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Who could help her at this time?

Who could shield her from these questions, and who could pull her away from these reporters?

Just then, there was suddenly a commotion in front of her. Several black cars suddenly pulled up in front of the building. A group of people quickly got down from the car and rushed over to these reporters and onlookers, separating them from

Lina.

Lina was dumbstruck and could not figure out what was going

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Then, another car drove up. A figure got out of it and walked quickly toward her.

Lina looked at the person in front of her with some

astonishment... Hadwin Stephenson!

He had appeared in front of her again, and at such a time too!

'Doesn't he know why the reporters are surrounding me? His presence will only make things worse!'

In just the blink of an eye, Hadwin Stephenson had walked up to Lina.

Lina subconsciously wanted to step back, but his hand had taken hers firmly and he dragged her with him without a word.

Lina followed Hadwin Stephenson almost passively. Her mind went blank. She did not know what she was supposed to do now. All she could hear was the commotion. There were countless phones and cameras pointing at her.

After she got in the car, she heard Hadwin Stephenson order the driver, "Drive." Then, she instantly came back to her

senses.

"Hadwin Stephenson, do you know what you're doing?" she shouted instantly.

"Yes." He suddenly let go of her hand and leaned back into the

seat. The sunset glow outside shone into the car through the window and made his face seem a little pale.

She could not help being stunned. 'Is he ill?' He had always seemed ill in the last few times she saw him.

"Are you feeling... uncomfortable?" she could not help asking.

"No, I'm fine," he said, taking a deep breath.

Lina laughed at herself for overthinking it! "Please ask the driver to stop somewhere and let me down."

"You can't get out of the car yet," said Hadwin Stephenson.

"Why?" Lina frowned.

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"Do you think you can avoid all this by getting out of the car and going home? Believe it or not, there are already a bunch of reporters waiting for you in your neighborhood," said Hadwin Stephenson.

Lina bit her lip. 'But being with him will only make things more controversial!'

Lina said, "I have no choice even if there are reporters. I still have to go home. You can just give them some excuses. The news will die down after a while."

After all, Hadwin Stephenson was just a businessman,

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However, instead of telling the driver to stop, he said, "If you really wanted to distance yourself from me, you would've slapped me when I dragged you into the car. Isn't it a little late to say these now?"

"You..." Lina glared at him. "I'm already unfortunate enough. What on earth do you want? Aren't you afraid of your girlfriend misunderstanding you if you do this?"

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Hadwin Stephenson stared at Lina with an unfathomable look in his eyes. "Does it matter whether she misunderstands? Will

you believe me if I say that I never had feelings for her?"

Lina was stunned. She stared blankly at Hadwin Stephenson.

After some time, she seemed to come to her senses and said,

"Are you only dating her for... power and the sake of your career?"

He pressed his thin lips slightly and made no reply.

She did not ask again. She thought that he probably got together with Katherine Jackson because he wanted better prospects for his career. However, they had been together for five years and were going to get married, so he should have some feelings for her.

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Why would he marry someone he did not love, right?

At this moment though, he was telling her he had no feelings for Katherine Jackson.

The car drove toward a more and more remote place. Lina was suddenly surprised. "Where are you taking me?"

"We're going somewhere safe. Something might happen soon, so you'd better stay away," said Hadwin Stephenson.

"I don't want to stay away. I want to go home. Hadwin Stephenson, tell the driver to stop!" said Lina.

"The car's not going to stop. Lina, I just want you safe and sound," said Hadwin Stephenson.

Lina retorted, "Safe and sound? Is this how you make me safe and sound? By taking me somewhere against my will?"

"Believe me for once!" he said.

She suddenly laughed. "Hadwin Stephenson, have you ever thought that I could've been safe and sound if you hadn't shown up in front of me? If you hadn't shown up and we hadn't fallen in love, I wouldn't have gotten seriously injured and ended up in the ICU. If you hadn't shown up this time and dragged me to a hotel room, what happened today wouldn't

have happened either."

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Hadwin Stephenson's face instantly turned ghastly pale. A hint of pain flashed through his eyes. However, it flashed so quickly that Lina did not even see it.

Hadwin Stephenson looked down a little and said in a faint voice, "Even if you don't like it, you'll have to stay away for a few days. Everything will come to an end after a few days."

His words left no room for negotiation, and Lina could not figure out what Hadwin Stephenson was up to.

Was he afraid that she would say something in front of the press and affect his marriage, so he wanted her to 'stay away'? Was there something else?

