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Chapter 1921

"My... My husband..." When Grace spoke, she found her throat

unusually dry, but she did not feel much pain in her neck. It seemed that the anesthesia had not completely worn off.

However, she struggled to speak anyway. Jay was not in her ward, which made her panic. She knew him well enough to know that he would be in her ward if nothing went wrong!

The doctor hurriedly said, "Mr. Reed is still undergoing surgery. He has two broken ribs and several severe abrasions on his body that need to be treated. It'll take some time.

Mrs. Reed, you've just undergone an operation, so try not to speak. Wait 12 hours before you speak so you won't affect the wound."

Hearing this, Grace said nothing more. All she could think about was Jason. 'Did he... break two ribs?

'Just how much pain was he enduring earlier?'

She had no idea about it. He did not say a word when he carried her into the hospital and watched her enter the operating room.

Grace insisted that the doctor put her and Jason in the same VIP ward.

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When Jason was done with his operation and wheeled into the ward, Grace only saw that his body was covered with thick

gauze. He was still asleep due to anesthesia.

Grace took her phone, and she typed a line of words in the notes app on her phone to ask the doctor.

'Doctor, how are his injuries? Is he okay?'

"He's alright. Besides, Mr. Reed is in good health. Although he broke two ribs, the operation was successful. He just needs to rest," the doctor replied.

Grace heaved a long sigh of relief after hearing this. After the doctor and nurses left, Terrence told her about what was going on.

Knowing that her best friend was being treated in Municipal Women's Hospital and her baby was safe, Grace felt another weight lifting off her chest.

'Lina and her baby are alright. That's great!'

"I'll get a nurse to come over later, and..." Terrence paused and looked at Grace hesitantly.

Grace then typed on her phone again.

Just say anything you want, Terrence.

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Terrence then said, "Young master Reed is still angry with you, Young Madam. But he has always been devoted to you. I've never seen a man do so much for a woman! After learning that you were in trouble, Young master Reed came to save you even though he was angry with you. Since Young master Reed saved you, please be kind to him. Don't break his heart again."

Grace's nose felt sore. 'How many times... have I hurt Jay that Terrence couldn't help telling me this?'

She typed.

'I won't hurt him anymore. After he wakes up, even if he's still mad at me and won't forgive me, I'll stay by his side until he forgives me'

"That's good," said Terrence. 'How could Young master Reed not forgive Young Madam? Young master Reed was so quick to surrender when something happened to her!'

Terrence was still shocked by the scene when Young master Reed took off his clothes in public in response to Katherine Jackson's humiliation.

A proud man like him who had always been high and mighty

while overlooking

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If Katherine Jackson had asked Young master Reed to stab himself, he would probably have done it without hesitation.

Terrence walked out of the ward, leaving only Grace and Jason inside.

Even though the doctor had told Grace to stay in bed and rest as much as possible, she still got down from her bed and walked to Jason's bedside. Then, she sat in the soft chair beside the bed and quietly watched him.

He was alive, but he was seriously injured. He got all these wounds because of her!

However, as long as he was alive, that was all that mattered to her.

Grace raised her hand and caressed Jason's hand that was by his side.

His hands were also wrapped in gauze. He held her hand so tightly. He could have been safe if he had let her go, but he gave up the rope ladder and held her hand with both hands

instead.

It was tantamount to giving up his life just so he could be with

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her, regardless of life or death.

Grace gently held his hand when she suddenly felt his fingers. moving slightly. She instantly turned her head and saw

Jason's eyelashes quivering slightly. Then, his deep eyes slowly opened.

"Jay..." Grace could not help shouting. Even though she did not manage to make a sound and it was painful, she could not help calling out his name.

Jason's eyes met Grace, and he seemed to freeze a little. He wanted to sit up but frowned when he felt the pain from his wounds. He had just undergone surgery.

Grace quickly raised her hands and pressed down on Jason's shoulders, gesturing him to lie down.

Jason obediently lay back, looked at Grace, and asked, "Why aren't you lying down? You just got out of surgery too, didn't you?"

Grace picked up her phone and typed a line of words to Jason, telling him that her operation was only a minor operation. After all, the wound Katherine Jackson caused to her neck was

only skin trauma and did not reach her trachea. It was just because the wound was relatively deep that it was slightly

difficult to stitch it.

