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Chapter 2031

"All of a sudden?" He glanced at her already bulging belly. Speaking of 'all of a sudden', it was because she had gotten pregnant. They were considered late to only be getting married

now!

Lina also could not help smiling as she thought of this. She asked, "What made you suddenly think of marriage..."

Halfway through her sentence, she seemed to recall something and said, "Did Grace tell you about what happened when I went to the washroom today? You don't have to worry about it. Those two women were only blabbing about me when they said I'm a baby-making machine and you don't even like me. I didn't take what they said to heart. You don't have to marry me in a hurry just for that."

Hadwin Stephenson froze. "What's the matter? Did someone say that about you today?"

"Huh? You didn't know about it?" Lina froze.

Hadwin Stephenson's face was cold. Although Grace had told him someone was gossiping about Lina behind her back, he did not expect them to be so mean.

However, the woman before him still smiled nonchalantly as she consoled him by telling him that she did not care about it at all.

Hadwin Stephenson suddenly bent over and hugged Lina. "I want to marry you. I've been looking forward to it the most. It's just that many things have happened after we made up, so the matter of marriage kept getting delayed. I was careless. I thought it was just going to be delayed for a few days and forgot what you would have to face."

"Those gossips don't scare me!" Lina raised her hands as she hugged Hadwin Stephenson back. After experiencing so many things, what others said meant nothing to her. As long as he was with her and he loved her, she did not care about the rest!

Hadwin Stephenson muttered, "But I'm scared! I'm afraid those gossips will hurt you, your family, and even our children. I was supposed to give you a big wedding after I took care of things. But we can only register and get a marriage license first."

"Then... why don't you go to my house tonight and we'll tell my parents about it?" said Lina. After all, getting a marriage license was a big deal.

"Okay," said Hadwin Stephenson.

Lina hesitated for a moment before saying, "Do you... want to tell your mother?"

Hadwin Stephenson's eyes darkened. "No, we don't have to tell her about us getting a marriage license."

Hadwin Stephenson left the company with Lina. Hadwin Stephenson asked, "Does your family have any rules about a wedding proposal?"

"Rules?" Lina thought about it. "I've never heard my parents talk about any rules."

"What about other requirements?"

"Requirements?" She froze a little. "Do you mean those three gold items and bride price? I don't like wearing gold anyway, so I don't care even if I don't have three gold pieces. The bride price in Emerald City is usually 50,000 to 100,000 dollars."

50,000 to 100,000 dollars was nothing to Hadwin Stephenson. Therefore, Lina was not worried about it. Besides, she knew her parents only wanted her to marry well and would not ask her husband for anything.

Hadwin Stephenson said, "Really? Okay, I see."

However, they did not drive to the Sweeney family's apartment block but to a large shopping mall in Mason Swansonty. Half an hour later, Lina looked at the things Hadwin Stephenson carried in his hand. "Uh... Do you need to buy so many things?"

Besides, these things were worth a lot of money.

The bottle of wine that he wanted to give her father cost over 100,000 dollars. She felt her body shake when he swiped his card.

'A bottle of wine that costs more than 100,000 dollars. I wonder if Dad's heart will ache when he finds out about the price?'

Apart from that, the jewelry he bought her mother... was even more expensive. Lina thought it was better not to tell her mother the price.

"My parents will lose their minds when they see all these," Lina could not help saying.

"I'm proposing today, and time is tight. I can only buy a few things now and make up for it later."

Chapter 2032

'Make up for it? He wants to make up for it? How many things is he planning on buying for the proposal?' Lina was speechless.

Once they arrived at the Sweeney family's house, Lina unbuckled the seat belt to get down but saw Hadwin Stephenson still sitting in his seat, seemingly in a daze.

"What's the matter? Aren't you getting out?" she asked.

As if he just suddenly came back to his senses, he looked at her, took a deep breath, and said, "I'm getting out."

However, when Hadwin Stephenson went upstairs with Lina while carrying so many things, Lina suddenly looked at him and said, "What's the matter? Is it hot? Your forehead is sweating."

She said as she held a tissue and slightly stood on her tiptoes to wipe off his sweat.

"I'm nervous," he answered.

"Nervous?" A look of surprise flashed through her eyes. "Why are you nervous? Haven't you been seeing my parents very often these days? Besides, I'm sure they won't object when you tell them about us getting a marriage license!"

'Even so, I'm still nervous!' Hadwin Stephenson had always been calm no matter the situation, so he found it unbelievable himself. No matter how big a deal was, he could always face it calmly,

However, the thought of going to her parents to ask to marry their only daughter made him nervous. He was worried about saying the wrong thing in front of the two elderly.

He loved her, so the deeper the love, the more nervous he was and the more he could not bear the risk of losing her.

"I'm just worried that your parents are still a little dissatisfied with me and don't think I'm the best candidate to be their son-in-law," said Hadwin Stephenson.

Lina could not help smiling. "You're the best man my parents can ask for to be their son-in-law. Besides, I'm pregnant with your baby. Who else would I marry? I'll still marry you even if they object."

She looked intently at him, her round eyes full of determination. "I, Lina, will only marry Hadwin Stephenson." Her melodious voice was so powerful.

The look in her eyes and voice seemed to appease his tension little by little. "I, Hadwin Stephenson, will only marry Lina!"

They arrived at the Sweeney family's house. Lina had called her parents in advance and told her that Hadwin Stephenson would join them for dinner in the evening, so Mrs. Sweeney had prepared a table full of food.

When she saw Hadwin Stephenson come in carrying so many

things, she politely said, "Hey, why did you bring so many things when we're just having dinner? Are they for Lina?"

"No, they're for you two," said Hadwin Stephenson as he gave them their respective gifts.

Looking at the wine, Mr. Sweeney said with a chuckle, "This wine must be expensive. Let's have a nice drink together today!"

Lina dared not tell her father that the wine cost more than 100,000 dollars, which was her father's yearly salary.

When she saw the jewelry Hadwin Stephenson gave her, Mrs. Sweeney exclaimed, "This... This is too expensive. How much does it cost? It must cost hundreds of thousands of dollars!"

Lina wondered whether she should tell her mother it cost 20 million dollars, not hundreds of thousands!

However, if she did tell her mom, her mom was probably going to lock the jewelry in the bank safe!

Hadwin Stephenson said, "It's alright. You can wear it to attend my and Lina's wedding in the future, Aunt."

"Wedding?" Mrs. Sweeney froze, and Mr. Sweeney, who had unscrewed the cork of the wine bottle and was pouring it, also looked at Hadwin Stephenson blankly. He totally forgot about the wine.

Chapter 2033

Lina urgently said, "Dad, the glass is full. It's spilling!"

Mr. Sweeney then came to his senses and quickly stopped.

The married couple looked at Hadwin Stephenson and asked in unison, "You're getting married?"

Hadwin Stephenson answered affirmatively, "Yes, but Lina is too far along in her pregnancy. We can't have her be tired out by the wedding, so I plan to get the wedding license first. We'll have the wedding after the baby is born. I wonder if you're okay with that, Aunt and Uncle?"!

"Yes, yes, of course!" Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney said with a smile. Their daughter's marriage had always been their biggest

concern.

The married couple had wondered when to make a subtle mention of marriage, but Hadwin Stephenson just said it right

away.

"Do you have any requirements? I'll do whatever I can."

"All we want is for you to treat Lina well," said Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney.

Hadwin Stephenson gave a slight nod when he heard that. "Okay, I'll play it by ear then."

They had a peaceful dinner. Once it was over, Hadwin

Stephenson took the initiative to clean up the dishes and carried them to the kitchen to wash.

Mrs. Sweeney looked approvingly at her future son-in-law. Not many people with his identity and status were willing to do the dishes.

"You've found a good husband, so your father and I are relieved," Mrs. Sweeney said to her daughter emotionally.

Lina smiled and said, "Mom and Dad, Hadwin and I will be fine. You don't have to continue worrying about me. I'll be good to you two. You can go anywhere you want, even around the world."

"Around the world? We'll have to look after your baby

when they're born!" said Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney. Although Hadwin Stephenson would find the best nanny for the child, they still wanted to take care of their grandson or granddaughter.

Mr. Sweeney also joined the conversation with a smile. "Hadwin's a good kid. He has never been arrogant with our family. Don't bully him after you marry him!"

"How could I possibly bully him?" mumbled Lina.

"Bully?" Hadwin Stephenson's voice rang suddenly.

Lina looked in the direction and saw that he had already done

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the dishes and was walking out of the kitchen.

"Nothing!" she said quickly.

"Then take your household registration booklet and ID. Sleep at my place tonight and we'll register tomorrow morning," said Hadwin Stephenson.

"We're registering tomorrow?" Lina was a little overwhelmed. "Isn't that a little too soon?"

"Then when do you want to register?" Hadwin Stephenson raised his eyebrows and asked in reply.

"It's better to do it as soon as possible. Do you want to wait until the baby is born to register?" Mr. Sweeney smacked his daughter on the forehead.

Mrs. Sweeney hurriedly took their household registration booklet and her daughter's ID. She shoved them into her daughter's hand and whispered in her daughter's ear, "Hurry and register. We'll hold you solely responsible if you don't register tomorrow!"

Lina was speechless. 'How desperate is Mom to get me married?'

Chapter 2034

However, she did not have to pack anything to spend the night at Hadwin Stephenson's mansion. She had her clothes and daily necessities there. After returning to Emerald City, she alternated between staying at his mansion and her home!

Hadwin Stephenson drove while Lina sat on the passenger seat, looking at the man beside her.

His chiseled face and delicate features made him look more defined from the side.

His collarbones were exposed beneath his graceful neck.

'Am I... really going to marry him? After all these years of loving and hurting, am I finally marrying him?'

'We'll form a family together, raise our children together, and

grow

old together. Our hair will turn gray, and we'll have many children and grandchildren.'

She gently stroked her bulging belly at the thought. 'It won't be long before our baby is born. Whose looks will they take after?

'Will they look like him or me?

'If they take after his looks, they'll be beautiful whether they're a boy or a girl!'

She could not help chuckling at the thought.

"What's the matter? What are you laughing at?" he asked.

"I just thought of how funny dads with their kids are when I scrolled through those short videos earlier. I wonder how you'll be like with our child," she said,

"You'll find out when the baby is born," he said.

"I wonder if we'll have any conflicts or quarrels after our child's birth. I've seen online posts where many couples were fine at first, but they started having conflicts after their children were born," she said a little apprehensively.

"Stop looking at those posts. They'll only upset you. Even if we quarrel and have conflicts, I'll always be the first one to surrender," he said.

She was slightly stunned.

The car happened to come to a crossroad where there was a red light ahead.

Hadwin Stephenson stopped the car and turned to look at Lina. "I can't guarantee that we'll never quarrel, but you have to believe that you're the only one I'll love. We're going to be husband and wife tomorrow. I'm never letting go of you as long as I live."

Lina only heard her heart beating wildly as she stammered slightly, "I... I'm never letting you go either. My parents even

said they're worried I would bully you after we get married, How could I possibly bully you..."

'Gosh, what am I talking about?' Lina's face instantly turned red.

Hadwin Stephenson smiled slightly. "You're the only one who can bully me. Your parents had the foresight to tell you not to bully me..."

When the red light turned green, Hadwin Stephenson continued driving the car while Lina felt her heart beating strongly.

It beat so fast!

She was shy and delighted. She and Hadwin would be happy together.

Lina slept well in Hadwin Stephenson's mansion that night. She slept through the night and woke up in a daze in the morning. Hadwin Stephenson helped her wash her face and brush her teeth before helping her put on her clothes.

They needed to take registration photos when they registered, so Lina went out of her way last night to get matching outfits for Hadwin Stephenson and herself. They both wore white sweaters with beige pants and white sneakers today.

However, Lina was stunned when Hadwin Stephenson put on the outfit.

He was usually in a suit and tie. It was indescribably refreshing when he wore an outfit like that. Besides, he had always looked

young, so he now looked like a young man fresh out of college.

He could even star in an idol drama.

Chapter 2035

"Why are you in a daze?" Hadwin Stephenson asked as he approached Lina.

"I just think you... look like the male leads in idol dramas," muttered Lina.

Hadwin Stephenson smiled and raised his hand to gently stroke her cheek. "I'm your own male lead. I only want you to

concentrate on me."

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His gaze was like a dense web that she did not want to break free from.

Once they reached tMason Swansonvil Affairs Bureau, the two of them took their queue number and sat on chairs to wait. Lina took a photo of the interior hall of the marriage registry office and sent it to the chat group with Grace, Kyla, and herself.

Lina: [I'm getting my marriage license today.]

Moments later, Grace replied in the WeChat group.

Grace: [??? You're registering with Hadwin Stephenson today?]

Lina: [Yeah, we're waiting in line right now!]

Grace: [That's a happy occasion. Let's set a date to celebrate it!]

Kyla: [Lina, congratulations! I hope you and Hadwin Stephenson will grow old together!]

Lina: [Thank you. By the way, Kyla, is Nelson's hearing aid ready?]

Kyla: [The hospital informed us to collect it tomorrow.]

Grace: [Kyla, I'll go with you tomorrow.]

Lina: [I'm going too.]

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Grace: You're pregnant, so you shouldn't be going to the hospital so much. I'll accompany Kyla and Nels on tomorrow.]

Lina: [Then I'll book a private room in a restaurant and we can have a meal together. Consider it a celebration of my marriage!]

Grace: [Sure. Kyla, are you okay with that?]

Kyla: [Yes, let's celebrate Lina's marriage tomorrow!]

After the chat ended, Kyla smiled. