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Chapter 1571

When the car arrived at the gate of Lina's neighborhood, she lowered her head and unbuckled the seat belt. She whispered

a thank you and was about to open the car door when Hadwin Stephenson's voice suddenly rang out...

"Are you going to date that man?"

Lina paused. It took her a while to figure out that by 'that

man', he meant Anthony Sherman.

"He's pretty good. He's financially stable and we have a few things in common. Besides, I'm good-looking too. It'd be good to date him if he likes me," said Lina.

"You want to date him just because of that? In that case, do you like him?" he asked, glaring at her.

She felt a sudden sense of amusement. "Why not? A man like him is a man many women would want to marry."

"Lina!" His voice rose, and there was a faint trace of anger in his voice.

She was a little confused why he was so angry. 'Is he mad at me for falling for another man?

'He was the one who didn't want me. Besides, he has a girlfriend himself. Why does he care whether I have a boyfriend?'

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"Hadwin Stephenson, I don't know why you wanted to appear in front of me. Is it just a coincidence? Or did you come to see me on purpose? But I already have nothing to do with you. Just like what I said before, I won't ruin your relationship with your girlfriend."

After a pause, she said, "Even though we've broken up, 1 still hope you can lead a good and happy life." After all, the man in front of her was the man she had once truly loved.

They only broke up because they shared different ideas. She could not help him with his career. Rather than romance... what he wanted more was to succeed in his career.

As she spoke, Lina extended her hand to Hadwin Stephenson to shake hands and say goodbye. "Goodbye... then."

However, he hesitated to reach out and shake her hand. He continued to stare at her.

She suddenly laughed at herself as if something had occurred to her. "You must dislike me touching you, don't you? Well then, I hope I don't see you again."

It was because meeting him again would only disturb her peace.

Lina opened the car door. Before she got out of the car, Hadwin Stephenson grabbed one of her hands.

He held it so tightly that the bones of her fingers ached, and his face seemed to have grown paler now. "Lina, I… I've never hated you. I just want you to live. If you encounter any difficulties, you can come to me and I'll help you."

He suddenly let go of her hand after saying this.

The car door closed, and the car drove away. Lina stood there, dumbfounded. She looked in the direction of the departing car. She looked at the hand he had just held and felt confused.

'What did Hadwin Stephenson mean when he said that?'

"Hadwin Stephenson, we've broken up," she murmured to herself as if she was warning herself. Since they had already broken up, they would have nothing to do with each other anymore. Otherwise, she would just get stuck in this and it would be harder and harder for her to move on.

On Saturday, Lina met with Grace.

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"Why didn't you bring the two little ones out?" asked Lina. She wanted to see them.

"Something seemed to be bothering you when I talked to you on the phone earlier, so I didn't bring the two little ones out. If you want to see them, I'll bring them out next time," said

Grace.

Chapter 1572

Lina could not help but sigh. "You noticed it? I thought I was covering it up pretty well."

"I could kind of tell that you had something on your mind," said Grace. Her best friend had sounded a little... too happy on the phone and during video calls in the last two days.

Sometimes, the happier Lina seemed, the more she had on

her mind.

"What's the matter? What's going on?" Grace asked with

concern.

Lina stopped hiding and said, "I met Hadwin Stephenson."

"You went to see him?" Grace was surprised. She also knew that Hadwin Stephenson had come to Emerald City two days

ago.

"He appeared in front of me. I don't know whether it was a coincidence, so I'm a little confused too."

"Then you..."

"Don't worry. I know that it's impossible between us. I won't let

myself get caught up in it," Lina said. She got rid of the look of sadness on her face and said, "Oh, didn't you say you're going to a banquet with Jason in two days and you have no idea what to wear? There's a luxury boutique nearby. Let's go and have a look. Maybe we can find the right gown for you."

They went to the boutique. Grace took a look. The gowns here. were indeed expensive, but since it was the first banquet she

would be attending after returning to the Reed family, she

had to pay extra attention to her gown.

After all, she was not only representing herself but also the

Reed family!

They looked around the gown boutique. They were both dressed in plain clothes without any designer items. When Grace picked out a silver gown, the sales assistant following them around said, "Sorry ladies, this is a display in our boutique and we don't provide fittings."

Grace frowned as if she had figured out something. Just then, another sales assistant took the gown down and walked toward a female guest on the other side.

Lina immediately said, "What does that mean? I thought it was a display item and no fittings are allowed."

