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Chapter 1601

"Then... Why don't you play with me? I want to play. Mason, accompany me!" The little girl thought for a moment before taking a different approach.

"Okay." This time, the boy named Mason said yes without hesitation. "Sis, if you want to play, I'll play with you."

The appellation 'Sis' made Grace tremble again. Not only was the look in the little boy's eyes and his expression just like Jay but also the way he called out 'Sis'

The two children got up with the little girl taking the little boy's hand. The chubby boy called Lil Tian walked over, followed by several older boys.

The chubby boy said to the older boys, "He's the one I'm talking about. He's a good fighter. I've never seen him lose and I'm sure you can't beat him either."

"He Yetian, what are you talking about?" the little girl snapped.

"I'm not wrong. Mason Swanson's a good fighter!" the chubby little boy said with a look of mischief on his face.

Watching this, Grace knew the chubby little boy was saying those words on purpose to trigger the other boys.

Sure enough, the older boys were ready to fight Mason Swanson.

The little girl refused, and she used her tiny body to shield the little boy as she said to the boys, "My brother doesn't fight. We came to play, not to fight! Go away, or you... You're gonna get it from me."

However, her threats had no effect. One of the boys in the Mead pushed the little girl away.

It was too late for Grace to stop them now.

The little girl stumbled and was pushed to the floor, banging her head against a pillar. She screamed in pain.

The cry of pain seemed to trigger the little boy named Mason Swanson.

The next moment, the thin little boy pounced at the boy who had pushed the little girl like a beast.

There was a noticeable difference in the physique of both boys. However, the older child was immediately tackled by the little boy. Several other boys wanted to help but were also tackled to the floor by the small and thin child.

Grace was shocked. She could even see that the way the child fought was not the random fighting style of ordinary children but... he was hitting the weak spots in the joints. His tiny fists were probably stronger than children of the same age.

Therefore, the children were defeated almost instantly.

The little boy was still punching the boy who had pushed the little girl, while the chubby little boy was petrified.

Grace quickly skirted the fence and rushed inside.

Other people around them noticed what was happening and gathered around to pull the little boy away.

However, the little one stuck to the older boy like candy and continued to punch him. Even the adults could not pull the two apart.

The little girl hugged the little boy and said, "Ci, stop. I'm not hurt, I'm not hurt!"

The little boy finally let go and looked at the girl. "You're not hurt?"

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"Yeah, it doesn't hurt anymore. So you can stop, Ci," the little girl said, and the little boy was quiet again as he had been at first. However, his hand was firmly in hers.

"Have you been fighting again? Gosh. You even beat them up so badly? What sin have we committed to have a child like you?" The stepmother, Rosalind Bush, scolded as she rushed over. As soon as she saw what was going on, she instantly scolded Mason even more.

She had only walked away for a moment yet this happened.

The chubby little boy even complained and explained how Mason hurt the other children.

With so many adults surrounding them and hearing the criticism from others, the little girl only hugged the little boy tightly while saying, "Ci, don't be afraid. I'll protect you. Don't be afraid!"

Grace found her nose feeling strangely sore when she heard that. Just as she was about to say something to help the two children, Jason hurried to Grace with their two children. "Grace, I'm afraid we have to go back first. We've found Secretary Wang!"

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"What?" Grace was shocked. "Secretary Wang? You... found him?"

"Yes, we've found him! Terrence said they've confirmed that it's indeed Secretary Wang. He's right here in Emerald City!" said Jason.

'Secretary Wang...! Grace staggered a little. 'They've found Secretary Wang. Does that mean we'll find out the whereabouts of the other child too?'

Grace instantly grabbed Jason by the wrist. "Take... Take me there!"

"Okay, I'll take you there," said Jason. Then, he told the two children, "Mommy and I have something to do today. I'll bring you to the amusement park again next time.""

Mick Reed nodded her head sensibly. Even Jasper did not make a fuss about continuing playing. Even though she was young, she could see that her mother was going to see a very important person.

When they got in the car, Jasper asked, "Mommy, is that Secretary Wang someone important?"

"Yes, he is," Grace's hand trembled faintly as she answered her daughter. How could he not be important?

3/4 If it had not been for Secretary Wang, she and Jay would have been just fine. They would not only have two of their three children with them, not to mention go through five years of separation and memory loss.

