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Chapter 1621

Jason turned to his subordinates and said, "Those who failed to do their duty today will be punished later. Also, find out what's going on with these people."

"Yes," said the subordinate.

Just then, one of the men subdued by Jason's men struggled to raise his head and shouted, "Grace, you damned lawyer! Don't think this is over just because you ran to Emerald City. You and your mentor conspired to put me in prison for two and a half years, causing my wife and children to leave me. I want you to pay the price!"

Only now did Grace recognize the middle-aged man who was screaming in front of her. He was the defendant in one of her

cases, and she had been the plaintiff's lawyer.

The plaintiff won the case, and the defendant was sentenced

to two and a half years in prison.

"I did nothing wrong. You got what you deserved in this case."

"It was you! You and your mentor used me as a stepping stone. to make names for yourselves in the legal world. You're just a shameless-"

Before the man could finish, someone already covered his

mouth and a car pulled over. Jason dragged Grace and said,

"Gel in the car first."

"But Lina and..."

"My men will get them out of here. They'll be alright," said

Jason.

Grace looked at the spectacle in front of her. There were so many people around, and she could not see where Lina and

Anthony Sherman were.

In this case, it was better to leave as soon as possible.

She bit her lip slightly and got into the car. Then, she pulled

out her phone and called Lina.

The phone rang for some time but no one answered.

Grace immediately panicked. "Something must have happened to Lina. Jay, I'm going to find her!"

Jason said, "Don't worry. My men should have news about Linal

in a moment."

Sure enough, sometime later, Jason's phone rang. His

subordinate called to report that they had only found Anthony

Sherman and were sending him back to his residence first. Lina was taken away by Hadwin Stephenson.

"Hadwin Stephenson?" Grace was stunned. 'When did Hadwin. Stephenson show up?

'And he took Lina away. What's going on?"

"Since Hadwin Stephenson took Lina away, you don't have to

worry," said Jason.

"But..."

"Believe me. Hadwin Stephenson would never hurt Lina," Jason.

said affirmatively.

When he saw the look of pain and despair in Hadwin Stephenson's eyes at the banquet that day, he understood. that the man still loved Lina. Five years had passed, but the fact had not changed.

Grace disagreed with Jason. "If he wouldn't hurt Lina, then he

wouldn't have broken up with Lina back then. He chose to hurt

Lina to get the rights to the Stephenson family. Who knows if

he's going to hurt Lina because of something else?"

"You're always... worrying about Lina," muttered Jason. It was

true then and also true now.

Chapter 1622

"I don't want Lina to get injured again. Besides, I caused today's conflict. It's all the more reason I can't ignore Lina!"

said Grace.

"If you're really worried, then I'll have someone find out where Hadwin Stephenson has taken Lina to..."

Just then, Grace's phone rang. The caller ID showed Lina's

nome.

Grace quickly answered the phone and heard her best friend's voice on the other end of the line.

"Grace, are your

okay?"

"I'm fine. What about you? I heard from Jay's men that your were taken away by Hadwin Stephenson. Do you want me to come and pick you up?" Grace said quickly.

"No. I... I'll go back by myself later. Don't worry. Hadwin Stephenson won't do anything to me." Lina could not help looking at Hadwin Stephenson, who was standing in front of her, as she spoke. She happened to meet Hadwin

Stephenson's eyes.

Instantly, Lina looked down and continued to ask about

Grace's current situation. After confirming that her best friend and Jason had already left the place of the incident in their car and that Jason's men had also taken care of Anthony Sherman, she finally felt relieved.

After ending the phone call with Grace, Lina called Anthony

Sherman.

"Yulai, I'm sorry. I asked you to go shopping with me today but such a thing happened. How are you doing..." asked Lina.

The word "Yulai' only irritated Hadwin Stephenson.

'Does she care so much about the man because she likes him?

It's only natural for her to like another man, right? After all, I

left her first.

'But why... is my heart so painful and unwilling?

'She was so in love with me back then! She even wanted us to

be together forever!'

"That's good. Me? I'm fine. I'll talk to you later. Okay... Goodbye then." Once Lina ended the call with Anthony.

Sherman, she looked up to meet Hadwin Stephenson's

burning gaze again.

However, there was a fleeting pain in his eyes.

'Pain?' Lina burst out laughing, blaming herself for

overthinking.