"That lady is a VIP customer here, so she can try it on even if it's a display item," the sales assistant said coldly. She did not

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think Grace and Lina had much spending power.

She just thought it was a waste of time to serve them. Moreover, Miss Lynch had made an appointment with her and was going to come to the boutique later. Miss Lynch was the important customer she wanted to serve.

Therefore, the sales assistant could not wait to get rid of

Grace and Lina.

"Aren't you being opportunistic? It's customer discrimination!" snapped Lina.

However, the sales assistant spoke confidently, "We only provide services to people who can afford the gowns here. If you become our boutique's VIP customers, then you can also try on these display items."

"You..." Lina wanted to swear.

Grace calmed her best friend and then said, "Please get your manager over."

"What's the matter? Are you trying to make a complaint?" she asked somewhat disdainfully. She hated people who pretended they were rich when they had no money! She was not afraid of such complaints anyway. She had an important customer like Miss Lynch. Even the manager had to be polite to her.

All she had to do was to tell the manager that she had to

serve Miss Lynch later. The manager would probably have nothing to say.

It was ten minutes later when the manager walked up to

Grace and Lina.

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Compared to the previous sales assistant, the manager's attitude was much better.

"Get me a new sales assistant. Since this sales assistant

doesn't want to serve me, then there's no need to force her,"

said Grace.

"I'm sorry you had a bad experience." The manager apologized and called for another staff member who looked

young.

Grace glanced at the name tag pinned to their chest. They were a junior sales assistant, probably someone who had just started working in the boutique.

She smiled and briefly told them what she was looking for as well as the colors she liked. The rookie sales assistant started helping Grace look for suitable gowns.

Lina said, "That's it? That staff member earlier wasn't even remotely professional."

Grace said, "That person isn't even afraid of complaints. If she's not afraid, why bother? Don't worry, she'll be sorry in a minute."

Lina appeared to be thinking about something.

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Just then, the rookie sales assistant came over and told Grace that there were several gowns that would suit her. However, one of them was a limited edition and she was not in a

position to let Grace try it on. However, Grace could have a look at it first. She would ask the manager if Grace liked it.

Grace looked at the photo of the gown the sales assistant showed to her. It was a black gown that looked elegant and mysterious. Due to the diamond inlays, the black dress did not look monotonous. One could even call it dazzling.

It was the perfect gown for her first appearance in five years! Lina said with amazement, "Wow, Grace! It's even better than the silver one you had your eye on earlier."

"I'll take it. I like it and I want to try it on," said Grace.

"Okay, wait a minute, please," the sales assistant said.

After a while, they brought the black dress over and led Grace to the fitting room. Lina sat in a chair in the lounge and waited.

Just then, Lina saw a figure walk into the boutique. The sales assistant who had mistreated them earlier greeted them with a respectful and warm attitude.

"Miss Lynch, you're here. I've been waiting for you. What do you plan to buy today?"

"I came to look at the gowns. I saw a black limited edition gown that looked pretty good in the brochure you sent me," said Irene Lynch as she enjoyed the sales assistant's meticulous service.

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She was the boss here, and these people had to respect her. She could now afford the things she could not afford before.

She was also qualified to buy the limited edition items from these luxury brands!

"Okay, have a seat. Let me show you the dress first," the sales assistant said.

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Irene Lynch went to the lounge area. She frowned a little when she saw Lina. She recognized that she was the same friend who was with Grace last time.

"What are you doing here?" asked Irene Lynch.

Lina shrugged and asked, "If you can be here, why can't I?"

Chapter 1574

"This isn't a place for the likes of you," Irene Lynch said

arrogantly.

Lina said as if amused, "What's the matter? Are you superior to me? What you have now is just because your daughter became the adopted daughter of the Reed family. Before that, did you come from a better family, have a better education, better career, or better income than me?"

Honestly speaking, Irene Lynch was just an ordinary citizen before this. She was not any better than Lina!

Irene Lynch's face looked extremely grim. She picked up the glass of water the sales assistant had poured for her and wanted to splash it on Lina.

Lina was on her guard. As soon as she saw what Irene Lynch was doing, she raised her hand and twisted Irene Lynch's hand. Immediately, the glass of water in Irene Lynch's hand spilled all over herself.

Irene Lynch let out a shrill, drawing the attention of the boutique staff and other customers.

The manager hurried over. When they saw what had

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happened, they quickly helped Irene Lynch wipe the water off. her and asked what was going on.

Irene Lynch pointed her finger at Lina. "She splashed water on me."

