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“No thanks. I’ll wait for her in the hospital. I want to see Grace come out of the operating room,” said Lina. Besides, even if she went back now, she would probably be restless.

“Me too. I came here to accompany Grace through the surgery,” added Kyla.

Terrence then looked at Jason. Jason said to Lina and Kyla, “Let Terrence know if you two need anything. He’ll take care of it for you.”

With that said, Jason sat alone on the bench in front of the operating room, sitting quietly with his head half down. He was waiting for the result of the surgery!

Looking at the way Jason looked, Kyla was happy for Grace. Grace had met the right person. Even though she previously separated from Jason because of all sorts of reasons and even though... Jason had once forgotten Grace, the person he loved had always been her!

It was not easy to meet your true love.

‘And I...’ Kyla thought of herself. She and Martin Weiss had exhausted their feelings after all the misunderstandings and mistakes.

She used to think it was hard not to love Martin Weiss.

However, she later realized that it was not that difficult not to love someone.

She had the liver Martin Weiss donated in her body. She could let go of her hatred toward Martin Weiss and forgive him, but she would not love him anymore.

After she made it clear with him near the store, Martin Weiss’s car did not appear around the store anymore.

It was best if they stopped seeing each other.

Just then, a sudden retching sound came from Kyla's side. She saw Lina covering her mouth as she hurriedly got up from the chair and ran toward the bathroom.

Kyla frowned a little. She also got up and walked toward the bathroom.

Lina threw up into the toilet. After throwing up for some time and there was nothing else to throw up, she took a long breath and stepped out of the cubicle.

She met Kyla as soon as she got out.

Lina walked to the sink, gargled, and wiped her mouth with a tissue

"Are you okay?" Kyla asked with a touch of worry in her eyes.

Lina laughed at herself and shook her head. "I'm fine."

"Are you..." Kyla seemed to be choosing her words hesitantly.

"I'm pregnant," Lina said honestly.

Kyla froze. Although she had speculated as such after hearing Lina throw up for so long, she was still surprised to hear her admit

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"Is it... Hadwin Stephenson's child?" she asked.

Lina's shoulders instantly slumped. "Is it that easy to guess? I thought it'd be hard to guess whose baby I'm carrying."

"Hadwin Stephenson is the only person you've loved. Besides, didn't you run into him again some time ago? So it's not that hard to guess," said Kyla.

What she did not say was that with Lina's character, if a man she did not love had gotten her pregnant, she would probably take him to court!

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"I didn't expect myself to get pregnant so easily. I was so drunk that day that I had no idea what I was doing," said Lina.

“So what are you going to do now?” asked Kyla.

Lina was silent for quite some time before saying, “I don’t know. This baby was never in my plan. If I give birth to the baby, people will criticize me unless I marry Hadwin Stephenson, but... I’m scared...”

“You’re scared that Hadwin Stephenson doesn’t love you enough?”

“What he loves most is his career and success. His upbringing made him strive for money and power. I don’t think there’s

anything wrong with that. After all, no law says that love is the right choice when choosing between career and love.”

Lina paused and smiled bitterly. “I’m just scared that I’ll love him so much if I marry him, yet I won’t be as carefree as him. I won’t be able to take it if he wants to divorce me one day.”

Kyla patted Lina’s shoulder. “Whether you want this child or not, you have the right to choose. But once you make your choice, don’t ever regret it.”

Lina froze and looked at Kyla. “Well... Kyla, have you ever regretted it after giving birth to Nelson?”

“I’ve never regretted giving birth to him. I’m even glad that I gave birth to him. Without him, I would’ve stopped having the courage.

to live long ago. You can even call him my emotional pillar of support,” said Kyla.

Lina looked down somewhat blankly at her flat belly. ‘What about me... What will this child be to me? Support or... burden?’

Grace’s operation was completed eight hours later. It went smoothly and was carried out in the best way possible. There were also no accidents during the operation.

However, the result would depend on the recovery after the operation.

Dr. Russell came out with a tired look on his face and informed the crowd waiting at the operating room’s entrance.

“Dr. Russell, thank you. If there’s anything you need, I’ll help you out!” said Jason. There were only a handful of people in Emerald City who could get such a promise from Jason.

“Wait and see how the girl recovers after this before you thank me,” Dr. Russell said and walked away.

Grace had not woken up yet due to the anesthesia.