It was silent for the rest of the journey. Neither of them spoke.

The destination was an ordinary residential community. Although it was remote and in the suburbs, many people from +Mason Swansonty would buy houses here because they were cheap. Therefore, the place was bustling in the evening.

Hadwin Stephenson brought Lina to an apartment and said

to Lina, "Stay here for a few days. You can ask for leave from work. Once things come to an end in a few days, you can

leave and lead a normal life!"

4/4 “Come to an end?” Lina frowned and asked, “What end? Are you going to find the person who took these photos? Or ask the verified account that caused the incident to go viral online to give a public apology? Hadwin Stephenson, I want to live a normal life, so please leave me alone from now on, okay?”

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“Do you want me to leave you alone so badly?” he asked with difficulty. The hands dangling by his sides were clenched into fists.

He was executing his plans early for her and risking it all, but the woman he loved the most was asking him to leave her

alone!

She retorted, “Shouldn’t you? Since we had a clean breakup and steered clear of each other for five years, why are you

suddenly pestering me? Do you think you can keep me out of the spotlight for a few days and everything will work out all right?”

Hadwin Stephenson kept clenching his hands, and his nails stung his palms.

‘Why... Yeah, why?’

It was because he missed her and longed for her. It was because he had devised a plan for five years. Everything

would work out as long as she gave him a little more time.

It was why he could not help seeing her and getting involved with her. He knew his eagerness had almost ruined his plans.

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again, but he was fortunately not the man he was five years ago!

“Trust me, I’ll go after everyone who has made a move against you and I won’t let those people continue to berate you. If nothing good comes out of it in a few days, then...” He paused, and a bitter smile appeared on his lips. “I’ll leave you alone from then on.”

It was because that would represent his failure!

Lina only felt a pang in her heart. His smile made her a little uncomfortable and breathless.

“Hadwin Stephenson, what exactly do you want?” She was confused. She could not figure out why he was doing this when they had already broken up.

"I want..." he murmured as he looked at her with longing and desire in his eyes.

Even though his sentence was incomplete, she could guess what he meant.

Lina's expression instantly changed. "No way! If you still have feelings for me, then don't bother. I won't get back together with you-"

Right in the middle of her speech, her phone rang, and the

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caller ID showed that it was Anthony Sherman.

Just as Lina was about to answer it, Hadwin Stephenson suddenly rushed over and grabbed her wrist. Her hand ached, and the phone fell to the floor.

The phone continued to ring.

"Hadwin Stephenson, you-"

His lips rested heavily on hers, cutting off the rest of her speech.

He used his other hand to firmly grab her jaw, not allowing her to struggle. He kissed her hard as though he was putting everything he had into this kiss.

Lina struggled, wanting to turn her head away. She hit him with her other hand but his kiss kept deepening no matter how hard she struggled.

His scent, warmth, and the feeling when he kissed her were so familiar. Lina's struggle gradually turned into a trance. She could hardly tell the difference between reality and illusion

now.

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When the kiss was over, he gasped and looked at her with

a somewhat pale face. "Are you sure you won't get back together with me?"

His voice instantly pulled her back to reality.

She glared at the man before her. He was no longer the man who did not allow them to break up once they decided to date

and the man who would dote on her unconditionally, chase after celebrities with her, and watch cheesy dramas with her.

This man prioritized his career when she was suffering and needed his company the most.

They never had anything in common.

"Yes, I won't," she replied.

There was a grim look in his eyes. "Then who are you going to be with? Anthony Sherman?"

She said, "So what if I am? He's a good man, and I feel at ease with him. Hadwin Stephenson, since you can marry Katherine Jackson, can't I be with Anthony Sherman?"

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"But you don't love him. If you did, you would've bitten me and became disgusted when I kissed you earlier."

"Shut up!"

"By the way, does Anthony Sherman know that we were together once? Does he know how you and I had made love together? Does he know?"

"Shut up! Hadwin Stephenson, who are you to say these?!" As she bellowed, a loud slap rang in the room.

Lina only felt her palm aching badly. She could not believe... she actually slapped him.

Hadwin Stephenson's face was slapped sideways. A moment later, a clear red mark appeared on his cheek.

He slowly turned to look at Lina after some time. However, his eyes had turned lifeless. "You're right. I don't have the right... I'm sorry!"

He spoke as he slowly turned around. "Stay here for a few days. I'll give you an explanation in a few days."