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His wounds were far more serious than hers. Before the doctor left the ward, she asked a few more questions and learned that his broken ribs had nearly punctured his organs. He might have been in real danger had the wounds been any further.

Grace told Jason about her condition and the doctor's instructions by typing out the messages.

Jason looked at the words she typed line by line before looking

at her face. He lifted his hand to reach her face.

'You're still on a drip. You can't lift your hand like this!'

Grace urgently typed to remind him, but he held her face.

anyway.

His cold hand offset the warmth of her cheek.

'His hands are cold. Is it the drip?' Grace was thinking about it when she suddenly heard Jason say, "I'm sorry..."

Grace froze and looked at him in surprise. She should be the one apologizing.

Jason muttered, "I'm sorry. I was wrong, Grace. I was wrong. I misunderstood. What I thought was real was fake. I misunderstood you. It's not because you didn't love me that you left me!"

Chapter 1923

Grace's eyes instantly widened as she thought of the moment. her hand was about to slip between his fingers after the building exploded. He had said... "Grace, how could you... How could you do this again? If... you're gone, how can I live...

'What does he mean by saying again? Does he remember...

Grace shuddered as a touch of disbelief flashed across her eyes. She was scared that she was overthinking it when it was not the case at all...

As if seeing the confusion in her eyes, he said, "You chose to fall into the sea at the cliff back then to save me. I couldn't hold your hand at the time, so I didn't save you. This time, I had to grab your hand. I'll always hold your hand and never let go!"

Grace stared blankly at Jason as her eyes reddened. 'So he has really regained his memory? Does he remember the truth of why I fell into the sea?'

Jason took Grace's hand with some difficulty, placed her hand on his cheek, and rubbed it gently.

His movements were slow, but there was infinite tenderness

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and affection in every move. "Grace... I won't let go of your hand, and you can't either... Got it? I have no reason to live if you no longer exist."

'But our children. They...'

Grace typed on her phone with her other hand.

Jason asked, "Do you want me to live and raise the kids because we have them? But Grace, do you know that... it was the cruelest thing when you wanted me to keep on living? I would probably... have lost my mind if my memories weren't erased from hypnosis."

'Have you really... recovered your memories? Do you remember everything?'

Grace typed, feeling anxious.

“Yes, I’ve recovered my memories. When I watched your hand slip out of my fingertips, all those memories that I didn’t remember before came flooding back into my mind,” said

Jason.

It was not until that moment did he realize that what she said back then was all true. The woman loved him with everything she had! She never wanted to run away from him!

Jason muttered, “Grace, some people can survive losing the

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people they love the most, but some can’t. So don’t ever give me such a request if that happens.”

If she was no longer around, all he wanted was to be with her. Whether in heaven or hell, he just wanted to be with her.

The end of his life had never been scary to him.

The only thing he was afraid of was losing her.

Grace stared blankly at the man in front of her. Her hand was full of his temperature.

After a long time, she finally said yes, and tears could not stop falling.

This man’s love for her made her so distressed...

Grace’s injury was much less severe than Jason’s injuries.

Chapter 1924

The Reed family deliberately kept the two little ones from finding out about the accident. They also brought the

children back to the mansion and asked Mick Reed, Jasper Reed, and William to stay there for a few days. They said the kindergarten had to close for renovation.

Even if the kindergarten did not need any renovation, the Reed family had ways to make them renovate their premises.

However, Mick Reed got past the firewall that the mansion had set up to stop them from accessing certain news. He found out about the explosion and his parents were now in hospital.

Mick Reed could not accept it anymore and insisted on going to the hospital to visit his parents.

Jasper also insisted like Mick Reed after finding out about it. She had already packed her backpack, wanting to go to the hospital to take care of her parents.

The two little ones gave Uncle Kwan a big headache. Eventually, he asked Jason if he could bring the two little bosses to the hospital.

Jason looked at Grace, asking for her opinion.

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"Let them come, or they'll keep making a fuss," said Grace, who was now able to hold a conversation by speaking instead of typing on her phone.

However, she could not talk for too long.

After ending the call, Grace looked at Jason and said, "I don't want the kids to see us like this and get scared."