Lina and Kyla said to Jason, “Grace will probably be too exhausted to talk to us when she wakes up later. We’ll go home first. We’ll come and see her another day!” Now that the result of the operation was out, they felt more at ease.

Jason replied, “Okay, I’ll have someone send you home.”

“No thanks. I drove here, and I’ll send Kyla home,” said Lina.

Dr. Russell went to a private lounge the hospital had given him. Brian was sitting inside.

“How was the operation?” Brian asked quickly.

“Since you’re worried about her, why weren’t you waiting at the operating room’s entrance?” asked Dr. Russell.

Brian said, “You know why. I’m leaving Emerald City by plane tonight. I just want to know if her operation is successful before I leave.”

There was a touch of loneliness on his face as he said this.

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Looking at the expression on Brian’s face, Dr. Russell could

not help but sigh. “The operation was a success. It’s the best I expected, but how well her hands can recover depends on the time period after this.”

“Good.” Brian smiled gently, which seemed to lift some of his loneliness.

What mattered was that she was alright.

“How long will you be away from Emerald City?” asked Dr. Russell.

“I have no idea. It depends on the project over there. Maybe I’ll be back in six months. Maybe three to five years,” said Brian.

Dr. Russell said nothing more. Brian got up. “I’ll visit you in the clinic when I come back. Goodbye!”

The tall figure made his way out of the lounge, and Dr. Russell muttered, “I wonder when this boy will get over Lil Cummins.”

Brian went to the parking lot and was about to get in his car when he suddenly stopped. Jason was standing in front of him.

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“What’s the matter? Why aren’t you accompanying Grace in the

hospital ward but are here blocking me instead?" Brian asked sarcastically.

Jason said lightly, "Grace is still under anesthesia and will not wake up for more than an hour. Why did you hide from everyone that you're here in the hospital?"

"Do you want Grace to know that I was waiting outside during her operation?" Brian asked in amusement.

"Your flight is at eight o'clock tonight. Are you going to the airport now?"

"You're well aware. Yes, I'm going to the airport." Brian did not seem surprised that Jason knew the time of his flight.

As Brian spoke, he walked to the car door, opened it, and got into the driver's seat. Just as he was about to close the door, Jason suddenly pressed his hand on the door.

"Why didn't you tell Grace what happened back then?" asked Jason.

He did not bring up the details, but Brian knew exactly what he was talking about. "I didn't say it for Grace's sake. If you don't

want her to know how despicable you are, you'd better hide that incident for the rest of your life. She's upright and righteous. She won't be able to accept your dark side."

Jason leaned over and stared at Brian coldly. "You don't have to worry about that. Grace is my wife in this life and will still be my wife in the next one. Brian, you'd better remember that she will never be with you!"

With that said, Jason closed the car door and turned to leave.

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Brian glanced lightly at Jason's back and started his car to leave.

'Maybe... not in this life, but who knows... about the next? If there really is a next life, I hope I can meet Grace earlier. We won't be separated anymore, and I can grow old with Grace...'

Lina sent Kyla back to the store. Kyla asked her to stay for dinner. Fortunately, the baby in Lina's stomach behaved during dinner and did not make her throw up again!

When Lina headed home, Kyla said, "Drive carefully. You're not alone anymore."

"Got it," said Lina. She drove back home.

As soon as she got back to her house, the space full of boxes... caught her attention

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"Why are there so many packages?" Lina could not help asking.

"They're all yours. My dear, it's not easy to make money. Why did you buy so many things in one go? Don't you know how to save some money? How much did you pay for all these?" lectured Mrs.

Sweeney.

"M-Mine?" Lina was dumbfounded. There must be at least 30 boxes!

However, she had not bought anything online.

Lina casually opened a box. When she saw a container with the words 'folic acid', she was shocked. She quickly hugged the box and said, "Mom, I'll take these back to my room first. Uh, I won't bother you anymore!"

With that, she quickly carried all the boxes that cluttered the living room back to her room. She closed the door and began to unbox them.

The more boxes Lina opened, the more surprised she became.

What was contained in these packages were food for pregnant women, books about pregnancy, baby items, skincare products for pregnant women, stretch mark creams, and even... a pillow for pregnant women...

Lina was only glad that she did not unbox these things in front of her parents. Otherwise, she would have received a good scolding!

The receiver's name and address on the boxes were all hers.

Come to think of it, Hadwin Stephenson was probably the only one who would send these things to her.

Lina hurriedly picked up her phone and dialed Hadwin Stephenson's number.

It was not long before Hadwin Stephenson's gentle voice sounded from the phone. "Lina?"

“Did you buy the things that were delivered to my house?” asked

Lina.

“Yes, have you received them?” asked Hadwin Stephenson.

“Yes, there are more than 30 packages!” Lina snapped.

“Only 30?” asked Hadwin Stephenson.

Lina immediately had a bad feeling. “Wait, how... many packages did you send to my house?”

“Probably a hundred. I thought they would be of some use to you,” he said.

..” She felt defeated. “Come on! Do you have too much money to spend?”

“You’re the only one I’m willing to spend money on,” said Hadwin Stephenson.

Lina froze before quickly saying, “Hurry and take these things back. Take back the rest too when they get delivered to my house. I don’t need them!”

“If you already have all these things, I can take them back. But if you don’t, you can have them,” he said.

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“Hadwin Stephenson, if I use the things you give me, won’t my parents find out I’m pregnant? Do you think they’re blind? How am I supposed to explain it to them?” Lina lowered her voice and growled.

“Explain it however you want to. Are you going to keep it a secret all your life?” said Hadwin Stephenson.

“Why can’t I keep it a secret from them all my life? If I...” Then, she stopped short. Her teeth bit her lip and she did not go on.

Hadwin Stephenson, who was on the other end of the line, said. nothing too.

For a moment, there was only silence.

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After a long while, Lina finally heard Hadwin Stephenson’s voice from the phone. “Are you thinking of aborting the baby?”

“... I’m just saying” she said timidly. She did not know why she was scared when she heard Hadwin Stephenson ask that.

was as if it was a heinous thing to abort the baby.

“Anyway, hurry and send someone to take all these things back,” said Lina

“Are you so scared of your parents finding out you’re pregnant?”

She snapped, "How am I not supposed to be scared? I'm a single woman who got pregnant. Do you think it's a glorious matter

Her parents were quite conservative, if they found out about it, she would be punished to kneel on a washboard

"Then if we get married, your parents won't scold you, no asked Hadwin Stephenson

"Get... Get mander?" Line's jaw dropped. Although she had thought about it, she did not expert Hardwin Stephanon to

mention it so quickly ever do on the phone

"If we get married, isn't having kids something just and honorable?"

Lina froze. Her nose suddenly felt sore when she heard that. She remembered how she had asked him previously what they would do if she got pregnant. His answer was still the same!

"Hadwin Stephenson, do you think I should marry you just because you said so? You can't even get my parents' blessing, so why make it sound so simple? Do you know how much my parents hate you after we broke up?" Her voice broke, and she ended the call.

What happened back then was not only her sore spot but also her parents'

Her parents naturally felt betrayed when he broke up with her at her lowest when he was supposed to be someone she could rely

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Her parents were so sincere to him, thinking that he would become the son-in-law of the Sweeney family.

Lina sat on the bed and sobbed. Even if she tried hard to stop the tears, it was to no avail!

It was as if all the pent-up emotions within her had exploded.

When she went to work the next day, she had two panda-like dark

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circles around her eyes. The sight of her set off a flurry of speculation among her colleagues.

When she was about to get off work, Anthony Sherman texted her.

Anthony Sherman: [I'll pick you up after work and take you to GB's concert.]

Lina instantly froze. There were so many things going on lately that she had forgotten about it.

When she heard that GB's concert was being held in Emerald City, she wanted to attend but could not get a ticket at all. It slipped out of her mouth when she was having dinner with Anthony Sherman.

Who knew that two days later, Anthony Sherman told her that he had gotten the tickets and invited her to GB's concert.

She had been looking forward to the concert. After all, GB was her favorite group. The five handsome men were such eye candy. However, she was preoccupied with her thoughts.

Looking at Anthony Sherman's text message, Lina hesitated before replying with an 'Okay'. After all, she had to come clean

with some things.

When it was time to get off work, Lina went downstairs and saw Anthony Sherman's car parked across the street. She walked over

and got into the car.

"We have two hours before the concert, so why don't we get something to eat first?" asked Anthony Sherman.

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"I guess so," replied Lina.

"What would you like to eat?" asked Anthony Sherman.

"Anything that's light," said Lina.

The two went to a restaurant near the concert venue and ordered some light food.

As Lina ate, the feeling of nausea came over her again. She hurriedly rushed to the washroom to throw up.

She threw up for quite a while before coming out.

Anthony Sherman asked with concern, "What's wrong? Are you feeling sick?"

"It's morning sickness," said Lina. She did not hide it from him. After all, she had agreed to go out with him to tell him about it.

"Morning sickness?" Anthony Sherman was stunned. His expression froze, and he could not react in time.

"It's a hormonal reaction that pregnant women face, causing us to get morning sickness," explained Lina.

Anthony Sherman said, "I know what morning sickness is. You have morning sickness. Are you..."

"Yeah, I'm pregnant. Sorry," she said. Her round eyes were clear.

Anthony Sherman suddenly understood why he always had a good impression of Lina. It was because she was very straightforward and would not hide things from people.

Anthony Sherman said, "There's nothing to be sorry about. We agreed to be friends. But now that you're pregnant, you can't go to the concert afterward. Why don't we give these two tickets to those who couldn't get tickets and are waiting outside the venue? Then these tickets can be put to good use."

"But... you had a hard time getting them. I'll pay you for them. I can't let you spend too much money," Lina hastened to say.

Anthony Sherman said, "That won't be necessary. What's your plan for the future? Have you told Hadwin Stephenson about this?"

Lina immediately felt speechless. She had never said that the baby was Hadwin Stephenson's, but everyone could figure out they were Hadwin Stephenson's upon learning she was pregnant!

Was it that easy to figure out?

"He... uh... knows about it," Lina said vaguely.

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Lina looked at him in surprise. "You..."

"Aren't we friends? It's normal for friends to help each other out. Lina, I only wish you happiness," Anthony Sherman said sincerely.

"Thank you," said Lina as she bit her lower lip. She felt even more sorry upon seeing Anthony Sherman's reaction.

After finishing their meal, they arrived at a concert hall. Anthony Sherman gave the concert tickets to a young couple waiting outside because they had failed to get them.

They said gratefully, "Thank you. Thank you! I wish you two a lifetime of happiness together!"

"Huh?" Lina was about to explain that they were not together

but the young couple had already raced to the entrance with the tickets.

Lina could only look at Anthony Sherman awkwardly.

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Anthony Sherman said, "They're just strangers who misunderstood. Don't take it to heart."

His casual attitude made her feel less awkward. Suddenly, as if she recalled something, she said, "By the way, don't tell anyone about my pregnancy. I... haven't told my parents yet."

Anthony Sherman froze slightly. Surprise flashed across his eyes as he asked, "Is Hadwin Stephenson unwilling to take responsibility?"

"Huh?" Lina blinked and did not react in time to Anthony

Sherman's wild speculation.

"Are you scared to tell your parents about your pregnancy because Hadwin Stephenson refuses to take responsibility?" asked Anthony Sherman.

"I... I didn't tell my parents because..."

However, before Lina could finish, a voice interjected. "Who did you say isn't taking responsibility?"

Lina shuddered, feeling her hair standing on end. She turned around only to see Hadwin Stephenson standing a few steps

behind her.

'Gosh! When did he come here?'

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Anthony Sherman was also surprised to see Hadwin Stephenson. The way his eyes stared at him made Anthony Sherman feel a chill running down his spine for no reason.

Hadwin Stephenson slowly walked to Lina's side, bent down, slightly, and leaned close to Lina. He said, "What's the matter? Did you tell him I'm not taking responsibility?"

"Don't... Don't come so close to me." Lina's face reddened slightly as she tried to back away.

However, the next moment, his big hand was already around her waist. "Why didn't you tell him how you got close to me?" he asked. His face seemed a little pale under the moonlight, but his voice was amorous.

Lina's face instantly turned even redder. For a moment, she did not know how to refute.

Anthony Sherman said, "In that case, are you willing to be responsible for Lina, Mr. Stephenson? Then take on the responsibilities a man should!"

Even though he was facing the president of Stephenson Group, Anthony Sherman did not back down.

Hadwin Stephenson chuckled. "What do you know? Don't you

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think it's funny that you, a man who doesn't know anything, are telling us what to do?"

Anthony Sherman said, "I don't understand a lot of things, but I'm Lina's friend. Since you knocked her up, you should cherish her!"

"Cherish?" A touch of danger flashed across Hadwin Stephenson's eyes. He loosened his arm that was around Lina's waist with a cold expression and turned to face Anthony Sherman. "Who are you to say that in front of me?"

"If you don't cherish Lina, someone else will cherish her!" Hadwin Stephenson's imposing manner and the sense of danger he exuded intimidated Anthony Sherman, but he still said what he wanted to say.

Hadwin Stephenson frowned. Seeing that something was wrong, Lina hurriedly said to Anthony Sherman, "Yulai... L-Let's call it a day. Although we didn't get to see the concert, thank you anyway!"

Anthony Sherman figured out Lina's hint, but he still asked with worry, "Do you want me to send you home?"

Lina was about to speak when she felt Hadwin Stephenson's fingers gripping her arm hard.

Therefore, she smiled awkwardly at Anthony Sherman and said, "No thanks... Hadwin Stephenson... will send me home."

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Anthony Sherman looked at Lina before looking at Hadwin Stephenson. He dared not say anything more, so he nodded. "Call me if you need anything."

"Okay," replied Lina.

After Anthony Sherman left, Hadwin Stephenson snorted coldly. "You're getting along well with your blind date. What's the matter? Were you even planning to attend a concert together?"

Lina turned to look at the person in front of her and sighed. "He and I are just friends. I wanted to watch GB's concert but failed to

get a ticket. Anthony Sherman helped me get the tickets."

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"Oh? Then why didn't you go in?" he asked.

She rolled her eyes at him. "I'm pregnant. You know how loud a concert can be. What if people bump into me and squeeze by me after I go in?"

'Doesn't he know this when he has accompanied me to many concerts?'

His eyes softened. "Were you afraid that the baby in your belly might get hurt?"

"I..." She froze and said nothing more.

Hadwin Stephenson's voice rang in her ears again. "Anthony Sherman thinks I refuse to take responsibility after getting you pregnant."

"He misunderstood!" she said quickly.

"Well then, do you want me to be responsible for you?" he asked.

Her eyes met his, and at that moment, she felt as if she were drowning in them.

"Do you? Do you want me to be responsible for you?" His voice

was so mesmerizing that she wanted to nod and say yes.

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'No... No!'

She had never wanted him to take responsibility like this...

Lina shook her head, and the pressure around her instantly reduced.

Hadwin Stephenson's eyes dimmed almost unmistakably. "Does that mean you don't want to marry me? Would you rather be scolded by your parents and let your child become a bastard than have anything to do with me?"

She bit her lip with her teeth and said nothing.

He approached her again. "Lina, do you hate me that much?"

She turned her head to not look at him. Looking at him would only make her more and more flustered.

It was because even she had no idea what was the best thing to do next!

"If I died one day, would you be sad and regret not being with me in this life?" Hadwin Stephenson asked abruptly.

Lina felt an instant pang in her heart. She instantly turned her head around and asked quickly, "Why would you die? Aren't you alive and well?"

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"Who knows what tomorrow will bring? Maybe there are certain pains and agony that will kill you if you can't endure it," he murmured with a self-deprecating smile on his lips.

Just like how she had no idea how much pain he was in when he held her hand. The blood curse on his body made the pain come in waves.

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The blood curse on him had not been lifted yet. He still had to undergo two more sessions. He could only get rid of the blood curse after getting through them. If not, he would die.

"What about you? Do you want me to be alive and well?" he asked her in a whisper.

"It's unnecessary for me to want anything. You now have complete control of Stephenson Group. With so many people protecting you, the Jackson family is no threat to you. If you ever get sick, you can also find the best specialists to treat you," said Lina.

Hadwin Stephenson still asked persistently, "I'm just asking whether you want me to live?"

Her throat seemed to burn. Lina took a deep breath. "I want you alive and well." She had never wanted him to die. All she wanted was for them to put the past behind them and live their own lives.

A smile rose from the corners of his lips, and it spread to his eyes.

For a moment, those dark night-like eyes shone like they were dotted with stars.

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“Okay. If you want me to live, I’ll live. I’ll stay alive no matter what!”

he said as he wrapped his arms around her and embraced her.

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He hugged her hard, even though it only made his pain worse.

She had no idea how much strength her words had given him to keep enduring the pain.

“Lina, wait for me. Give me a little more time,” he muttered.

He would come clean to her after he got rid of the blood curse!

Lina could attend GB’s concert after all. She was in the VIP room where she was not pushed around by a crowd of fans.

Sitting in the private room, she looked at the transparent glass in front of her. It showed the stage, as well as the many screens that provided the view from different angles. She got to see the concert in all directions, so to speak.

Lina could not help but sigh at the power of money. Even so, she did not enjoy the concert much.

“What’s the matter? Do you dislike it?” asked Hadwin Stephenson.

“I just find it a little weird. I find a concert more fun when you can

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scream and go crazy with everyone,” said Lina.

“I thought you wanted to see GB’s concert just to see those five

guys and nothing else matters as long as you get to see them?” Hadwin Stephenson said lazily.

Lina coughed furiously. “That’s... You can’t say that. I’m not just looking at those men’s faces.”

“What else is there to see?” he asked, raising his eyebrow.

‘Figure!’ Lina said in her head, but she said, “Talent. They sing very well.”

“Really?” asked Hadwin Stephenson.

Just then, there was music on the stage again, but this time, it was an old song that was romantic and slow.

The five members of GB stood in the center of the stage to sing this love song.

Lina did not expect Hadwin Stephenson to sing along when GB began to sing.

Instantly, her attention was drawn to him. She seemed not to hear GB’s voices at all, only his!

Hadwin Stephenson’s voice was a baritone with a melodious tone that was rare among men. It made her feel as though there was a

feather gently swaying in her heart.

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Lina was still in a daze even when Hadwin Stephenson was done singing the song.

She had no idea Hadwin Stephenson could sing so well. She had

heard Hadwin Stephenson sing before, but he had not sung this well back when they were dating.

“Well? Am I talented?” he asked nonchalantly.

“Uh... Sure,” she mumbled to herself a little and asked, “But how can you sing so well?”

“You can be good at singing after some learning,” he said.

“Did you learn to sing? Why?” She seemed surprised. He did not seem to be the sort of person who would do such things.

Hadwin Stephenson looked at Lina. “Would you believe me if I told you I learned to sing so that you could keep your eyes on me a little longer when I saw you again?”

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Lina’s heart was in turmoil at that instant!

When Hadwin Stephenson drove her back to her apartment after the concert ended, all she was thinking about was what Hadwin Stephenson had said and the song he sang.

‘Did a man like him learn to sing for... me?’

“You can tell Anthony Sherman about your pregnancy but not your parents?” Hadwin Stephenson’s voice broke the peace in the

car.

“Ah!” Lina suddenly came to her senses. “I told Anthony Sherman because I thought I should tell him, lest I stop him from dating other people.”

He looked at her gravely. “You’re very considerate of Anthony

Sherman, but what about me? What are you going to tell me?”

Lina hesitated and said, “Hadwin Stephenson, I don’t want to

marry just for the sake of the baby. If that’s all there is to marriage, then I’d rather be a single mother like Kyla and raise my child

alone!”

After a pause, she took a deep breath. As if she had mustered a great amount of courage, she said, “Besides, I haven’t figured out

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whether I'm keeping the baby or not."

If she did keep the baby and give birth to them, he and she would probably be entangled with each other forever.

This child would become the bond between them for life, and perhaps it was the child who would be the most hurt in the end.

Hadwin Stephenson's eyes grew darker. "In the end, you still don't believe that I love you, do you?"

She said, "I do, but I also believe that if you ever have to choose between your career and me, you'll give up on me once more."

With that said, Lina opened the car door and got down. "By the way, send someone to bring those packages away. I don't need them."

Hadwin Stephenson said lightly, "If you don't want them, just throw them away. Lina, I'll tell you this one last time. Don't make any quick decisions. Just give me some time. Just... give me a little more time!"

With that said, Hadwin Stephenson's car drove away. Lina stood where she was. Her eyes were full of confusion.

'What does he mean by giving him a little more time?' She could not understand what he said.

'Isn't five years long enough? How much more time does he want?'

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'Can a little more time solve our problems? Can we ever go back to the way we used to be?'

Lina looked down at her flat belly. With her present condition, she did not have much time left!

The baby was growing day by day in her belly. She had to decide as soon as possible!

The operation on Grace's hands went well, but she could barely move her fingers for a week. Hence, she spent another week being 'useless'.

She needed help eating, drinking, and even going to the bathroom.

Jason had moved his office to her ward. During the day when she was awake, he would take care of her while dealing with work.

"I feel like I can't do anything without you now," said Grace.

"Is it a bad thing to rely on me? I wish you could rely on me more," said Jason.

"Aren't you afraid I'll become more and more dependent on you and then be a liability in the future?" she quipped.