Hadwin Stephenson left the house, and Lina glared at the people in front of her. They were supposedly here to protect her, but she could not even leave the house.

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"Mr. Stephenson has asked you to stay calm, Miss Sweeney. Later, your parents will also be here to take shelter

temporarily," the leader of the men said.

"What? My parents are coming too?" Lina's eyes widened in surprise. "Is Hadwin Stephenson... planning on letting my entire family take shelter?"

Hadwin Stephenson returned to the car, feeling exhausted. He commanded the driver lightly, "Drive."

Hadwin Stephenson closed his eyes. 'Don't I... know better than anyone that I don't deserve to be with her anymore?

'But... But I can't help but think that maybe there's a chance to change everything. Maybe... Lina can forgive me and give me the time I need!'

He should not have kissed her, but he had impulsively forgotten everything just now. He just wanted to keep that woman for himself and did not want her to think of another man!

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He knew he was jealous, terribly jealous!

That was why he did such a thing and said something like that after going out of control.

'The Jackson family... Katherine Jackson... Since Katherine Jackson chose this way to test me, there's no need for me to drag it on any longer!

Even though his plan would be more secure after a little more time, he did not want Lina to be criticized and suffer any more harm. Hence, he would end things now!

It was already nighttime when Grace learned that her best friend's incident had become hot gossip. Jason casually mentioned it, and she took out her phone to read the news.

"Why didn't you tell me earlier? Hadwin Stephenson is just causing her trouble by doing all that. Does he think he's helping Lina by doing that?" asked Grace.

"He's not an impulsive person. Since he dared to take Lina away in public today, then he must be prepared," Jason said

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meaningfully.

"What do you mean?" Grace asked, puzzled.

"If the one Hadwin Stephenson loves is Lina and he only broke up with her for the Jackson family's power, do you think someone like Hadwin Stephenson will be content having the Jackson family manipulate him all the time?" asked Jason.

Grace froze. "Is he going to have a falling out with the Jackson family?"

"He's about to marry the Jackson family. Now that such news has broken out, what he should do is distance himself from Lina, but he did the opposite. Either he has lost his mind, or he's ready to have a falling out with the Jackson family," analyzed Jason.

Grace was silent. She thought Hadwin Stephenson would soon marry Katherine Jackson, but things had taken a sudden turn.

"What will happen to Lina?" She cared about this the most.

“Hadwin Stephenson will naturally protect Lina. If he really intends to make a move on the Jackson family, then maybe he’s now protecting Lina so that the Jackson family can’t do anything to Lina. After all, Hadwin Stephenson suffered from this same situation back then,” analyzed Jason.

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Grace paused and immediately realized it. ‘That’s right. Didn’t Lina suffer serious injuries because of the Stephenson family’s internal strife when Hadwin Stephenson’s two half-brothers took action against her?’

Although Jason’s analysis made Grace feel slightly relieved, she still called Lina to check on her.

Fortunately, there were no restrictions on Lina’s phone. Grace was relieved to learn that her best friend and her parents were now in an apartment on the outskirts of tMason Swansonty after getting sent there by Hadwin Stephenson.

Grace also told Lina about Jason’s analysis.

Lina paused slightly before speaking, “It has nothing to do with me. I’ll think of this as having a few days off for myself. Once this is over, I’ll make it clear to Hadwin Stephenson that he should stop.”

“Are you sure you won’t consider it if he breaks up with Katherine Jackson?” Grace asked hesitantly. After all, she knew how deep Lina’s feelings for Hadwin Stephenson were.

Lina murmured, “No. We’ve never had anything in common, and we want different things. Besides, five years have passed. Many feelings have changed.”

Grace stopped speaking after hearing that. After all, the speculation about Hadwin Stephenson was only from Jay’s analysis.

“If there’s anything I can do for you, just let me know. Lina, I can protect you now!” she said.

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Lina’s heart melted at the words. Grace had done everything she could to protect her when she was seriously injured. She was still the same as she was then.

Lina said, “Okay, got it. Grace, it’s nice to have a friend like you!”

Katherine Jackson looked coldly at a video on the phone. It showed Hadwin Stephenson taking Lina away in front of a large crowd of reporters.

The video was only a minute long, but Katherine Jackson had watched it over and over again.

Her face grew colder and colder each time.

Her parents had called to ask her what was going on. She wanted to ask Hadwin Stephenson too, but... she just could not get in touch with him. She had called him several times but got no answer.