"They should be aware of the dangers outside. Even if they're the heirs of the Reed family, it's impossible to avoid all potential harm," said Jason.

"Aren't you afraid the kids will cry?" asked Grace.

"Isn't it normal for children to cry and make a fuss? There's nothing to be afraid of," said Jason.

However, when the two little ones were in front of them, Grace saw how Jason's words came back to bite him.

As soon as Jasper saw that her parents were injured, especially at the sight of her father still on a drip, she sobbed

until she was out of breath. She constantly shed tears.

Jason, who was calm at first, was at a loss when he saw his daughter in tears.

The head of Reed group had always been calm in the face of big decisions. Now, facing his daughter's tears, he had no idea how to stop them. All he could do was wipe his daughter's tears away while saying that these injuries were nothing and he would be okay soon.

Their daughter looked so much like Grace. Looking at the little one's face that was full of tears, Jason felt his heart twist.

Jason was finally relieved when the little one stopped crying. Then, he looked at Mick Reed, who was now in Grace's arms.

Mick Reed was never this affectionate. Before Grace came back, Jason rarely saw his son being affectionate.

However, he did not think there was anything wrong with it before. After all, he was a boy and would also be the heir of the Reed family. Being affectionate was useless.

However, after Grace returned to Emerald City, Jason found that his son would sometimes act affectionately. He was only like that with Grace, though.

For example, he would give the occasional hugs and kisses or pester Grace for a story.

In Jason's opinion, his son's affectionate acts seemed awkward, especially since his son had a face similar to his

own.

Chapter 1925

At this moment, their son was snuggled up in Grace's arms. He blew on her neck, asking, "Will it stop hurting if I do this?"

Her son's actions melted Grace's heart, and she nodded, "Uh-huh, it doesn't hurt anymore."

"I'll protect you from now on. I'll beat up the bad guys so that you won't get hurt again," said Mick Reed.

Grace smiled and kissed her son on the cheek. The little one instantly blushed slightly, but he did not leave Grace's arms. His two small arms wrapped themselves around Grace's waist, and then he laid his face in her arms.

It was his mother's smell. He was going to protect her!

Jason would have taken his son straight out of Grace's arms if he were not injured and still had an IV drip attached to one

hand.

The two wanted to spend the night at the hospital with their parents. Jasper even said she would take good care of her parents and not go to kindergarten until they were discharged from the hospital.

It took Grace a lot of explaining to dissuade the two young ones from spending the night in the hospital.

By the time Uncle Kwan went home with the two siblings, Grace felt like she had fought a tough battle.

In the evening, two more children came to the ward.

Only this time, it was Mason and Veronica Barlow.

Grace was surprised to see the two children who were caught and brought over by bodyguards.

When she heard that Veronica Barlow had snuck in and there were a bunch of reporters waiting at the hospital's entrance, Grace was worried about the two children.

"Where are your parents? They didn't come to the hospital with you?" Grace asked Veronica Barlow. After all, the two children were so young. The He family's house was also some distance away from the hospital.

"They went out for a party, so I came here with Mason in a taxi!" said Veronica Barlow.

Grace broke into a sweat from fright for the two children. She was just glad they did not get into an illegal taxi.

"Uncle Reed, aunt Cummins, Mason saw the news online and

was worried about you. He wanted to see you," said Veronica Barlow as she pushed Mason, who was standing behind her, a few steps forward. "Didn't you say you wanted to see them?"

Mason blinked, and his long black eyelashes started fluttering like fans. His eyes with an empty look in them stared at Jason and Grace. Moments later, he turned to Veronica Barlow and said, "I've seen them."

With that said, he shook Veronica Barlow's hand, implying that they could go now.

The time he took to 'see' them was so short it would leave one speechless.

Veronica Barlow seemed a little embarrassed. "Won't you see them a little longer?"

The little one blinked again and turned his head to look at

Jason and Grace as if he was obediently doing what Veronica Barlow just mentioned.

It might be upsetting for ordinary children to be indifferent to their biological parents, but Grace was happy.

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It was because she knew how hard it was.

Mason's past was different from that of ordinary children. Secretary Wang's method of education was to completely destroy a child's innocence.

Fortunately, Mason met Veronica Barlow. The little girl had given Mason warmth and something to hold on to.