All this pain was because of what Secretary Wang did back then!

However... what puzzled her was that according to Terrence, Secretary Wang was committed to carrying out the old master's order. He was supposed to let her die in front of Jay and kill all of Jay's hopes, so why was she saved in the end?

Besides, Secretary Wang also gave Mick to the Reed family and kept Jasper by her side?

They probably would not get the answer until Secretary Wang was found.

"Mommy, you're shaking. Are you cold?" Jasper asked suddenly.

"No, I'm not cold. I'm just too excited," said Grace. If she did not have the children by her side, she might be even more upset.

After sending the two children back to Reed Residence, Grace and Jason rushed to where Secretary Wang was.

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They found Secretary Wang in an ordinary rental house. Jason's men were already guarding the house, and Terrence was also waiting outside. As soon as he saw Jason and Grace, he came forward and said, "Young master Reed, he's in the house. But he won't tell us the child's whereabouts."

Jason pressed his thin lips together tightly while Grace's hands trembled again.

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Jason suddenly squeezed Grace's hand a little tighter. "Whatever it may be, since we've found Secretary Wang, we'll eventually find out the whereabouts of our child."

Even if the child were dead, he would find out where he died!

"Okay." Grace's voice was already choking with sobs.

The two entered the house, where several other bodyguards were guarding a middle-aged man.

It took Grace some time to recognize the middle-aged man as Secretary Wang.

Five years had passed, and Secretary Wang was different from what she remembered. Although there were not many wrinkles on his face, his hair was a little gray. He had a mustache, wore a pair of glasses, and was dressed in ordinary casual clothes. He looked like an ordinary citizen.

If Secretary Wang had passed by her on a normal day, she probably would not recognize him as the person she was looking for!

A hint of surprise flashed across Secretary Wang's eyes when

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he saw Grace and then he smiled. "So you've returned to the Reed family in the end."

Grace took a deep breath. "Yes, I've returned to the Reed

family." After five years, she had finally returned to the Reed family and Jay's side.

"You all should leave first," Jason said to the subordinates in the house.

They answered him and left.

"Where's the child?" Jason asked coldly.

"Child? Didn't I already give them to you? One to the Reed family, and one to your wife," said Secretary Wang.

"You know which child I mean!" Jason's voice grew colder. "Grace had triplets. We only have two. Where's the other one?"

"It's good enough that two of the triplets survived. Young master Reed, do you expect all three to have survived?" Secretary Wang laughed mockingly.

Grace stumbled a little. 'There's another child. Could they be...

"Is that child still alive or not?" She looked at Secretary Wang with red eyes.

Even if the answer was the last thing in the world she wanted

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to hear, as a mother, she needed to know!

However, Secretary Wang did not answer her but only looked at Jason. "It's been five years. Do you still plan to be with this woman?"

Jason said coldly, "She's my wife and the mother of my children. It's a matter of course for me to be with her."

"Do you love her?" Secretary Wang asked again.

Jason said, "What does it matter whether I love her or not? Why should I tell you? I can spare you if you tell me where the child is. Otherwise, you'll spend the rest of your life behind bars!"

Secretary Wang did not care what would happen to him. He only said, "You're the head of the Reed family. You shouldn't fall in love with anyone so that you won't have any weaknesses. Old Master was afraid you'd ruin the Reed family if you had a weakness."

Jason walked over and grabbed Secretary Wang's collar. With a sneer, he said, "Even if I have no weakness, I can still ruin the Reed family. What's the matter? Are you still going to be Old Master's loyal lapdog after all these years?"

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"Old Master was kind to me. Even though he's passed away, I'm willing to be his dog!" replied Secretary Wang.

"So what on earth happened? Why did you bring Mick back after Grace disappeared? What did you do when Grace left the Reed family? Did Old Master tell you to do all these too?"

Jason asked sharply.

Looking at Jason, Secretary Wang knew he must be saying all this because he had not recovered all the memories he lost after the hypnosis.

If he had recovered his memory, he would not be asking that.

As for Grace? Since she could return to the Reed family, she must have recovered some of her memories. Even if she had not recovered all of them, Terrence and the rest would probably have explained it to her.

