Lina murmured, "Dangerous? No, he's a good man, and I'll be fine. Hadwin Stephenson, I... I've gotten over you, so don't worry. Even if you're in... Emerald City, I won't bother you. I won't... I won't ruin your relationship with your girlfriend."

Hadwin Stephenson's face was cold. Each word she said stung him like a needle.

He had come to Emerald City and drove near her office, hoping to get a glimpse of her from afar.

He told himself that he would only take a glimpse. He only

4/4

wanted a glimpse.

However, he followed her to the downtown plaza in his car and watched her enter a restaurant with a man. Then, he could not help appearing in front of her when he saw her throwing up due to her drunken state.

Chapter 1570

Just then, Anthony Sherman's car drove over. He was surprised to see Hadwin Stephenson standing beside Lina.

Although Hadwin Stephenson was not a celebrity, Anthony Sherman's company happened to be working with Stephenson Group. As a mid-level employee in the company, Anthony Sherman had seen photos of Hadwin Stephenson.

Lina also saw Anthony Sherman and waved her hand at Hadwin Stephenson, saying in between hiccups, "Okay... I... I'm getting in the car... Goodbye..."

She opened the passenger door and got in the car as she spoke.

However, the next moment, Hadwin Stephenson instantly grabbed Lina's hand and forcibly pulled her away from the car. He said to Anthony Sherman who was in the car, "Go. I'll send her home today!"

Without waiting for Anthony Sherman to speak, Hadwin Stephenson dragged Lina toward his car that was parked on the other side.

"Hadwin Stephenson... Let... Let me go..." shouted Lina.

2/4

Her shouts made Anthony Sherman more sure that this man was indeed Hadwin Stephenson!

However, why was the president of Stephenson Group here? The way he had talked to him... was almost like... he was jealous.

'Jealous? Is Hadwin Stephenson jealous of me?' Anthony Sherman shuddered at the thought of this possibility, and a thought flashed through his mind.

'Is Hadwin Stephenson... Lina's ex-boyfriend?

'If this is true... maybe Hadwin Stephenson isn't that in love with that person from the Jackson family after all.

*

'Maybe Hadwin Stephenson... still has Lina in his heart!'

Hadwin Stephenson pulled Lina to his car and suddenly let go of her hand.

Lina slumped almost unsteadily into the passenger seat. Before she knew it, Hadwin Stephenson was already in the driver's seat and had started the car.

The car sped in the direction of Lina's house.

"Fasten your seat belt," said Hadwin Stephenson.

3/4

Lina was still in a daze. She subconsciously listened to what he said and fastened her seat belt. She could not help looking at Hadwin Stephenson, who was driving.

His face... seemed paler than before, and there seemed to be a thin layer of sweat on his forehead. He frowned slightly as if he was feeling uncomfortable. It was as if he was suppressing something.

When the car stopped at the intersection as it was a red light, Lina could not help asking, "Are you okay? Are you sick? You're sweating on your forehead."

She drew a tissue that was nearby and unconsciously raised her hand to wipe off the sweat on his forehead.

However, before her hand could touch his forehead, he said sharply, "Don't touch me!"

Lina's hand instantly froze in mid-air. She seemed to have sobered up a lot.

Then, feeling a little embarrassed, she said, "Okay, got it. I won't touch you. You can wipe your sweat off yourself!"

With that said, she put down the tissue and withdrew her hand.

'Does he even resent me for touching him now? Then why did he pull me into his car?'

There was a depressive air inside the car.