Apart from Veronica Barlow it was difficult for Mason to open his heart up to others.

However, Mason was worried about her and Jay after seeing

the news. Did that mean that they were slowly starting to have a place in Mason's heart?

Maybe Mason would accept them one day.

Grace walked up to Mason and crouched down with her eyes looking straight into the little one's eyes. "I'm happy that you

came to see us."

Confusion flickered in the little one's eyes as if he was

wondering why the one he should call Mommy was happy.

'Wasn't she hurt? Shouldn't she be sad?

He slightly raised his hands toward Grace's neck. Veronica Barlow wanted to stop him, but it was too late.

His small hands grasped Grace's neck. As there was still gauze

around her neck, his grasp touched her wound. Her brows began to frown.

Jason saw this and roared, "Mason, let go!" He knew his son

had hurt Grace.

The little one seemed to be startled by Jason's shouts, and his little body suddenly tensed.

Grace hurriedly soothed the little one and whispered, "Jay, Mason is just concerned about my injury."

With that, she gently took Mason's hand again and kept his fingers off the gauze around her neck but gently laid it flat on

her neck.

Grace said with a smile, "See, it doesn't hurt this way. Mason, my injury will heal soon. As long as I don't touch the wound, it won't hurt much."

The little one's dark eyes stared at Grace. "It won't hurt?"

"Yes, it won't hurt," said Grace.

Then, she saw a faint smile on the little one's lips, making his indifferent face appear friendly.

Jason looked at Mason and somehow got lost in a trance.

Half an hour later, Jason ordered his staff to escort Veronica Barlow and Mason safely back to the He family's house. Finally, the ward was quiet again.

Grace asked Jason, "What were you thinking when you were looking at Mason just now?"

Jason pressed his lips together gently, surprised that she even noticed.

Looking at Jason's hesitant face, Grace said, "Jay, we're husband and wife. You can tell me anything."

Jason then slowly said, "Mason... looks more and more like

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Grace froze and realized that the woman he was talking about was 'Mrs. Watts' from before she was disfigured.

She had seen a photo of his mother when she was young, and Mason did look like her. He might look even more like her in a

few years.

"Jay, Mason is our child no matter how much you hate Mrs. Watts. Don't..." Grace paused as if she was choosing her

words.

Jason went ahead and said, "Don't worry, I'm not going to take my anger out on our children. Mason is the child you fought so hard to give birth to. All three children are precious to me."

Grace was relieved to hear that. She hesitated for a moment and said, "My mentor and his wife saw the news and called to ask about it. Mrs. Watts even wants to come back to Emerald City to see you, not

caring about what would happen to her. Jay, I think not a day goes by that Mrs. Watts doesn't regret it. Perhaps she wants to make up for her mistakes with her life."

"Even if she dies, she can't make up for it." Jason's voice suddenly turned cold.

Grace knew that some things in this world could not be remedied. No matter how miserable Mrs. Watts was, she could not undo that mistake.

She knew he did not like to talk about Mrs. Watts, but he still needed closure for what had happened between him and his mother.

"Jay, what are you going to do to Mrs. Watts?" Grace asked nervously as her hands gripped the hem of her hospital gown. If he wanted to kill Mrs. Watts, then she...

"Make sure she never sets foot in Emerald City again for the rest of her life," Jason said slowly.

Grace looked at him with a look of shock on her face. 'Does that mean... He's...

"Are you... Are you going to let Mrs. Watts off?" she asked in shock, her voice trembling slightly.

His eyes were full of struggle and conflict before they reduced to calmness. "Yes, I'm letting her off. It's just that I never want to see this woman again. I'll just think that she died that year back then."

Grace's eyes suddenly became misty.

Jason said, "What's the matter? Do you think I'm too heartless?

You don't want me to-

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Grace shook her head and interrupted, "No, I know... I know this is a big concession. I know it well, Jay, thank you. Thank you!"

She knew how deeply his mother had hurt him and how hard it must have been for him to let Mrs. Watts off the hook.

Jason raised his hand and caressed Grace's wet eyes. He did all this for her.

If he wanted to kill her, she might not intervene again, but it would haunt her for the rest of her life.

Jason said, "I can only say that the woman's lucky. She was kind to you and Jasper, so her kindness saved her life. But you should never mention your mentor and that woman in front of me again!"