'But she probably didn't tell Young master Reed about her falling into the sea. Is she scared that Young master Reed

won't be able to take it after he finds out?'

Secretary Wang had always been insightful. He had pretty much figured it out after just hearing a few words from Jason

After all, he had arranged for Jason's hypnosis. He was clear that it would probably be too much for him if they forcibly triggered his lost memories.

He had also told Terrence and the rest that they should not mention the incident of Grace falling into the sea unless Jason recalled it himself so as not to trigger him too much. They would only end up ruining things themselves.

It seemed that Terrence and the rest had followed his advice well.

"Do you really want to know what I did, Young master Reed?" Secretary Wang smirked playfully.

Grace shuddered and instantly shouted, "No!"

Both Jason and Secretary Wang immediately turned to look at her. However, Jason's eyes were full of confusion while Secretary Wang seemed to be well-aware.

Stunned, Grace hesitated a little before saying, "I'm just scared that he'll deliberately make something up to deceive you!"

"If you're worried that I'll make something up, why ask me then?" Secretary Wang looked at Grace mockingly.

3/4 Grace's hands that were by her sides clenched the hem of her skirt. She hated Secretary Wang but also did not understand him. Since she was rescued, it was most likely Secretary Wang who had saved her.

Why did he save her even though he was supposed to be following the old master's orders to get rid of her?

"If you let two of the children live, you would've let the other little one live too, wouldn't you?" Grace choked up as she said, "Secretary Wang, you aren't such a cold-blooded person. Since you were benevolent back then, please tell me the whereabouts of the child. Whatever that has happened, we'll let bygones be bygones if you just tell us!"

She just wanted her family to reunite safely!

However, Secretary Wang was unmoved by Grace's plea. "Let bygones be bygones? I'll give the child to the Reed family, but you must never show up in front of Young master Reed. Will you agree to that?"

As soon as he said that, Grace's expression changed and Jason immediately pressed Secretary Wang against the wall. "Shut up! If you dare say such a thing again, I'll kill you!"

"Are you scared, Young master Reed? Are you scared that the

woman beside you will agree to my request and disappear before you for the sake of the child?" Secretary Wang asked

with a smile.

Jason's face became utterly pale, and he was trembling

so much that even his hands shook while they pressed on Secretary Wang.

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Yes, he was scared! Even though he cared about the child, he cared more about Grace! If Grace disappeared from his world again, he could hardly imagine how he was going to live.

Jason turned his head almost with difficulty to look at the woman standing two steps away from him. She was equally pale with something glinting in those almond-shaped eyes.

“Grace, don’t... say yes. Even if he says nothing, I’ll... I’ll find out where that child is. Don’t say yes no matter what, okay... Okay? I beg you...”

His handsome face was full of fear and unease. That fragile beauty deeply pricked Grace’s heart.

She had promised herself to never let him show that look of fear and pain again.

However, she was seeing it now. Grace took a deep breath and muttered to Jason, “Okay.”

The ‘okay’ stunned Jason, and the tears just came spilling out of his eyes.

‘She said okay. She said okay... Does this mean she won’t disappear before me again?’

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Secretary Wang looked at Grace with disdain and said, “It seems that you’re just a selfish woman who’s reluctant to give up your glory and wealth in the Reed family for a child!”

Grace walked over, grabbed Jason’s face, and gently wiped his tears with a tissue. “Jay, stop crying. Stop crying. I don’t know what to do when you cry.”

His tears made her flustered and anxious. She only wanted him to stop crying so he could stop feeling sad, hurt, scared, and uneasy.

Jason let go of Secretary Wang and took Grace’s hand. “Are you really not going to disappear? You won’t leave me?”

“No, I won’t!” she said with great certainty.

Secretary Wang sneered again.

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Grace turned her head and looked at him. “When I returned to Emerald City, I promised Jay that I’ll never leave him again, so I can’t agree to your condition.”

Secretary Wang’s eyes were full of sarcasm, but what Grace said next made his expression change.

What she said was... “But I won’t become Jay’s weakness. I’ll

become his support and helping hand. I’ll never be his weakness and let people use me to threaten him.”

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"What makes you so sure you won't be a weakness?" Secretary Wang looked like he had just heard a funny joke.