"Mr. Stephenson, thank you for... blocking those things for me," said Lina. She and Hadwin Stephenson both did not look good

right now.

Though Hadwin Stephenson had quickly pulled her aside during the commotion, she was still hit by some of the filth. Hadwin Stephenson looked even worse than her.

The person who was supposed to be glamorous was now covered in rotten vegetables and eggshells... Lina felt somewhat guilty.

"But you

don't have to do all this. Hadwin Stephenson, we've

broken up. You don't need to help me," said Lina.

'I don't need to?' Hadwin Stephenson's eyes grew cold. "Are

you saying I don't have to save you or help you even if you

were to die in front of me?"

That cold voice and the expression on his face that had turned cold suddenly made Lina feel a pang in her heart.

She bit her lip and spat out the word 'yes'. His help would only

make her think of him more and make it harder for her to get

over him.

His face grew colder, and his body seemed to be exuding o chill.

Chapter 1623

All of a sudden, he sneered. "Because you have someone else

now. Is it Anthony Sherman?"

When he uttered the name, Lina's expression changed.

immediately. She had only mentioned Anthony Sherman's first name during the phone call earlier, not his last name.

However, Hadwin Stephenson knew his full name.

Which also meant... "You looked into him?"

"So what if I did? What about you? How much do you love.

him? Is it like what you used to feel for me?" he asked with

restrained struggle and jealousy in his tone.

"It's none of your business," said Lina.

His face seemed to darken under the light of the lamp above.

them. "You're my ex-girlfriend, after all. Can't I be concerned. about you?"

"You just said I'm your ex-girlfriend. Mr. Stephenson, if your want to be concerned about someone, why don't you pay more attention to your current girlfriend?" said Lina.

Hadwin Stephenson was silent for a moment, then suddenly.

said, "Have you ever hated me?"

She was stunned for a moment. She stared at him in

bewilderment, wondering why he suddenly asked such a

question.

"Have you ever hated me? Have you hated that I abandoned you when you were at your lowest and chose to break up with you and be with another woman?" Step by step, he moved

toward her.

She backed away almost instinctively, but with each step she

took, he took one step closer.

It was until her back was against the wall and there was no

room for her to retreat.

His hands were pressed against the wall on both sides of her body. They were very close, and his breath sprayed on her face. However, they were not really touching.

"Did you hate me?" His voice continued to murmur, "Did your

hate me for holding another woman when you were in pain? Did you hate me for enjoying a rich and glorious life when you were struggling? Did you hate me for all the promises I made

to you that never came true?"

He spoke word by word as if pressing for an answer.

Lina stared blankly at the face in front of her. The man still

had egg in his hair that he had shielded her from.

Otherwise, all of it would be on her.

However, none of these affected his beauty. Five years had

made his delicate face a little more masculine, mature, and

reserved.

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She stared into his beautiful eyes but could not make sense of the depth in them.

Lina said slowly, "I don't hate you. Hadwin Stephenson, you're someone I once loved. It's not like you weren't suffering when

I was at my worst. You were under siege back then. If you had

chosen me, then maybe you would've lost the Stephenson family. You would've become an ordinary person."

Shock flashed through his eyes as though he had not expected her to say so.

"You don't... hate me?" he murmured. The four words almost seemed to have been squeezed out of his throat with a tremble.

She said, "I don't hate you, and I don't want to hate you. Hate is a very hurtful feeling. It was nice being in love with you. I don't want to add hatred to it. Between love and career, you chose the latter. That's all you did."

Chapter 1624

"Now, you have the Stephenson family and are living the life you wanted, which also proves that you made the right choice."

"My life isn't hard. I have friends and family who love me. They were there for me when I was in pain, and now my life has gone back to normal. In the future, I'll get married, have children, and have a normal but happy life.

"So I don't hate you. I just want to get over you. Maybe when we're old and surrounded by children and grandchildren, we can smile at each other if we ever meet on the streets. Wouldn't that be nice?"

She whispered. Her tone was calm as if she were merely telling a story, but his heart ached.

Her lack of hatred only deepened his pain!

He had always felt that meeting her and falling in love with her was the best thing that ever happened to him. She was so nice that she was even considerate of him after their breakup.

If he had stopped her from leaving Emerald City and not been. overconfident, or perhaps if he had been better prepared...

would they not have ended up like this?

"Lina..." he mumbled as he slowly looked down, unable to stop himself from approaching her and touching her...