Lina said lightly, "Why didn't you say you were going to splash water on me but ended up getting splashed instead?"

The manager looked at the two of them and sized them up before saying, "Miss, please apologize to Miss Lynch. No matter what, it's true that you splashed water on Miss Lynch."

Lina looked at the manager. "Which also means you only look at the result regardless of the cause?"

The manager said coldly, "You harmed Miss Lynch. Does it matter why it happened? If you refuse to apologize, then we have to ask you to leave. Besides, Miss Lynch can hold you accountable."

The person who welcomed Irene Lynch earlier came over. She was about to tell her that the gown was being tried on now and she might have to wait for a while. She was surprised to see that Irene Lynch's head was wet and her chest was stained with water.

While listening to the manager and Lina's conversation, the sales assistant looked at Lina even more unkindly. "Do you

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know who Miss Lynch is? You'll regret it if you don't apologize. Also, you'd better get your friend to take that gown off. It's a waste letting her try on that fancy gown!"

Lina said, "You mean Irene Lynch? Of course, I know who she is. She's the mother of the Reed family's adopted daughter! You're just a sales assistant in a boutique. You don't seem to be in a position to ask me to apologize to anyone, don't you think? You're only the staff who serve the customers, not judges who can decide whether the customers should apologize."

The manager and the sales assistant looked grim.

Irene Lynch was shocked when the sales assistant mentioned 'friend'. 'Is that friend... Grace? Is Grace in the boutique now?'

Irene Lynch was thinking about it when she heard a voice. "Who's apologizing to who?"

Irene Lynch shuddered and looked in the direction of the voice. She could only see Grace walking over in the black gown she had her eye on earlier.

Grace had her long hair up. A few strands of hair casually fell on her cheeks. The gown made Grace look elegant and posh.

Irene Lynch felt even more jealous when she saw Grace. It... was the gown she had her eye on! She had been hoping to

impress everyone at the banquet with this gown so that she

could defeat Grace.

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However, when Grace wore the gown, Irene Lynch knew that even if she got her hands on it, she would not wear it to the

banquet.

"What a coincidence, Miss Cummins. I didn't expect you to be here," Irene Lynch said with embarrassment.

"It's quite coincidental, indeed. I heard the noise when I was in the fitting room earlier. I didn't expect it to be you," said Grace. Then, she corrected, "Also, I think you should be calling me Mrs. Reed. Didn't Jay warn you about it last time?"

Irene Lynch ground her teeth. 'Jay... Jay... How intimately she was referring to him.' She had tried to call Young master Reed Jason' once but he unhappily warned her to call him Mr. Reed.

It was as if she did not deserve to call him 'Jason'

"Mrs. Reed..." Irene Lynch laughed dryly and said, "It was only a misunderstanding earlier. Don't mind it."

"How could it be a misunderstanding? This woman's friend splashed water all over you," the sales assistant who had been flattering Irene Lynch said. She looked like she wanted to stand up for Irene Lynch.

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Irene Lynch felt even more embarrassed. "Well... Yes..."

"We'll find out what happened just by looking at the surveillance footage," said Grace as she glanced around. Sure enough, she found the surveillance camera. "If anyone has wronged my friend, I'll sue for slander and defamation as per the laws."

Irene Lynch froze and quickly said, "It's just a misunderstanding. Why make a big deal out of it?"

"I don't think I'm making a big deal," said Grace.

Irene Lynch almost crushed her teeth. No matter how slow the sales assistant and manager were, they could see that her attitude toward Grace was different.

It was almost like she was afraid of offending Grace.

Just then, three men walked into the shop. One of them was Terrence. Terrence rushed over to Grace and respectfully gave her an infinite card. "Young Madam, Young master Reed said you can keep this card with you. You can use this card to buy anything you want. There's no limit, and you don't need to report to Young master Reed."

Grace took the card. She did not expect Terrence to deliver the card here. Before she tried on the gown, she had received

a phone call from Jason and mentioned that she would be shopping for a gown.

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She had asked Jason if there was a way to transfer money or buy it on credit because of the gown's high price point.

She did not expect him to ask Terrence to deliver her a card, and it all happened so soon too!

The manager and other staff in the boutique were surprised to hear this, especially when they saw the infinite card Terrence handed over. Working in the boutique, they met many socialites and wealthy women. They had seen such infinite cards before.

However... it was rare. There were not many people who had such cards in Emerald City.

Now, this woman had such a card in her hand.