"Because if there ever comes a time when someone uses me to threaten him, then I'll kill myself," she said. It was what she did back then, and things had not changed.

She loved him more than her own life. If she faced the same situation again, she thought she would make the same choice as back then.

Secretary Wang seemed to look at Grace with some shock. Every word the woman said was so powerful. There was an unmatched determination in her eyes.

It was as if she meant what she said... No, she had kept her word!

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'She won't become Young master Reed's weakness?'

An indescribable feeling filled Secretary Wang's heart. Old Master was afraid that Young master Reed's rival could easily manipulate him if he had a weakness, which might lead to the downfall of the Reed family. Therefore, his last words to him were to get rid of Grace.

However, Secretary Wang decided to save Grace at the last moment because Grace had chosen to sacrifice herself to

save Young master Reed.

Five years later, the woman would still do the same.

However, Jason only felt something pressing on his chest after hearing what Grace said. He could not breathe.

He instantly grasped Grace's hand. "Even if someone does use you to threaten me one day, I won't let you kill yourself! Do you

hear me?"

Grace looked at Jason but did not answer him as he wanted.

"Grace!" His voice unconsciously rose. He wanted an answer from her no matter what.

She said, "Then we'll never let that day happen. Jay, at least I can promise you that I won't give up on myself until the very last minute."

He stared at her and felt a sudden pain in his head. Something seemed to flash through his mind, but it was too quick and he could not grasp it!

Secretary Wang's voice broke the silence. "Grace, even though you've said so, I can't tell you the whereabouts of the child because... they were already dead upon birth."

"How is that possible?" Grace asked in disbelief.

"Why not? Where do you think the child is otherwise? I don't have any children here!" Secretary Wang said coldly.

Grace stared blankly at Secretary Wang. 'The child...' Secretary Wang did not have any children around him, so... did her child actually die five years ago?

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Grace suddenly blacked out. She fell into familiar arms, and the last words that escaped her mouth were... "I'm sorry."

'I'm sorry. I'm a mother but failed to protect my child.

'I'm sorry. That child was supposed to come into the world but... didn't even get a chance to see it!

As their mother, she only found out he or she no longer existed in this world five years later!

Grace fainted while Jason stared at Secretary Wang. "Is that child alive or dead? You'd better think it through before you answer. I'll make your life a living hell if you dare lie!"

"Does it matter whether they're alive or dead? I don't have any children here. That's all I can say. I won't tell you the rest," said Secretary Wang.

Jason pressed his thin lips together tightly, picked Grace up without a word, and walked out of the house.

Terrence and those subordinates were waiting outside. As soon as he saw Jason coming out, he rushed forward and said, "Young master Reed, is Young Madam..."

Jason said, "She fainted because she got too emotional.

Inform the police about Secretary Wang's whereabouts."

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"Yes," answered Terrence.

Grace was in the hospital ward when she woke up, and Jason was by her side. "Why am I here?"

"You fainted. I brought you to the hospital to have a doctor check on you just in case. Fortunately, there's nothing serious," said Jason.

The memory of what had happened rushed into Grace's head. She instantly froze, and with a cry, she began to sob.

"Jay, what do we do? The child is gone... Gone..." She instantly threw her arms around him, sobbing and almost gasping for

breath.

Jason put his arms around Grace and felt her body twitching violently with every sob. "What Secretary Wang said may not be true. If the child is really gone, why didn't he tell us where they were buried? Why would he rather get detained by the police instead of telling us the child's whereabouts?"

That was what confused him. He had a gut feeling that the child was still alive.

However, if the child was still alive, what on earth was Secretary Wang up to by not telling them their whereabouts?

"It's... not true?" muttered Grace as she finally stopped crying.

"It can't be true. I'll continue to investigate the whereabouts of the child," said Jason as he raised his hand to gently wipe Grace's tears. "You told me not to cry, but you're the one crying instead."

Grace only felt weak due to the emotional ups and downs. It seemed to drain her of her strength.

"Jay, is our child still alive?"

“Yes.”

“Alive?”

“Yes.”

She asked repeatedly and he would answer her each time. Finally, Grace stopped asking. She just wrapped her arms around Jason and held him tight.

“Jay, we must find our child, alive... or dead.” The last two words were almost forced from the back of her throat.