Grace nodded solemnly.

"Alright, then it's settled. Smile, Grace. I want to see you smile." He wanted to see her smile, not her sad face.

Grace wiped away the tears and smiled. She took the initiative to kiss Jason on the lips. "Jay, you're... the man who loves me the most!"

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He accepted her kiss and put his hands tenderly around her waist. Perhaps he would have had his way with her if they were not wounded.

When it was over, Jason said hoarsely, "Grace, you're also the woman who loves me the most."

Chapter 1928

She even chose to give up her life for him. The woman loved him with her life! Fortunately, it was not too late for him to

know that.

His heart that had been uneasy and suspicious before was unprecedentedly calm now because he knew that the woman he loved loved him back!

Grace and Jason were still in the hospital ward when Lina was discharged.

Grace could be discharged too, but since Jason still needed to be hospitalized for a while, Grace stayed in the hospital to take care of him.

Although Terrence had arranged professional caretakers, Grace preferred to take care of Jason herself, so she cooperated with the caretakers to do whatever she could.

When Lina came to Grace and told her she was going to J City to find Hadwin Stephenson, Grace showed a look of understanding.

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After all, after hearing what Katherine Jackson had said, she knew how much Hadwin Stephenson loved her best friend. It would be a lifelong regret if Lina missed a man like that.

Besides, Lina was now pregnant with Hadwin Stephenson's baby.

"When are you going to J City?" asked Grace.

"We're leaving tomorrow. My parents are afraid that it would be inconvenient for me to go to J City alone since I'm pregnant, so they plan to accompany me there," said Lina.

"I wonder if you're the first woman to go after her man with her parents and baby," quipped Grace, wanting to relieve the gloom on her best friend's face.

Lina sighed. "I only hope Hadwin can forgive me. It was such a huge misunderstanding."

"He will. If he loves you, he'll forgive you," said Grace.

Lina was not as optimistic about it. It was exactly because

Hadwin loved her that he would be extremely disappointed after she hurt him like that.

Could she resurrect a disappointed heart?

However, she was going to see Hadwin no matter what. There

3/4 was so much she wanted to say to him. She wanted to fight for her happiness!

Lina said, "Alright, I gotta go. Grace, thank you. Without you,

my baby and I wouldn't have survived. I'm happy to see you and Jason alive and reconciled."

"It'll be the same for you and Hadwin Stephenson," said Grace.

After Lina left, Grace returned to the ward and told Jason about it. "Lina seems worried that Hadwin Stephenson won't forgive her. She feels that she has deeply hurt Hadwin Stephenson. What happened between them was a misunderstanding. Perhaps things would have been better if both of them had figured out what truly happened."

Now, she was only glad that Lina did not choose to abort the baby in her belly back then. If she had chosen to go with the abortion, Lina would only be more devastated after finding

out the truth.

"Hadwin Stephenson will surely forgive Lina," said Jason.

"Do you really think so?" Grace asked quickly. Although she had comforted Lina with the same words, she was still a little

unsure.

"When one loves another deeply, they don't mean it when they

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say they won't forgive their partners," said Jason.

Just like when she betrayed him. He was furious with her, but he could not get over her.

The moment he knew she might be in danger, he was at a loss and shivered. It felt as if everything in the world was turning gray.

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At that moment, he realized that he would always forgive her!

He was only saying it when he said he would not forgive her before this. He could never do it!

Grace instantly felt awkward, knowing that Jason was recalling what had happened between them before.

Therefore, she said, "Jay, let's not have any more

misunderstandings!”

Just like the misunderstanding between Lina and Hadwin Stephenson. If Katherine Jackson had not been so smug as to tell Lina, would Lina forever be in the dark and lose Hadwin Stephenson for good?

Sometimes, maybe even the most passionate love was no match for a misunderstanding.

She did not want her and Jay to encounter the same situation. It would be utterly unfortunate and ridiculous if they lost each other because of a misunderstanding.

Jason replied, “Okay, no more misunderstandings between us!”

Mr. Sweeney, Mrs. Sweeney, and Lina got on the high-speed rail to J City. Lina was anxious during the entire trip.

Almost every time she closed her eyes recently, she would think of her time with Hadwin Stephenson—the happy times, painful times, sad times...