Besides, the man who just handed her the card had said something like 'Young master Reed'. Only one person in

Emerald City had such an infinite card and was referred to as 'Young master Reed'!

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'Is this woman..!

Immediately, the manager and the sales assistant who had tried to curry favor with Irene Lynch went pale.

Grace generously accepted the card and did not refuse it. Then, she said to the junior sales assistant who had been serving her. "I'll take this gown. Please wrap it up for me after I change out of it."

"O-Okay..." she said excitedly. As a newcomer, she had hit the jackpot to get such a sale.

Irene Lynch was more embarrassed and wanted to pick up her bag to leave quietly, but Grace stopped her. "Miss Lynch, we're not done yet. Don't you want to look at the surveillance footage?"

"No... No thanks. I was the one who spilled water on myself by accident," Irene Lynch said with a dry laugh.

"Miss Lynch, since you were the one who spilled water on yourself, aren't you going to apologize for making people misunderstand that my friend splashed water on you?" asked

Grace.

Irene Lynch looked surprised and asked almost subconsciously, "Apologize?"

"What's the matter? Shouldn't you?" Grace asked coldly.

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Irene Lynch's face could not help reddening. She thought she was special ever since her daughter became the adopted daughter of the Reed family. Besides, even those socialites and wealthy women fawned over her. Since when did she have to apologize to others? She even had to apologize to an ordinary person. Was it just because she was Grace's friend?

It would be humiliating for her to apologize, especially with all these people watching.

"Miss Lynch, since Young Madam is asking you to apologize, I think you'd better apologize. You'll still have to apologize when Young master Reed hears about this," Terrence said out loud.

Irene Lynch had to bite the bullet and apologize to Lina.

The manager and the sales assistant also apologized with a look of horror. Who would have thought that between these two women, the one dressed in plain clothes would be Young master Reed's wife?

It was Young master Reed! Who in Emerald City dared to

offend Young master Reed?

Not far away, a woman's eyes fell on Lina's face with amusement. A sneer rose from the corners of her lips.

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Katherine Jackson did not expect to meet Lina in a place like this. Besides, Lina's friend appeared to be Jason's wife.

However... it was useless even if the Reed family was willing to back Lina up. Hadwin was hers. She would eventually get the man she wanted. There were no exceptions!

Lina followed when Grace went to change out of the gown. Irene Lynch was about to leave with a grim face, but Terrence stopped her.

"Terrence... What... What's the matter?" asked Irene Lynch.

"Miss Lynch, you seem to be spending quite a lot of money these days. The gowns here aren't what ordinary people can afford," said Terrence.

Irene Lynch was a little at a loss as she said, "I... I was just looking around."

"It's great that you were just looking around. Miss Lynch, what you spend should be in line with your status. If you aim too high and seek something you shouldn't, then you'll probably get nothing in the end," Terrence said coldly.

Irene Lynch was stunned. She could tell that Terrence was warning her to stop going after Jason!

Chapter 1577

"Yes... Yes, I understand. I'm not going to spend money that isn't befitting of my status." With that said, Irene Lynch fled the boutique almost in fear.

At night, Grace went back to the bedroom after putting the two little ones to sleep. She began to search for news regarding Hadwin Stephenson on her phone.

Although her daughter's single bedroom was already furnished, Jay liked to sleep with Mick these days.

At night, she would lay on Mick Reed's bed and ask her

brother to tell her a story when it was time to go to sleep.

Grace did not know whether to laugh or cry at that.

However, considering that the two children were still young and Grace wanted them to bond, she let them sleep together.

Poor Mick Reed. A child who did not talk much was now being forced into becoming a chatterbox by his sister.

His sister resented the lack of passion when he told her stories, so he would be forced to tell the same stories several

times.

Grace expected her son to grow impatient, but who knew her

son would tell his sister the same story over and over again without showing a trace of impatience.

Maybe it was kinship, and Mick was a good brother.

The corners of Grace's mouth unconsciously curved at the thought of this. A voice suddenly rang in her ears. "What's the matter? Are you interested in Hadwin Stephenson? Why are you smiling at his picture?"

Grace instantly came back to her senses. Jason had walked up behind her at some point, and what was on her phone screen was news about Hadwin Stephenson.

As she had been looking down at her phone, it would make others misunderstand that she was smiling at Hadwin Stephenson.

"No, I just thought of Jasper and Mick. Besides, Hadwin Stephenson is Lina's ex-boyfriend. I'm only looking up news about him because of Lina," Grace quickly explained because she was afraid of being misunderstood.