She did not want to end up not knowing where their child was.

No matter how long it was going to take, she must find their child and tell him or her that they were their parents and apologize to them!

She would apologize for failing to protect and take good care of them, for forgetting about them for a period of time.

“Okay,” replied Jason. He would find their child, but at the same time, he would never let her disappear from his sight

again.

When Jason and Grace returned to Reed Residence at night, the two children were still awake. They had been waiting for

them.

Especially Jasper Reed, who kept running to the residence’s gate from time to time no matter how Uncle Kwan persuaded

her.

The two little ones would not go to sleep until their parents got

back.

Watching the two children’s sleeping faces, Grace’s eyes could not help turning red again. How happy would they be if their

other child was here too!

Somehow, the image of the little boy named Ci, who was in the amusement park during the day, popped up in her mind.

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The child was about the same age as Jasper and Mick, but he was leading such a difficult life in that family. That child had beaten up other children today. She wondered what had happened to him in the end.

“What’s the matter? What’s on your mind?” Jason’s voice rang in Grace’s ears.

“I thought of the boy I saw during the day, the one who beat up others in the restaurant’s playground. I wonder how his family will punish him?”

“What’s the matter? Are you worried about the child?” he asked.

“Yeah.” She nodded. “Maybe it’s because the look on that child’s face today reminded me of the first time I saw you, so I unconsciously care about him.”

“Does he look like me?” Jason raised his eyebrows slightly.

“The look in his eyes and his expression reminds me of you. There’s a hollow look in the boy’s eyes. It’s not an expression a child should have, but he cares about his sister. If the other boy had not pushed his sister, he wouldn’t have hit them,” she

said as she told him what she saw today.

“Really?” Jason’s eyes flickered a little and he said, “He has a Sis he cares about, and I... have a Sis I care about too.” His life would have been different if he had not met her.

He would never even have known what it was like to love someone!

“Since you care so much about the child, I’ll talk to my men. and have them check with the amusement park to find the family. We’ll straighten things out so they won’t give the child a hard time because of the fight,” he said.

Grace breathed a sigh of relief when she heard that.

When Grace had gone to bed at night, Jason opened his eyes. and slowly sat up. He fell into a trance as he looked at the woman who was sound asleep.

“So what if you’re my weakness? Even if someone uses you do threaten me one day, I still won’t let you kill yourself no matter what!” he muttered as though he was making an oath.

What answered him was the sound of her even breathing.

“Maybe it’s just like what you said. It’s best if that day never comes...” Before he could finish talking, there was a throbbing pain in his head as though something flashed across his mind.

Jason suddenly froze. What flashed across his mind was the

image of a cliff by the sea. Something seemed to fall off it and then he heard himself crying out in despair.

“Ah!” He gasped suddenly and pressed one hand against his heart.

What was that suffocating feeling?

His heartbeat became unusually fast, but the only blessing was that the headache only lasted a moment. It was fast! The images that flashed across his mind were quick too.

They were so quick that he only saw the cliff!

However, he remembered the cliff. It was the cliff where Grace had fallen into the sea. Terrence had said that Grace could not accept the truth of the case no matter what and went there when she left. Then, she accidentally fell into the sea.

‘Terrence and the rest have no idea why Grace went there. She... also lost that part of her memories.

‘But if I was the one who shouted, does that mean... I was at the seaside too?

‘Why hadn’t Terrence ever mentioned to me that I was at the seaside as well?

‘What on earth happened? Was it really just an accident that Grace fell into the sea?’

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“Miss Lynch, I’ve looked into Grace’s time in L City during the past five years. I have information on what you want to hear, but you need to pay extra,” a man said to Irene Lynch on the phone.

“What? Pay extra?” Irene Lynch’s good mood only lasted a few seconds before it turned sour.

“When you asked me to help you investigate, you didn’t say she was the mistress of the Reed family as well as Jason’s wife! I’m taking a huge risk by giving you this information! That small fee you paid before isn’t enough,” they said.

‘Small... fee? It was 300,000 dollars!’ Irene Lynch hated it but asked, “How much do you want?”

“Five million,” they said.

Irene Lynch almost crushed her teeth from gritting them too hard. ‘Five million? That’s blackmail!’

“Do you think the information you’re giving me will be worth five million dollars?” snapped Irene Lynch.