Just then, the doorbell suddenly rang.

They were in a hotel room right now. As both of them had

gotten caught in a mess earlier, he took her straight to the nearest hotel and got a room.

The sound of the doorbell seemed to pull Hadwin Stephenson back from his trance. He stepped back awkwardly, then turned to the door and opened it.

It was Hadwin Stephenson's subordinate outside. He respectfully handed over two sets of clothes. "Mr. Stephenson, these are the clothes you wanted. They're in the sizes you mentioned."

Hadwin Stephenson took the clothes, walked over to Lina, and handed the women's clothes to her. "Go get changed."

"No thanks, I-"

"Do you want to go home in your dirty clothes and have

your parents ask you what happened?" Hadwin Stephenson

interrupted her and said, "If you're afraid to get involved with

me, then you shouldn't have entered a hotel room with me.

Don't you think it's a little late to avoid arousing suspicion?"

Lina pressed her lips together and thought of her parents' nagging. She said, "I'll transfer you the money for these clothes later."

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"There's no need for that," he said.

"It's better not to owe each other money," she said.

Lina took the clothes and went into the bathroom to get changed, while Hadwin Stephenson stood where he was. He could not help smiling bitterly with his head down.

He had tried to get her to say that she hated him, thinking it might crush his ideas, longing, and desire.

It was because he did not even have the right to touch her now!

However, all she said was... she did not hate him.

"Haha... Hahaha..." Hadwin Stephenson laughed softly, but it was very depressing-full of pain and self-mockery.

If she hated him, then perhaps he could love her less...

"Lina... Lina..."

He muttered her name. They were so close, but he could not get close

Chapter 1625

Sometime later, the bathroom door opened. Lina had changed into the clothes Hadwin Stephenson gave her and walked out of the bathroom. She said to Hadwin Stephenson, "Show me your QR code, I'll transfer you the money."

"I already told you, there's no need for that," he said.

"I also told you we have nothing to do with each other now, so it's better not to owe each other money." Lina insisted.

The two looked at each other, and there seemed to be something depressing in the air.

Lina bit her lip slightly. "Hadwin Stephenson, now that we've broken up, I... don't want to owe you anything, so don't let me owe you anything, okay?"

His body trembled a little, but he finally took out his phone and showed her his QR code.

Lina scanned his QR code and keyed in the number.

After all, when he gave her the clothes, the price tags were still attached, so she knew the prices. Lina could not help but feel

a burst of pain at the thought of it. The outfit she was wearing

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cost two months of her salary.

However, she had to pay him so she would feel at ease.

After paying the money, Lina put her phone away and held out her hand to Hadwin Stephenson. "By the way, I heard you're going to marry Miss Jackson soon. Congratulations, I hope you can grow old with her!"

Hadwin Stephenson's expression changed slightly, and he said in a hoarse voice, "Are you... giving me your blessing?"

"Yes." Even though they had broken up, she still wanted him to be happy.

He stared at her outstretched hand with a complicated look. A long time passed before he reached out and took her hand.

He did not want to let go of his grip now. Even a handshake like this caused him great pain.

He tightly held her hand as his face grew paler and paler.

Lina noticed that something was wrong with Hadwin Stephenson. "What's come over you? Your face..."

He suddenly let go of her, staggered a step back, and caught his breath before saying, "I'm alright."

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3/4 Lina looked at him suspiciously and saw that he seemed to be all right besides looking a little pale. Therefore, without saying another word, she turned and walked to the door. She pulled it open and went out.

Hadwin Stephenson stayed in the room alone. He put the hand that he had used to shake her hand in front of him. He looked down, and his gaze fell on his trembling hand.

'Is it an extravagant hope... to even touch her now?

'Am I going to go on like this all my life?' The moment she left the room, he even wanted to stop her to ask her to give him a little more time.

If she would only give him a little more time, he would find a way to solve all the problems and give her a future.

However... what he wanted to say got stuck on the tip of his tongue.

It was not yet the end. He could not drag her down again no matter what. He could not repeat his mistakes. All that mattered to him was that... she was safe!

Hadwin Stephenson picked up the clothes lying aside and went into the bathroom to clean up the mess on his body.