He stared at her but did not say anything right away.

"Don't you... know that Hadwin Stephenson is Lina's ex-boyfriend?" she asked when it suddenly occurred to her. After all, he had lost part of his memories.

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"Even though I don't remember, Terrence and the others would mention some things about Hadwin Stephenson and Lina when they talked about you," said Jason. He remembered Terrence saying that Lina was injured after she left Emerald City to find Hadwin Stephenson. In the end, she was seriously injured by Hadwin Stephenson's half-brothers.

If it were not for Lina, he and Grace... might not have gotten married!

Grace breathed a sigh of relief. At least she did not have to explain much about this matter. "Anyway, I'm not interested in Hadwin Stephenson."

"Really?" His thin lips smiled. "Then who are you interested in?"

His tone was indifferent and spoke with a cold voice, but he had ended his question with a slight rise. There seemed to be seduction in his glittering eyes.

Grace glanced at Jason, her face slightly red. Did he expect her to give her an answer to that?

"Why are you keeping quiet? Haven't you been proactive all along?" he said. His thin lips smiled faintly and she could hardly look away.

'Alright, there's no shame in falling for him!'

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She blushed, and said, "You".

Chapter 1578

There was a hint of laughter in Jason's dark eyes. He gently pulled her hand and said, "You're not allowed to be interested

in other men. I'm the only man you can be interested in!"

Grace was momentarily dazed. He was still as overbearing as

before.

Back then, he did not like her to be close to other men too. He would overbearingly tell her to only look at him and think of him... Come to think of it, it was sweet.

Suddenly, there was a slight pain in Grace's earlobe. She suddenly came to her senses to find Jason nibbling her

earlobe.

She trembled and felt the blood rushing to her ears.

"Jay, stop it..." She trembled and unconsciously raised her hand to cover her ear.

However, before her hand could touch her ear, his hand pinned it down. "I won't..."

He murmured, sounding as though he was tasting the most delicious food.

Her face grew redder. "Well... Well, I bought a gown at the boutique today. I spent a lot of money on it. It... It doesn't matter, does it..."

She spoke quickly, trying to stop him while also distracting herself.

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'If this goes on...'

"Since I gave you the card, it doesn't matter how much money you spend. You own half of the Reed family's wealth anyway,"

he said.

"Aren't you afraid I'm only after your money?" she joked.

"Are you?" he asked in a deep voice while he stared at her.

The amorous air seemed to have frozen as silence enveloped

them.

It was as if he wanted to see through her.

Grace's throat instantly felt a little dry. "No," she said.

He chuckled. "I know you're not. There wouldn't have been so many problems between us if you were." After a pause, he spoke as he played with her fingers, "I heard from Terrence that you ran into Irene Lynch in the boutique today. Did she

piss you off?"

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Grace said, "She pissed Lina off, but I probably pissed her off in the end."

"You don't have to worry about her. Just treat her as a nobody that the Reed family is keeping around. If you find her annoying, I'll order her to never show up before you again."

Grace said, "It doesn't matter whether she shows up in front of me. What matters is her showing up before you. Don't tell me

you can't see that she's trying to use her daughter to get you."

"I'm not interested in her. She's just Oriel's mother. The Reed family promised to raise Oriel until she's an adult and not separate the mother and daughter," said Jason.

It was not that he had no idea what Irene Lynch was up to, but to him, it was like watching a clown. He did not have any sort of feelings for her at all, so he was not bothered to deal with her as well.

"But don't you think you're giving her some hope by doing this? You're making her feel like she has a chance to get what she wants," said Grace.

"Then what do you want me to do? Disfigure her? Or make her spend the rest of her life in the hospital so that she won't dare to overthink things anymore?" asked Jason.

Chapter 1579

He calmly said those cruel and vicious words as though they were small matters.

Grace said, "No, you don't have to do all that. You just have to make her understand that you're mine. That's all. Don't give her any hope. If she has any other ideas and steps out of line, I'll deal with her myself."

No matter what, she would not share her husband with another!

Jason raised his eyebrows slightly. "I'm yours?"

Grace's cheeks started blushing again but she did not avoid Jason's eyes. She said earnestly, "Yeah, you're mine. You're my husband."

A touch of tenderness flickered through Jason's eyes, but he did not notice it himself.

He was so used to being in control that he would have hated it if someone else had said it, but he felt pleased and satisfied when she said it. He did not know how to describe it.

"Are you so sure that I'm yours? Aren't you afraid of me falling

in love with another woman?" he asked as his thin lips tugged

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into a smile.

Grace bit her lip slightly. After pondering for a moment, she said earnestly, "I'll try to fight for you, but if you really love her to the point where you can't give her up, then I'll leave without kicking up a fuss."

If he really fell in love with someone else one day, then he was not the Jay she loved anymore. In that case, they might as well set each other free.

However, Jason's expression immediately changed when she said this. He instantly pulled her into his arms.

The satisfaction and joy he felt earlier turned into fear because of what she just said. He was so afraid that his body trembled slightly.

'What's wrong with me... I'm determined to fall in love with this woman, but... It turns out she has more influence over me than I imagined.

'Can anything she says or does affect me so much?'

"Who permitted you to leave? Now that you've returned to the Reed family, then stay in the Reed family forever!" he said.

Jason's hug was so tight that she could hardly breathe.

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Besides, his body seemed to be shaking.

"Jay, what's come over you?" she asked.

"Did you hear what I said? You can never leave," he said.

Grace was surprised. 'Is it because of what I just said about leaving?'

"I was just speaking metaphorically. If that ever happens-"

"That will never happen!" he interrupted and stared down at her, saying, "So you can forget about leaving."

His eyes seemed to want to swallow her up. Grace stared blankly at the man in front of her. Looking at his delicate and handsome face, she watched him slowly approach her. Her eyelashes quivered as she watched him. Then, she slowly closed her eyes.

He was kissing her!

The kiss was lingering and overbearing. His fingers firmly clasped the back of her head as if she was not allowed to struggle and escape.

"Grace..." His enamored voice melted into the kiss.

Chapter 1580

It was as if unknowingly, he could no longer allow her to leave. He had a sudden and stronger urge to find out how he loved her in those memories he lost...

When Hadwin Stephenson returned to his mansion in Emerald City, he found Katherine Jackson sitting on the couch in the living room. She appeared to be leisurely waiting for him.

"Who let you in?" Hadwin Stephenson narrowed his eyes and stared at Katherine Jackson with displeasure.

"I'm your girlfriend, President Stephenson. If I want to come in, can the security guards outside stop me?" Katherine Jackson said with a chuckle. Her gorgeous face seemed even more enchanting. "Did you go to see your ex-girlfriend again?"

Hadwin Stephenson's face instantly darkened.

Yes, he had gone to see Lina again, but... he only secretly watched her while hiding in the shadows. He watched her leave work in the same car she had five years ago, go on another date with the same man he had seen that day, and saw the way she smiled at him.

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'Lina. That's my Lina!'

"What a pity though. No matter how much you go over to look

at your ex-girlfriend, you can never be together. Speaking of which, how old is she? She's probably 33 now. She'll probably get married in a year or two. A woman can't afford

to waste her youth!" Katherine Jackson walked up to Hadwin Stephenson and touched his chest with her fingernails that were painted red.

"Shut up!" Hadwin Stephenson instantly grabbed Katherine Jackson's hand and shook it off. His eyes were full of disgust.

"Don't touch me."

"What's the matter? It's been five years and you're still in denial?" Katherine Jackson shook her hand nonchalantly. "Don't forget, it was you who cried and begged me to save Lina's life. Otherwise, she would've probably died on her way back instead of being hospitalized for serious injuries."

Hadwin Stephenson's face turned cold. He felt like he could not breathe every time he thought about it.

"Hadwin, I gave you everything you wanted-Lina's life and absolute control of the Stephenson family. But the price you

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have to pay... is to be with me and never get back together with Lina! Weren't you willing to pay such a price back then?" Katherine Jackson asked loudly.

Hadwin Stephenson breathed heavily, but his face was pale.

'Yeah, it was my decision. I decided that... I could no longer be

with Lina.!

"Hadwin, why are you so obsessed with Lina? Am I not beautiful or good enough?" Katherine Jackson's eyes were seductive, showing her charm.

Every man she had ever set her eyes on ended up falling for her, but Hadwin Stephenson seemed to be an exception. If she had not used Lina's life and the Stephenson family, this man would not be with her right now.

However, the more he did that, the more she wanted to conquer him! She found it fun!

"I've been waiting for you for five years too. Speaking of which, I'm almost 30. Shouldn't you give me a wedding and make me the legitimate Mrs. Stephenson?"

Hadwin Stephenson pressed his thin lips together tightly. To him, his wife was always Lina.