They said “it’s worth the money, Miss Lynch, isn’t the thing you want most getting rid of Grace and becoming the mistress of the Reed family? The information I have is enough for you to succeed! Miss Lynch, you should know what’s more important. The mistress of the Reed family, or five million dollars?”

Irene Lynch pursed her red lips. She had five million dollars. of course. In the past two years, her status had risen since her daughter became the adopted daughter of the Reed family.

The Reed family only gave her a residence and 200,000 dollars a month. However, she made use of her connections with the Reed family to create a livestream channel. She would find socialites to help her sell goods and started a resale business through those people. One could say that she

had made a lot of money.

However, the Reed family used to turn a blind eye and did not pay much attention to these things.

However... Jason had announced Grace’s identity to the upper class. The socialites naturally shunned her now.

After Terrence warned her in the boutique, some of the business deals she had gotten through her connections with the Reed family fell through and she was forced to terminate

her contract with them.

The Reed family had not told her anything, but Irene Lynch

knew that the Reed family must have done something for

these business deals to fall through. They did not want her to continue using her connections with the Reed family!

If this was the case, her way of earning money was hindered. The money she had would probably dwindle as time passed.

She must turn the tables around with one move. Otherwise,

200,000 dollars a month would not be enough for her to

spend!

Irene Lynch was not thinking about how she used to live her life back then. She was only thinking about arming herself with luxury items and making those who previously looked

down on her kneel before her!

“Okay, I’ll give you five million dollars. I hope the information.

you’re giving me is worth the money!” said Irene Lynch.

“It is!” they replied.

Irene Lynch could not help trembling a little after seeing the information they sent over. A hint of surprise flashed across

her face.

It was better than she had expected! If she made good use of this information, then Grace... would be ruined!

Secretary Wang was put into the detention center. The Reed family would sue him for the matters regarding the child.

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Grace also knew she could not mention the incident of her falling into the sea. Even if the case was brought to court, Secretary Wang would be given the benefit of the doubt. If Secretary Wang denied it outright, it would be difficult to convict him without a chain of evidence.

Unless... they found something else on him!

After all, he had worked for Old master Reed for so many years. He could not be innocent!

Grace went to the detention center to meet Secretary Wang again, but this time, she went alone.

After seeing her, Secretary Wang said, "No matter what you want to ask me, I have nothing to say. You don't have to

bother."

"I'm only here to say thank you," said Grace.

"Thank you?" Secretary Wang seemed somewhat surprised.

"Thank you for saving my life. I figured that you were the one who saved me even though you were also the one who caused all this. I hate you. If it hadn't been for you, Jay and I wouldn't have separated for five years, have amnesia, and have our children taken from us. But you saved my life and the children's lives."

She also had mixed feelings for the man in front of her. Even though he saved her and the children, she still hated the man!

Even if they gave you something sweet, it did not mean they had not hurt you!

"I don't know what you're up to, but I think there must have been a reason why you chose to keep one of the children with you rather than the Reed family or me. It must have been for the Reed family's sake. After all, the Reed family mattered the most to Old Master. What mattered the most to him must also matter the most to you!"

When Grace said this, she carefully observed Secretary Wang's facial expressions.

Secretary Wang lowered his eyes slightly as the corners of his lips were slightly raised. "I have no idea what you're talking.

about."

Grace did not go any further and just said, "And thank you for hypnotizing Jay."

Without the hypnosis, perhaps Jay would not be alive right

now, or he would have broken down even if he survived!

If she could, she hoped Jay would never recover... some memories. For example, the memory of her falling into the

sea.

After all, that memory was too painful and sad.

She had already felt so miserable when she listened to Terrence's description. What would Jay feel if he recovered that memory?

Although Secretary Wang was responsible for the incident where she fell into the sea, the real mastermind was Old master Reed, who was Jay's grandfather!

She left the detention center with her mind already made up.

Sure enough, her other child was probably alive. If they had died as Secretary Wang said, he would not have avoided her eyes when she mentioned it just now.

When she mentioned he did it for the Reed family, Secretary Wang's hand had imperceptibly trembled.

She just wanted to test Secretary Wang's reaction to confirm things.

Now, she knew the answer. Her child... was still alive!