Her scent seemed to linger in the bathroom, and he'yearned

Chapter 1626

However, when he walked out of the bathroom, he saw Katherine Jackson sitting on the couch with a meaningful smile on her lips. "It seems you still can't get over your sweetheart. You saved her today, but it's a pity you can't be with her no

matter how reluctant you are."

"I just happened to be passing by and helped her out. Now that I've decided to marry you, don't worry about it," Hadwin Stephenson said lightly.

"That would be best." Katherine Jackson got up and walked over to Hadwin Stephenson. "You should know how

much I've done for you. I helped you regain control of the Stephenson family and persuaded my parents to let you keep your position as president after we marry and merge our companies. Lina can never do what I've done for you. She can never have your back or help you with anything."

She was the only one who could help him.

Katherine Jackson put her arm around Hadwin Stephenson's neck as she spoke.

Hadwin Stephenson's body stiffened slightly, and his eyes. glimmered a little. However, he did not push her away this

time.

Satisfaction flashed through Katherine Jackson's eyes. 'I'll eventually conquer him...'

"Hadwin, only I can help you. I can get you to the top, fight with you, and won't let others look down on you. Lina will only get in your way," Katherine Jackson said confidently.

Hadwin Stephenson's eyes darkened.

'Lina, Lina... Can she wait for me a little longer? If only she'll give me some time, just a little more time...

Grace and Jason went back to Reed Residence and cleaned up the filth all over their bodies. Grace also thoroughly checked Jason's body to make sure there was nothing wrong with him before feeling relieved.

"Don't defend me so recklessly next time. Fortunately, what they threw today were only eggs, vegetables, and joss paper. If they had thrown sulfuric acid, the consequences would be unimaginable," said Grace.

She still shuddered at the thought of what had just happened. Especially when he desperately protected her in his arms to prevent those things from hitting her.

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She had felt helpless at the time. He was protecting her, but she could not do anything.

It was not a good feeling.

Jason said, "Even so, it's better for those things to hit me than you. Grace, I'm your husband, and it's natural for a husband to protect his wife."

"But..."

"You and the kids are the only people I'll protect, so no buts. If one day you can protect me, will you stand by and do nothing?"

Grace paused. She knew she would not stand by and not do anything. She would protect him with her life.

"What's with that man today? Does he have a legal dispute with you?" Jason asked, digressing.

"He was the defendant in one of the lawsuits I handled. He was charged for assault, and his lawyer was my mentor," she

said.

Chapter 1627

"Is it Lawyer Kang Milo?" asked Jason.

"Do you know about him?" Grace was slightly stunned. Then, she realized that he must have looked into her history in L City when she got back to Emerald City. She nodded and said, "Yes, that was also the first

time I met my mentor. I won that lawsuit, and my mentor lost, but he wasn't mad. Instead, he took me in as an apprentice."

That lawsuit was a rare failure for her mentor, but Grace still felt warm when she thought of what he had said to her at that time.

"Regardless of failure, the most important thing is the pursuit of the truth. Although we lawyers should be representing our clients, we shouldn't be ignorant and not pursue the truth."

Her mentor was a righteous lawyer who was also highly respected in the legal world. He was someone Grace admired.

"The person today is Damian Harmon. He used to be

a government staff, but he lost his job because he was sentenced to two and a half years in prison. It seems that his family spent a lot of money and even took on some debts," said Grace.

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Therefore, it was not difficult to understand Damian Harmon's hostility and resentment toward her. However, they not only targeted her today but also mentioned her mentor...

Grace instantly shuddered at the thought of it. "By the way, will today's incident be on the news? If it affects my mentor.."

"Don't worry, I had someone take care of it and won't let it go viral online," said Jason.

Grace knew that since he had said so, today's incident would not spread even if there were some discussions online.

Even so, she still called her mentor in L City and told him about it, lest it was mentioned in front of him and he was caught off guard.

After all, she did not want her mentor's reputation to be tarnished, especially by such dirty slander.

"Mentor, I'm sorry. I'll take care of it. We've reported it to the police, and the man is also being held in custody. However, it happened downtown. Even if relevant news is deleted, I'm afraid there'll still be some-"

"You need not be afraid of these things if you've done nothing wrong.!" Old Lawyer Watts's voice sounded from the other end

of the line with a strangely soothing charm. "You and I both

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did nothing wrong in that case. Since we've chosen a career as a lawyer, we'll always be facing these doubts. If you plan to continue working in this field, you may face more of these doubts in the future."