She went to Hadwin Stephenson’s men, but they only beat around the bush and gave her a bunch of nonsense!

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After turning off the video, Katherine Jackson pondered for a moment before getting up and driving to Hadwin Stephenson's villa in Emerald City.

Security guards stopped Katherine Jackson when she got to the villa's entrance.

"Don't you know who I am?" snapped Katherine Jackson.

"Mr. Stephenson said that outsiders aren't allowed to enter the villa unless he permits it," the security guard said. Apparently, Katherine Jackson was listed as an 'outsider'.

Katherine Jackson glared at them. "Then tell Hadwin Stephenson he'd better let me in if he doesn't want me to go after his precious baby. Otherwise, he'll be the one who regrets it."

Therefore, the security guards had to contact the villa. They let Katherine Jackson in after a while.

Katherine Jackson's face was grim. She did not expect that she had to one day use Lina's name to enter this villa!

When she walked into the villa, she saw Hadwin Stephenson sitting on a couch in the living room, drinking a cocktail.

She knew he had concocted it himself. She had seen him drink it many times and concoct it himself over the past five years.

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Katherine Jackson knew Hadwin Stephenson preferred this cocktail but did not know that Lina liked it. That was the very reason why he learned to make it.

"So you can't let Lina go after all! You let me in as soon as I mentioned her. Were you going to keep shutting me out if

hadn't brought up her name?" Katherine Jackson asked with a sneer.

"You shouldn't have gone after her," Hadwin Stephenson said lightly.

"I shouldn't have gone after her? Did you ever think about me when you left holding her hand in front of all those reporters today? What do you want me to say to those reporters now? Don't forget, we're about to get married!" Katherine Jackson showed a rare exasperated side of her.

"That's because you went after her. I told you a long time ago not to touch her!" Hadwin Stephenson's voice was cold.

Katherine Jackson was shocked. 'He knows?'

What Hadwin Stephenson said next made embarrassment flash through Katherine Jackson's face.

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“Isn’t this just what you wanted? You bribed that verified account, those reporters, and hired an army of internet trolls. You probably spent a lot of money.”

Katherine Jackson felt a thump in her heart. ‘He knows!’

“Katherine Jackson, aren’t you just trying to force me to make a choice? I’ve made my choice now,” said Hadwin Stephenson.

Katherine Jackson gritted her teeth in hatred, knowing that the man before her had seen through all her actions.

Yes, she wanted to use such a way to test the man. She deliberately devised a plan to put Lina in trouble. She wanted Lina to become the target of public criticism and let everyone

condemn her!

She wanted Hadwin Stephenson to disassociate himself from

Lina in public. Only in this way could she marry him with peace

of mind!

However, she did not expect him to choose Lina!

“Do you know the consequences of making such a choice? Are you going to turn against the Jackson family? Don’t forget who

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made you who you are today!” threatened Katherine Jackson.

Hadwin Stephenson looked down at the cocktail in his hand. It was Lina’s favorite drink. She always said it tasted faintly refreshing.

He had drunk this cocktail countless times over the years! He wanted to personally make one for Lina to see if he was any better than he was five years ago.

Hadwin Stephenson said, “You want to turn the Jackson family against the Stephenson family, don’t you? Why else would you have me make such a choice? I know better than anyone who made me who I am today. Similarly, I’ve not forgotten what the Jackson family did five years ago.”

Katherine Jackson trembled as panic flashed through her eyes. She told herself, ‘No, he doesn’t know about it!

‘If he really knew, how could he have done nothing for five years?

‘But if he had really endured it for five years, then this man... is truly frightening!’

Hadwin Stephenson did not look up at her until he finished his glass of cocktail. “Didn’t the Jackson family, my mother, and my two brothers join hands to push me to the edge five years

ago?”

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Katherine Jackson roared, "What are you talking about? It was the Jackson family and me who rescued you five years ago! Without the Jackson family and me, Lina would have been dead and you would've gone into hiding somewhere!"

"Didn't the Jackson family plan this all along? My two brothers are already married and have children. Even if one of them were to divorce and marry you, you probably would've been unwilling. I'm unmarried and childless, so I was naturally the best choice."

Hadwin Stephenson spoke slowly. The Jackson family thought only they knew about their scheme, but so did he.

"The Jackson family was only waiting to give me a hand when I was in trouble. I could only rely on the Jackson family if I wanted to turn the tables. Everything would work out then. What a good plan that would make me grateful to the Jackson family!"

