

Ex Convict 2001

Chapter 2001

Hadwin Stephenson said, "Since he cleared your name of his own accord, then I won't touch him. But now it seems that he might not have framed you for the eight million dollars."

"What do you mean?" Lina asked in confusion.

"Anthony Sherman's sexual orientation is a little different," he said.

"Sexual orientation?" Lina's eyes instantly widened. She asked with a face of disbelief, "Do you mean he likes men?"

"Although he doesn't have any intimate male lovers, he has been in and out of some special bars. He also regularly sees a psychological doctor. My mom bribed the psychological doctor and learned from them that Anthony Sherman is frustrated over having some inappropriate fantasies about men," said Hadwin Stephenson.

Lina did not expect Anthony Sherman to have such a problem. 'So he chose to frame me to keep his sexuality from being exposed?'

... If I think about it in another way, Hadwin's mother wouldn't have investigated everything about Anthony Sherman if

I hadn't gone on a blind date with him. Anthony Sherman

wouldn't have had to deal with this!/
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"If he just didn't want his private matters to be exposed, then I was the one who troubled him," said Lina. Suddenly, she seemed to have recalled something. "Is your mother going to expose that information now that he posted a clarification?"

"Don't worry, Yulai is just an abandoned pawn now. My mom probably won't even bother with an abandoned pawn like him. If Anthony Sherman's private information is exposed, it'll only prove that you two are innocent," said Hadwin Stephenson.

Lina thought about it and agreed, so she was finally relieved.

"Okay, this is the end of the matter. Stop thinking about Anthony Sherman. He's... just a passerby in your life!" He disliked her thinking about another man, even if the man's sexual orientation was a little different.

"I got it," answered Lina. However, she seemed to say regretfully, "He could have just told me he was threatened with such a thing. I could have helped him think of a solution. He didn't have to take things so far. Besides, I wouldn't think less of him even if I found out. I'd even..."

"Help him find a boyfriend?" Hadwin Stephenson raised his eyebrows.

Lina's expression instantly looked a little sheepish.

Just then, Hadwin Stephenson's phone rang and he answered

After listening to the other party for a moment, he said indifferently, "Okay, alright then."

After the call ended, Lina could not help asking, "What's the matter? Is there something wrong?"

Although he had the same expression, she could feel

something different about him. At that instant, his body exuded loneliness.

"Nothing." He smiled, looking like his usual self.

"Hadwin, if something happened, I hope you can tell me. Maybe I might not be able to help you, but at least I can listen, lest I worry for nothing," she said.

She did not want to be the one receiving protection all the time. She wanted to share some of his burdens.

"It's just that my mom has gone abroad. My staff was just informing me about it," said Hadwin Stephenson.

"Your mom... has gone abroad?" Lina was a little surprised.

'She went abroad... Does this mean his mom has run away in defeat?'

Chapter 2002

"Yeah, she's going abroad for some time. It's good for both her and me," he murmured as his eyes fell on Lina's face, "From now on, you're... all I have."

He brought her into his arms and took in her faint scent as he spoke.

His mother going abroad meant that she had finally admitted her defeat and given up the fight for the control of Stephenson Group.

However, it also represented an unbridgeable gap between him and his mother.

Their already fragile mother and son bond was now gone.

Lina felt Hadwin Stephenson's body quiver, and his every breath sounded nasal.

'Is he going to cry?' she wondered.

Even though he seemed indifferent, it was his mother, after all.

They had fallen out to such an extent.

Lina raised her arms and held Hadwin Stephenson. "Hadwin,

I won't be the only one you have. You have our baby too. And
I'm going to give you a lot of children. In time, your mother

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"Yeah," Hadwin Stephenson answered sullenly, his head still buried in her neck.

"Also... Well, I won't laugh at you if you cry," she said.

"Who's going to cry? Do you think I'm three years old?" he asked hoarsely, and Lina gradually felt her
shoulder getting

wet.

Grace was slightly surprised when Lina returned to Emerald City. "Why did you come back so soon? Why
not stay in J City longer?"

"I came back to give birth. Besides, my obstetric record is registered in Emerald City, and I'm more used
to the food here," said Lina. While she enjoyed the food in J City, she felt more comfortable somewhere
she was familiar with. "By the way, are you free this evening? Hadwin and I would like to invite you,
Jason, and the kids to dinner. Kyla is busy with her store this evening, so you and I can hang out at her
place during the day."

"Sure," replied Grace.

That night, Grace brought the four children to dinner-her
three little ones and Veronica Barlow.

Mason would not leave Veronica Barlow's side, and he would
not come out without Veronica Barlow.

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people had to get pregnant three times to get three children, but her best friend gained three all at
once. They were all so cute.

Lina had now turned into a weird lady, kissing and touching the three children. It made Mason reject her
right away. Though Mick did not reject her, there was obvious reluctance on his face. Jasper was the
only one who enjoyed Lina's kisses, which made Lina feel a little closer to her.

"You can kiss all you want when your baby is born," quipped Grace.

"I have four months to go!" grumbled Lina.

"Four months will pass in a flash.

The two women helped the four children with their food while they chatted, while the two men looked
at each other. Hadwin Stephenson proposed a toast and said, "Thank you for saving Lina."

If Jason had not rescued Lina when Katherine Jackson kidnapped her, maybe he would not have been
able to

see Lina at all, let alone expect their baby to be born. He shuddered every time he thought of it.

Chapter 2003

"I saved her because she saved Grace before," said Jason.

If Lina were not Grace's best friend, he probably would not even look twice if she died in front of him.

"Thank you anyway. I owe you a favor. If you ever need me, I'll help you if I can," said Hadwin Stephenson. It was unusual for a man like him to give such a promise. "I'll drink first!"

With that said, he raised his glass and finished it.

Seeing this, Jason also raised his glass and downed it.

"If you do think that you owe me a favor, then you might as well keep an eye on Lina in the future. Don't let her take Grace to watch strippers and other things like that," said Jason.

However, he lowered his volume when he said this so that the two women and four children could not hear him. After all, it was not a good thing.

Hadwin Stephenson's face darkened at the sound of it. He was frustrated with Lina's hobbies too, but he had no way of stopping her.

Once that woman was affectionate to him and showed him a pitiful look, he would surrender.

He would even help her buy tickets, take her to meet her idols, 2/3 and ask for autographs, posters, and the likes.

She seemed to be obsessed with another boy band recently. Hadwin Stephenson suspected that it would not be long before she asked for signed posters, ask to take photos with them, or even ask to meet them.

Therefore, Hadwin Stephenson could only say, "I'll... try my best."

"Try your best?" Jason raised his eyebrows slightly.

"She's pregnant. Pregnant women are supposed to be happy, and some things will have to wait until she delivers the baby," Hadwin Stephenson said a little awkwardly.

"Will you really be able to keep an eye on her once the baby is born?" asked Jason.

"I think so." However, even Hadwin Stephenson could feel his lack of confidence when he said that.

"Okay. Hopefully, we won't meet in a place like that and have to take our own women home again next time," said Jason.

Hadwin Stephenson was speechless, thinking of several 'unpleasant' experiences.

"There won't be a next time," replied Hadwin Stephenson.

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He only hoped Lina's enthusiasm for those idols and celebrities could lessen after she gave birth. He could not help shuddering at the thought of her fangirling with their child.

The thought of it was terrifying!

When Lina and Hadwin Stephenson returned to the car after dinner, Lina asked, "What did you and Jason talk about at dinner? You didn't look so good."

"Nothing, just a casual chat," said Hadwin Stephenson.

"Oh, looking at Grace's three children today, I really want our baby to be born and grow up soon so that I can do a lot of things with them," Lina said emotionally.

"What do you want to do with the baby?" Hadwin Stephenson asked casually.

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"There are many things I want to do with them. For instance, I want to play games together, hug and kiss them, and hold the soft and chubby baby to sleep. By the way, I can also listen to songs and dance with them. Speaking of which, the boy band I've been following lately has some dances that would look super cute if children danced along!"

Hadwin Stephenson was speechless. He had a hunch that perhaps his worst fears would come true in a few years. If their child fangirled with her, then he...

Hadwin Stephenson felt miserable as he imagined it.

Lina continued with her wonderful imagination. "If I can meet those boy bands and celebrities with the baby, they could also kiss the baby... Wow, they're so much luckier than me! My mom never took me to meet celebrities when I was little."

Hadwin Stephenson wondered how his future mother-in-law would feel if she heard what her daughter had just said.

"By the way, Hadwin, if my anomaly scan turns out okay, can I go and see DZM for an autograph and take some photos with them when they're in Emerald City?" Lina looked 'intently' at Hadwin Stephenson.

What she meant was to let Hadwin Stephenson find a way to

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Hadwin Stephenson suddenly felt his head hurt, DZM was the boy band she had been obsessed with recently. "They're coming to Emerald City for a concert. Do you think it's appropriate to attend a concert when you're six months pregnant?"

"I'm not attending the concert. I just want to see them up close and shake their hands or something," Lina said immediately. Although she wanted to attend the concert, her body was not in the right shape to do so.

She could only attend concerts after delivering the baby,

"Hadwin, the doctor said it's important that pregnant women stay happy," added Lina.

Hadwin Stephenson felt helpless at the sound of it. In the end, he sighed and said, "Okay, I'll take you to see them for autographs, photos, and handshakes.""

It was an easy task for him.

Lina cheered and immediately embraced Hadwin Stephenson's neck as she kissed his cheek again and again. "You're the best. I love you so much!"

Hadwin Stephenson would have been disgusted if another woman was the one speaking so dramatically. However, he enjoyed it when Lina said these words to him.

"You're dead meat if you ever stop loving me!" said Hadwin Stephenson.

"Don't worry, how could I not love you?! I'm never going to find another man like you who's handsome, rich, has a good figure, and likes me so much," she said as her hands tried to take advantage of him too.

Hadwin Stephenson was amused by Lina's cheekiness. "Are you so sure I like you that much?"

"Don't you?" Her round eyes stared at him.

He could not say something against his conscience under her gaze. "Yeah, I do like you. I like you so much..."

He was probably going to lose to her all his life, but he had no regrets!

The bed was cold at night!

William's tiny body curled up under the covers. He knew Jasper had gone out for dinner with Uncle Reed and aunt Cummins.

His warm bed had now seemed to turn cold.

'When will Jasper be back? Will she come into my room again?'

His mind could not help wondering.

Suddenly, he heard a noise outside.

Chapter 2005

'Is Jasper back?' He could not help wondering. However, after a long time passed, it was silent again outside and the figure he was expecting did not appear in his room.

Disappointment could not help spreading across his chest. William curled his tiny body tighter.

His bed... seemed colder!

He recalled the words of the man he should call his father. "You're just relying on the Reed family's charity here. Besides, your mother was the person who had hurt them. Even if you're unwilling to leave Jasper and return to Deer City, someday you'll realize you can only get what you want by returning to Deer City."

However, what he wanted was to keep Jasper company. If she liked him playing the piano, he would keep playing it. It did not matter even if all ten of his fingers hurt.

William fell asleep in a daze. However, he kept dreaming about his mother, how she got arrested, how she lay cold in the ice coffin in the detention center, and how she had said to

him... 'You and Jasper will never be friends.'

'Will never be friends...

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The words frightened him like a curse!

'We'll be friends. We will be!

Jasper said we're friends!'

However, the endless darkness of his dream seemed to envelop him, leaving him at a loss. It was as if he was the only one left in the whole world, making him feel so lonely and so cold!

'Is there someone who can help me dispel the darkness? Anyone?

'I don't want to be alone! I... I'm scared. Can anyone help me?

"William, William..."

A young and melodious voice rang in his ears.

'Who's calling me?'

William opened his eyes in a daze, only to see a beautiful little face. Before he knew it, a pair of small hands had already pressed on his cheeks.

"Wow, your face is so cold. Let me warm it up for you," said Jasper Reed.

He stared blankly at the face so close to him. Her hands were warm as if dispelling the chill in his body.

"Alright, get up. It's time to go to kindergarten!" said Jasper Reed.

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William got out of bed and began to change his clothes. "Why didn't you come... last night?" he asked a little hesitantly.

Jasper said, "I fell asleep when we came home yesterday, so Daddy put me in my room. But I brought you a present yesterday! They had chocolate so delicious I made Mommy buy a box for you."

She looked so happy as she spoke.

He pressed his small lips together but did not tell her that he did not really like chocolate. He only liked chocolate because she liked it.

On the way to the kindergarten, Jasper brought the chocolate to William. She opened one and said, "Ah, open your mouth. It's delicious."

He opened his mouth and ate the chocolate she gave him. The sweetness spread in his mouth. It was so sweet... So sweet...

If only things could forever stay like this!

Chapter 2006

Grace and Lina went to Kyla's store.

Business was rather slow around two o'clock. Kyla was happy to see Lina look so happy.

Good times were finally starting for Lina after her hard times were over. She would not end up the same as her.

Kyla said, "Things will get busy when your baby is born. Now that you and Hadwin Stephenson are back together, where are you going to settle down when you get married?"

"Mainly Emerald City, I guess. Hadwin said my parents are used to living in Emerald City, so they probably won't get used to J City if we made them move there. If I separate from my parents, I'd be worried about them missing me. So he said Stephenson Group will set up another headquarters here in Emerald City when the time comes," said Lina.

Kyla said, "Hadwin Stephenson really cares about you. You and Grace are doing well. I'm happy for you two."

"Kyla, you're always happy for us. Have you ever thought of yourself?" said Lina.

"Me?" Kyla paused.

2/3 store. Your store is doing okay now, but living costs will only increase as Nelson grows older. Aunt is getting old too. The medical expenses and whatnots will be expensive if she gets sick," said Lina.

Kyla's eyes dimmed. She had thought about what Lina said, but there was so little she could do. The quiet life she had now was already a luxury to her.

"Kyla, have you thought of doing any other businesses? For example, you can open a restaurant or something. Lina and I can invest in it. You'll be in charge of managing it. You'll be a shareholder with your skills. If business is good, we'll make it a chain. It's better than opening a store."

Kyla knew that her best friends were trying to help her, but she had never liked taking advantage of others. Her friends would be giving her money for free if she went with it.

Watching Kyla's indecisiveness, Grace said, "Kyla, you may think about it. There's no need to answer us right away. There's no rush to open a restaurant anyway."

"Thank you. I'll think about it." Kyla was speaking when her cell phone suddenly rang, so she answered it. After listening for a while, her expression instantly changed and she quickly said, "Okay, got it. I'll come over right away."

With that, she hurriedly got up and said to Grace and Lina, "Sorry, I can't entertain you anymore. I have to go to the school now."

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Something happened to Nelson."

"Nelson? What happened to him?" Grace and Lina asked hurriedly.

"They said he beat up his classmates at school. His class teacher asked me to go over now." Kyla woke Mrs. Corbyn, who was taking a nap inside, to take care of the store. Then, she packed up her things and went to the school.

Grace and Lina followed her to the school.

When they arrived at the discipline office, they saw that Nelson Corbyn's uniform zipper was torn and one sleeve was ripped. Dirt covered his body in many places, his face was red and swollen, and his lips were injured.

Kyla quickly ran forward as she looked at her son in distress. "What happened? How did you get into a fight?"

However, Nelson said nothing. He only lowered his head. He seemed anxious as the hands by his sides were clutching the dirty hem of his shirt.

Kyla paused a little. "Nelson, what's wrong? Tell me what happened."

Chapter 2007

However, Nelson kept his head down.

It was Grace who suddenly noticed that the hearing aid Nelson was supposed to be wearing was missing.

Grace frowned. She stepped forward, gently cupped Nelson Corbyn's cheeks, and asked, "Where's your hearing aid? Why is it gone?"

She knew Nelson could read lips.

Nelson turned pale. Kyla and Lina had also noticed that the hearing aid was missing.

"What happened? Why is his hearing aid gone?"

The class teacher nearby said, "Here's what happened. Nelson Corbyn got into a fight with his classmates and his hearing aid

accidentally fell into the drain. It'll be a miracle to find it.""

"What on earth happened? What were they fighting about?"

Grace asked as she looked at the class teacher.

"Nelson Corbyn's hearing aid fell to the ground by accident. A student picked it up to return it to Nelson Corbyn, but he beat them up. Several other students got involved and the hearing aid eventually fell down the drain during the scuffle," the class

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Grace frowned. Nelson was not someone who would pick a fight with others for no reason. The truth was probably not as what the teacher said.

Sure enough, when she looked at Nelson, she saw an aggrieved expression on Nelson's face. Grace knew that Nelson knew what the teacher was saying even though he could not hear.

"Have you investigated the cause of Nelson's fight? And Nelson is here. What about the classmate he fought with? Where are they?"

"The children are in the infirmary, having their wounds tended to. They'll be here soon. I've also informed their parents. Nelson Corbyn and Nelson Corbyn's mother, apologize to them. You should pay them if they ask for compensation for medical expenses. I think they're reasonable people and the matter will end here," the class teacher said.

Grace asked, "Can we also ask them to compensate for the hearing aid and apologize to Nelson?"

The class teacher seemed displeased. "Who are you? I'm talking to Nelson Corbyn and Nelson Corbyn's mother."

"I'm Nelson Corbyn's godmother as well as a friend of Nelson Corbyn's mother. Of course, I need to find out why Nelson Corbyn should apologize and pay their medical bills when they don't have to do the same," Grace said coldly.

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"It's because Nelson Corbyn started the fight in the first place. Of course, he should apologize and his parents should compensate."

"How did you draw that conclusion?? Witnesses? Material evidence? Or just based on what the others in the fight said?"

"That person is the vice class monitor. Several other students who were involved also said Nelson Corbyn started it."

"But they're already in conflict with Nelson Corbyn. Even if they go to court, the judge might not believe them. But you're believing them without a doubt!"

"You..." The class teacher froze, and the displeasure on their face grew.

"What's the matter? Did my son and the others lie, then? It seems that you want to go to court. Alright, I'll see what the judge has to say about this!" A voice suddenly rang at the office door.

Chapter 2008

Grace looked up and saw a man and a woman walking in with a little boy about the same height as Nelson. The child's exposed wounds seemed much less severe than Nelson's. In comparison, Nelson should be the one who should have gone

to the infirmary.

The man who spoke up before looked at Grace and the others with haughtiness and disdain, while the woman next to him said, "You want to use the law against us? Okay, I'll send our lawyer over and see who's in the right."

The class teacher hurried forward to flatter them with compliments. They looked obsequious.

The little boy even made faces at Nelson Corbyn, behaving arrogantly.

Nelson Corbyn's drooping hands at his sides clenched tighter, and his little face flushed.

Lina's anger rose, and she immediately said, "Okay, let's go to court and see who's right. Nelson lost his hearing aid. We're not going to let this go so easily!"

He said, "What's the matter? Do you want to blame the issue of the hearing aid on us? He lost his hearing aid himself, yet you want us to take the fall for it? It was Nelson Corbyn who

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he's being criticized. Hmph, I heard Nelson Corbyn's mom has been to prison. They probably think they're all that. Like mother like son!"

Kyla turned ghastly pale as soon as she heard that.

Nelson could not hear anything, but he could read lips. He instantly got furious and wanted to rush forward.

Nelson would have rushed up had it not been for Kyla holding her son back.

Grace turned to Nelson and said, "Nelson, what happened? If you're the one who started the fight, I'll apologize to them with you. If you didn't do it and are being wronged, I'll get you justice!"

Nelson Corbyn stared blankly at Grace in front of him, who had been helping him since he met Grace at a very young age.

'My dream is to become a lawyer like aunt Cummins, who can help people who were wronged like Mommy.

'Now, I'm being wronged by my teacher, my classmates, and my classmates' parents.

'But aunt Cummins is... willing to trust me. aunt Cummins's eyes are telling me that she will believe whatever I say as long as I tell the truth!

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won't Mommy be sadder if she finds out about the truth?"

Nelson Corbyn hesitated.

His classmate's parents sneered. "Do you expect a deaf person to speak to you when he has lost his hearing aid? How good can the son of an ex-convict be?"

"What did you say? What do you mean by an ex-convict? It was a court misjudgment. I can sue you for slander for talking like that!" scolded Lina.

"What slander? Has she never been in prison? Even if the court misjudged, it was her own fault. She was too suspicious that the court made a misjudgment. Otherwise, why would the court misjudge her but not others?" They started victim-blaming.

Chapter 2009

Lina got so furious that she almost prepared to fight them with her pregnant belly.

Grace stopped her best friend and looked at Nelson Corbyn again. "Nelson, do you want to suffer this injustice and have your mommy suffer it with you? You're still a kid. You can't bear too much burden. But Aunt Lina and I can help you solve these problems."

Kyla also spoke to her son with sign language, asking him to tell the truth.

Nelson Corbyn finally told Grace in sign language that his classmates had bumped into him on purpose. After he fell, they snatched his hearing aid and wanted to crush it. He only fought to get his hearing aid back!

"Do they often do that to you?" asked Grace.

Nelson Corbyn nodded.

"Why? Is there a reason?" asked Grace.

Nelson Corbyn continued to speak in sign language. Grace's nose could not help feeling sore after understanding it. Kyla suddenly hugged her son while crying. "I'm sorry... I'm sorry!"

understand what Nelson Corbyn had just said. She could

only ask Grace anxiously, "What's Nelson saying? Why is Kyla crying like that?"

Grace said with a heavy voice, "Nelson said that the kids he fought with today often bully him in class. They say that his mother's an ex-convict and that he's disabled, so he doesn't deserve to be in the same classroom as them."

Lina's eyes widened as she listened. She did not expect third graders to... behave like this. She thought children this age should be simple, but now...

Should Nelson be discriminated against because Kyla was falsely accused and sent to prison and because he could not hear?

Just then, Lina's phone rang. She answered the phone and heard Hadwin Stephenson's voice from the other end of the line. She immediately sobbed nasally, "Hadwin..."

Hadwin Stephenson, who was on the other end of the line, heard Lina crying and immediately asked, "Lina, what's the matter? What happened?"

However, Lina had no idea how to tell Hadwin Stephenson what had happened here, so Hadwin Stephenson only said, "Where are you now? I'll come over!"

"I... I'm at the discipline office in Nelson's school," said Lina.

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Hadwin Stephenson knew about Nelson Corbyn's school. It was just next to Kyla's store.

Hadwin Stephenson hurriedly ended the call. After Lina ended the call, the married couple immediately said sarcastically, "What's the matter? Are you calling someone here? It doesn't matter if someone else comes. Speaking of which, disabled people should go to schools for disabled people. If the school accepts disabled students, others will probably wonder when it became a school for the disabled!"

Grace's face darkened. "Sir, please be polite. You're already suspected of discrimination by saying that!"

"What's the matter? I donate a lot of money to this school every year. Don't I have the right to think that some students aren't fit for this school?" the man said haughtily.

The woman nearby also said to the teacher, "I don't want to see disabled students and my son in the same class. If you insist on letting this child attend your school, we will no longer donate to this school. I'm certain a lot of parents won't want their children in the same classroom as a disabled child."

Chapter 2010

It was a direct threat.

The class teacher hurriedly gave them all sorts of compliments. After all, the person in front of them was the

school's VIP. Every year, they would donate millions to the school. Even the principal was respectful to them.

If they did join forces with other parents to go on strike, the class teacher would be in trouble.

The class teacher knew exactly what was going on, so they said to Kyla, "Nelson Corbyn's mom, hurry and apologize to them. Or I will have to tell the principal that your child is unfit to study here and you'll have to transfer schools."

Kyla held her son in her arms but felt disappointed.

She knew better than anyone else how hard it was to send her child to a regular school. Her son should have been a blessed child with good health, but because of her... he had to suffer at a young age.

Now... he was even being forced to apologize!

Once he apologized, it would be tantamount to admitting that it was her son's fault! However, Nelson did nothing wrong!

won't apologize, nor will I let my son apologize. I believe everything my son said. My son did nothing wrong!"

"Nelson Corbyn's mom, have you thought this through? If you don't apologize, I won't be able to put in a good word for you!" the class teacher said.

Kyla smiled sarcastically. "You're a teacher. You should find out the truth instead of taking sides like this. People would think you're their spokesperson!"

"You..." The class teacher's face instantly went red.

The mother of the boy who fought with Nelson snorted coldly. "It doesn't matter if you apologize or not. Our children don't want to be in the same classroom with a child from such a family!"

Lina was so mad that she nearly forgot about her pregnancy and started rolling up her sleeves to start scolding. However, a voice suddenly rang out at the door, "Since you don't want to be in the same classroom, then you can leave the school."

The people in the discipline office all looked over and saw a tall figure entering the room. He was wearing a suit and tie. He had a handsome face that was somewhat feminine. It was Hadwin Stephenson!

Lina was instantly delighted when she saw Hadwin Stephenson come over. "Hadwin!"

3/3 “Your eyes are red.” Hadwin Stephenson went up to Lina and raised his hand to caress her red eyes. “What’s going on? Are they kicking Nelson out of school?”

“Yeah, they’re going too far,” said Lina as she briefed Hadwin Stephenson about it.

Hadwin Stephenson glanced coldly at the class teacher and the married couple. “They’ve indeed gone too far.”

Although he had no feelings for Nelson, he knew that Lina adored the deaf child. He would not tolerate others insulting the child Lina adored.