"I know," said Grace.

"But you said Jason is very kind to you on the phone last time,

so I'm relieved as well. I'll come to Emerald City next time to visit you, Jasper, and the Mick you mentioned," said Old Lawyer Watts.

"I should bring them to L City to see you," Grace said quickly. After all, her mentor was old now.

"Haha. Just assume I want to visit Emerald City too. I'll go there as soon as I finish my cases," said Old Lawyer Watts.

The two talked for a while longer before ending their call.

"It seems you have great respect for your mentor," said Jason.

Grace said, "Yes, he's a very righteous person. I won the lawsuit against him, but he was not unhappy at all. He valued the truth of the case more. He said we should protect the interests of our clients, but it doesn't mean that we have to be ignorant and make things up to protect them. That'll only

create more injustice and victims in the world."

Chapter 1628

Speaking of which, Grace sighed. "If only my mentor had been my lawyer that year..." Then maybe she would not have spent three years in jail.

She was only being emotional, but Jason's heart suddenly violently contracted upon hearing it.

She had forgiven him after learning the truth of the case back then but her body had still resisted him and even hated him!

"I'm sorry," he murmured.

Grace was shocked and immediately realized what he meant by his apology.

She thought for a moment and said, "Jay, I already forgave you for the case even though I was really sad when I found out the truth. I was heartbroken, upset, and didn't know who I

could trust."

After a pause, she slowly raised her hands and held his face. His skin was slightly cool, and his beautiful peach blossom. eyes were staring at her right now. There was pain and regret in those eyes, just like back then.

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Grace said, "But I know you also regret having coldly looked on and not reaching out to help me when you knew who the real perpetrator was. That's why you kept asking me when we were together if I would forgive you when I found out that you had done something wrong."

Jason was silent.

"You know what I answered you back then?" she said, not knowing he had restored that part of his memory.

His thin lips parted slightly, and he asked somewhat hoarsely, "What did you answer?"

"I said I would forgive you. Even if you had done something wrong, I would forgive you," she said.

His eyes glimmered slightly. "Did you forgive me because of that promise?"

She bit her red lip slightly. "Not just because of the promise, but also because... I love you!"

There seemed to be a hint of surprise in his eyes, and he looked at her somewhat blankly.

"If it were anyone else, I would never forgive them. But Jay, I

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was willing to forgive because it was you... You're the one I want to be with forever and the one I can't bear to leave even though I'm in pain."

He raised his hand and gently covered the back of her hand. "Grace... say it again. Say you can't bear to leave me."

"I can't bear to leave you," she repeated just as he wanted. "Jay, you know what? You always make my heart ache."

Just like how there was a look of fragility and attachment in his eyes that made her heart ache faintly as though it was being pinched.

She hoped he could smile happily and those beautiful peach blossom eyes could stop showing that look of fragility.

Jason's nose felt sore. Everyone thought he was strong and only respected and feared him. Even when the old master

was alive, he just treated him as a tool to continue the Reed

family's glory.

She was the only one who cared about him.

"Jay, you were the man I remembered and the man I wanted to be with when I lost my memories, so stop being upset. Because I'll never leave you," she said as she stood on her tiptoes and kissed him on the lips!

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She wanted to assure him and stop him from being this upset again.

If she could not do it five years ago, she hoped she could now!

Chapter 1629

He was her Jay. She would treat him as gently as she could!

Grace kissed Jason just like this. She was slightly gasping when the kiss was over. "Do you get it now?"

He looked at her intently, and his thin lips parted. "Grace, can you love me a little more?"

What he said was like a spell, suddenly giving Grace the desire

to want him... She wanted the man in front of her so badly.

She pushed him down on the bed and undid his bathrobe.

He lay down obediently, his dark eyes staring at her as if he could not get enough of her.

"Jay, smile. I like to see you smile," muttered Grace.

"Okay," he responded gently. A smile appeared on the corners

of his lips. It was so beautiful and charming.

He would give her anything she wanted-his body, his smile,

and even his soul. He was afraid that one day, she would stop wanting him and what he gave was no longer good enough.

Grace almost drowned herself in Jason's smile.

She leaned over and kissed his face, his nape, his graceful neck...

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"Jay, we'll be together forever..."

She said as their fingers intertwined.

'Forever..! He felt her kisses on him and had another flashback

of her throwing up at the sink before looking at him with a pale and weak face.

He did not even dare to reach out and touch her back then.

He just hoped everything would be as she said, that they would be together forever...

When Lina went to work the next day, she found that many of her colleagues were looking at her from time to time and whispering behind her back.

She did not take it seriously until a colleague, who was on good terms with her, reminded, "Lina, check the office forum."

Lina opened the forum and immediately understood what was going on.

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Someone had made a post on the office's internal forum with the title: [Came across a colleague being a homewrecker]. Two photos were included. One was of Hadwin Stephenson pulling her into the hotel, while the other was her coming out after changing into another set of clothes.

The photo of her coming out of the hotel showed most of her face, so anyone who knew her would recognize her.

Lina could not help but frown. 'Who took this photo? Who hates me so much that they'd post it on the office forum?'

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Just then, Holly Greer's voice rang out. "What's the matter? Are you looking at your gossip too? Oh, Lina, I thought highly of you before. I thought you were virtuous, but you went to a hotel with Hadwin Stephenson as soon as he came to Emerald City. He has a girlfriend! And the news said he and his girlfriend are getting married soon!"

Lina turned her head to see Holly Greer's face that was full of triumph and sarcasm. It seemed she thought she could trample on Lina and berate her as much as she could.

Chapter 1630

"What's the matter? Do you think going into a hotel means doing something dirty? Sure enough, people with dirty minds always think dirty things about other people," Lina snapped back.

Holly Greer's expression changed. "Lina, are you scolding me? How dare you scold others when you did such a shameful thing yourself?"

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"Do I have to be timid when people want to hurl dirt at me?" Lina asked coldly.

"If nothing's going on between you and Hadwin Stephenson, why did you get a hotel room? Why did you stay in the room for so long? You even changed your clothes before leaving! You became a homewrecker but won't admit it!" said Holly

Greer.

Due to the disturbance she caused, many colleagues had gathered around. Although they said nothing, some of their eyes were full of disapproval of Lina.

"Because my clothes were dirty. Even the blind could see I was covered in filth in the photo of me walking into the hotel. Is there a problem with me going in to get changed? Besides,

Hadwin Stephenson was in the hotel lobby the whole time. He didn't go upstairs. Or you can go to the hotel and check the surveillance," said Lina, looking confident.

"You're lying!" Holly Greer immediately denied it and said, "He got into the elevator with you and went to your room. He didn't stay in the lobby at all."

Lina sneered as she looked at Holly Greer. "You know it as well

as though you saw it with your own eyes. Were you the one who took these photos and then deliberately posted them on the forum?"

Holly Greer's expression instantly changed as soon as they said that.

"I... I just... think that's what happened," stammered Holly Greer as she glared at Lina.

"Oh, you think? I also think you took those photos of me and posted them on the forum. Maybe you owe me an apology too," said Lina. The colleagues around them also looked at

Holly Greer suspiciously, speculating something.

Holly Greer said indignantly, "Anyway, it wasn't me. Lina, you lie with a straight face and are a homewrecker. What right do you have? Just wait and see!"

Lina shrugged, not wanting to bother with petty people like

Holly Greer. Judging by her reaction, she was probably the one who took the photos and posted them on the forum.

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However, Lina did not expect the matter to go viral online by

noon.

Someone in the office leaked the news to a verified account online that later shared it online.

Then, netizens found out all about Lina's personal information and called her a homewrecker. Someone even got their hands on the hotel's surveillance footage that showed her and Hadwin Stephenson entering the same hotel room.

Therefore, Holly Greer looked at Lina triumphantly and spoke like a victor, "Look, I didn't even have to expose you. The netizens already uncovered your lies!"

Lina looked at the overwhelming criticisms online with a cold face.

Those keyboard warriors called her a heinous homewrecker who got between another couple.

She did not mind the criticisms. After all, after a life and death

experience, none of this mattered to her. She was just worried that her parents would be affected by the negative news.

When she left work in the evening, a large group of reporters

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surrounded her as soon as she walked out of the design

office. They surrounded her and constantly asked all kinds of tough questions.

"Miss Sweeney, are you a homewrecker?"

"Do you know that Hadwin Stephenson and Katherine Jackson are getting married?"

"What exactly did you do with Mr. Hadwin Stephenson in the hotel room that day?" Even if Lina had prepared for the worst, she still felt lonely and helpless when facing such a situation.