"It's all just your speculation." Katherine Jackson tried hard to suppress her panic.

"Speculation? Isn't the Jackson family planning to take over the Stephenson family through the wedding? Do I need to be more specific about the Jackson family's plot?" asked Hadwin Stephenson.

"You..." Surprise flashed across Katherine Jackson's eyes. She

did not expect Hadwin Stephenson to know so much. She was scared now!

Yes, she was scared. For five years, she thought she had this man under her control. Although he had no feelings for her, she never doubted that she could conquer this man one day!

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However, that confidence was rapidly crumbling.

"Instead of giving me real power, turning me into a titular president would be in the Jackson family's best interest. It would also be more reassuring to you, wouldn't it?" Hadwin Stephenson asked with a faint smile, but his eyes were frosty.

Katherine Jackson trembled a little. She had always been calculating and arrogant, thinking everything was under her control.

However, she now realized that everything was actually under the control of the man before her.

He knew exactly what she and the Jackson family were planning, but the illusion he put on had kept confusing her!

If he had been too submissive or obsequious, she would have been suspicious. However, over the past five years, his behavior, struggle, desire for power, and mixed feelings for her... made her put her guard down!

This man was too scheming!

Awfully scheming!

Katherine Jackson turned around without saying a word! There was no need for her to stay any longer. She needed to think of a counterplan as soon as possible!

However, his men stopped her when she reached the living room.

“Hadwin Stephenson, what’s the meaning of this?” asked Katherine Jackson as she glared at him.

“Nothing. I just want you to stay here for a few days,” Hadwin Stephenson said lightly.

Katherine Jackson’s expression instantly changed. “Are you going to detain me?”

“Of course not. As a boyfriend, I just want my girlfriend to stay here for a few days. You’ll be free when all is said and done in a few days,” said Hadwin Stephenson.

Katherine Jackson’s heart sank instantly.

‘A few days... so he already has a plan?’

“I’m not staying here.” She tried to force her way through, but the two men blocked her left and right.

“Take Miss Jackson to the room we prepared and keep an eye

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on her. Don’t let her leave that room these few days,” Hadwin Stephenson said coldly.

His men responded and forcibly took Katherine Jackson away.

Katherine Jackson felt a chill in her heart when she suddenly realized that he already knew she would come to him. He had even prepared a room to lock her in.

‘How could I... have thought I could control this man so easily?’

At this moment, Katherine Jackson panicked!

The living room was quiet again. Hadwin Stephenson looked down slightly, muttering, “Lina, I won’t spare anyone who has hurt you.”

Anyone who had hurt her would pay the price, including... himself!

Lina asked for leave from the office. She and her parents were alone in the apartment these days. Every day, Hadwin Stephenson’s men would deliver their daily necessities and clean up the garbage before leaving.

The internet and other communications in the apartment were working fine, so Lina could still keep herself up to date

with what was going on outside.

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The hot news in the outside world these two days was undoubtedly about the large-scale real estate project Jackson Group had prepared for pre-sale being suddenly suspended. At the same time,

Stephenson Group had announced that it would stop cooperating with Jackson Group. The Jackson family was also exposed for a series of problems including financial fraud.

Although no one knew how serious it would get, it was enough to make the Jackson family suffer.

There was even news that Jackson Group's capital chain was strained, and the most recent bank loan repayment would be due in three days. If the pre-sale project was still not approved in three days, the Jackson family's capital chain was likely to rupture and bring down the whole company.

Due to the changes in the Jackson family and the Stephenson family these days, the scandal about Lina had cooled down. What started as a cliché love triangle turned into a business

war.

The comments online were also interesting. [Have Hadwin Stephenson and Katherine Jackson fallen out?]

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[Is their wedding on the rocks? The Stephenson family's going to protect themselves. It's the end of the Jackson family!]

[Hadwin Stephenson's not deliberately distancing himself from them to be with the homewrecker, is he? Let's just wait for the Jackson family to go down.]

[Who would give up money for a mistress? You could have any woman like that by spending some money, but Hadwin Stephenson can get the Jackson family's fortune if he helps the Jackson family get through these difficult times. It's billions of dollars we're talking about. Hadwin Stephenson would be crazy to give up billions of dollars for a mistress! I bet Hadwin Stephenson is just waiting for a more suitable opportunity to take over the Jackson family. He's a businessman, after all!]

'Businessman?' Lina looked at the comments with mixed feelings. 'Did Hadwin Stephenson ask me to wait a few days. just to see the Jackson family get in trouble?'

However, even if the Jackson family was in trouble, she would still be labeled as a homewrecker. The only difference was that she would be attacked less online and was no longer as 'popular'.

'Perhaps Hadwin Stephenson will be able to take over many of the Jackson family's properties in a few days.

'But the Jackson family's fortune will be his one day if he

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marries Katherine Jackson. Why is he going through so much trouble?' Lina could not figure it out.

She had a habit of not wasting her brain cells by thinking about things she could not figure out.

Just then, there was a knock on the door and Mrs. Sweeney walked in.

"Mom, why are you still up?" asked Lina.

"I can't sleep, but your father's already asleep," said Mrs. Sweeney as she walked to Lina's bedside and sat down. "Do you know how many more days we're gonna be here?"

Lina shook her head. Hadwin Stephenson had not given her a specific date.

"Mom, if you want to go home, then we..."

"Go home? Your incident's still in the spotlight. The neighbors will question us if we go home. We might as well stay here where it's quiet," said Mrs. Sweeney.

"Sorry, I didn't think it through that day," Lina said guiltily. If she had insisted on shaking off Hadwin Stephenson's hand and not going to the hotel that day, all this mess would not have happened.

"We're family. There's nothing to apologize for. But..." Mrs. Sweeney paused, "What's going on with you and Hadwin Stephenson?"

"Nothing. Mom, he and I have broken up. We'll have nothing to do with each other after this," said Lina.

Mrs. Sweeney sighed. "Oh, what's with this mess? You and Anthony Sherman are already getting to know each other. Now that this has happened... How are you going to get a boyfriend if others think you're a homewrecker?"

Mrs. Sweeney worried about her daughter's future.

Lina figured that she might have to cut ties with Anthony Sherman even though he had called to comfort her these two days.

However, even if Anthony Sherman did not care about the online gossip, it did not mean his family would not too.

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"Mom, don't worry about the future. I'll find a boyfriend and introduce you to him when this is over," Lina said jokingly, not wanting her mother to worry too much.

Her parents had already worried too much for her. If only her marriage could give her parents peace of mind, then... she would try her best to marry!

Grace received a call from the kindergarten teacher saying that something had happened to her daughter and wanted her to come over.

Grace instantly felt a thump in her heart. "What happened?"

"Here's the thing... Jasper got into a fight with another child, and they... got a little injured... the teacher said.

Grace learned from the phone call that Jasper and Oriel Lynch had gotten into a fight in kindergarten. Oriel Lynch was slightly injured as Jasper had ripped a patch of her hair out.

Girls valued their appearance. When Oriel Lynch saw a bald patch on her scalp, she instantly cried and insisted on pulling

Jasper's hair too.

As one was the adopted daughter of the Reed family while the other was the heiress of the Reed family who had just returned, the class teacher could not offend either side. Hence, they could only make this phone call with caution.

Grace hurried to the kindergarten. However, before she could walk into the teachers' office, she heard Irene Lynch's shouts.

"Do you have any manners? How has your mother taught you? You and Oriel are sisters, after all. How could you pull Oriel's hair like that? Did you do it on purpose? You... You're so mean for your age..."

"She's not my sister!" Jasper Reed's childlike voice replied.

"What did you say? Oriel's your daddy's daughter. Why is she not your sister?" Irene Lynch's voice had gotten sharper.

"No! I only have a brother!" the little one retorted bluntly.

"Did your mommy teach you to say that? How long have you been back? What will happen when you grow up if you're already shunning your sister?" scolded Irene Lynch.

"What happens to my sister when she grows up is our family's business. It has nothing to do with you, Auntie Lynch." Mick Reed's childlike voice was cold. "Also, you slandered my

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mommy. You have to apologize to her!"

Grace happened to reach the office door and saw her son's tiny body in front of her daughter as he defended her and her daughter. Her heart could not help but melt at the sight.

Mick was a reliable child even though he was usually quiet! As long as he started becoming concerned about someone, he would treat them really well!

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"Apologize? Mick, Oriel's your sister too. Don't you like Oriel? Why don't you treat Oriel as your sister anymore? Your mommy must have said something to you, right? Did she tell you to stop being nice to Oriel?" Irene Lynch spoke aggressively.

Oriel Lynch was also looking at Mick Reed with pitiful

reddened eyes. "Mick, I... I'm your sister too. Why are you only helping her and not me?"