What appeared in her mind the most was the dim look in Hadwin Stephenson’s eyes. His eyes were a gloomy gray as if he was completely disappointed in her!

“Alright, stop thinking about it. We’ll arrive in J City in three more hours,” said Mrs. Sweeney. She knew her daughter was thinking about Hadwin Stephenson again when she saw the way she looked. “Come and eat something so you won’t go hungry.”

Mrs. Sweeney said as she opened the insulated lunchbox, which contained some snacks she had prepared. They were still warm.

Lina picked up a pastry and ate it bite by bite. Although these delicious snacks tasted like wax to her at the moment, she continued eating.

It was because her body was no longer her own now. Even if she had no appetite for anything, she was eating all this for

her baby so they could grow up healthily.

She thought three hours would go by slowly, but when she arrived at the train station in J City, Lina felt that time had passed so quickly.

It was now three o’clock. Could she... meet Hadwin Stephenson?

They had booked the hotel beforehand, and it was near Stephenson Group’s headquarters.

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When they got to the hotel, Lina said, “Mom, Dad, I want to go to Stephenson Group and see if I can meet Hadwin!”

"We'll go with you," said Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney.

"No thanks. The building is nearby. It's only a few minutes away from here. This is between Hadwin and me. I want to handle it myself. It'll be awkward if you guys are around," said

Lina.

After all, she did not want to involve her parents in her relationship anymore.

Her parents had done a lot for her.

Mrs. Sweeney wanted to say something, but Mr. Sweeney

pulled his wife and said, "Alright, let her deal with her

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relationship herself. She's an adult and is going to be a mother soon. There are things she has to deal with herself!"

Mrs. Sweeney sighed at this but stopped fussing about going with her.

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Mr. Sweeney also said to Lina, "No matter what the final result is, your mother and I will always have your back. With our pension, we can afford to raise a grandchild!"

Lina's eyes immediately watered. She wilfully got pregnant out of wedlock and decided to give birth to the baby, but her parents remained to be her strongest backer!

How lucky she was to be their daughter in this life?

After saying goodbye to her parents, Lina walked toward Stephenson Group's building.

'Am I going to meet Hadwin? Or should I say, will Hadwin meet me?'

Now that she recalled it, she had been so close to happiness. If she had not misunderstood when she saw Katherine Jackson come out of Hadwin's mansion and instead believed that Hadwin loved her or asked him for clarification, would they not have separated?

When Lina came to Stephenson Group's entrance, she suddenly stopped. She was dumbfounded.

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She saw a few figures coming out from inside, and the one leading them was... Hadwin Stephenson!

Dressed in a suit and tie, he was now thinner than she remembered. His black hair was slicked back, revealing his full forehead and fully exposing his beautiful face. At the same time, it also made him look daunting.

He was emitting a solemn and intimidating aura. Lina stared blankly at Hadwin Stephenson. There was only him in her

eyes.

As if he had noticed her gaze, Hadwin Stephenson slightly turned his head and looked at Lina. The moment he saw her, his pupils shrank and he stopped in his tracks.

“Ting...”

Lina had just spoken one word when Hadwin Stephenson continued walking away. He turned away and was no longer looking at her.

It was as if she were just a stranger to him.

Seeing Hadwin Stephenson about to get in a black car that was parked outside, Lina instantly came to her senses. She hurried forward and stretched out her hand to grab Hadwin Stephenson’s arm.

“Hadwin!” she said quickly, trying to stop him from leaving so quickly. “Give me some time. I have something to say to you!”

Hadwin Stephenson stopped and looked coldly at the hand that was grabbing his arm.

The people behind Hadwin Stephenson were surprised to see this. Some had begun to speculate about Lina’s identity. Of course, some also recognized Lina as the woman who had

a scandal with their president. The news had made it into tabloids.

Hadwin Stephenson looked at Lina’s face. Those dark eyes looked at her indifferently. “Who am I to give you time?”

“Ah...” Lina froze. His indifferent eyes stung her heart.

“I don’t like being grabbed by strangers. Let go.” Even his voice was indifferent.

‘Strangers?’ Lina just felt like a sharp sword was stabbing into her heart.

She once said they had nothing more to do with each other!

However, she just realized how hurtful those words were when he said them!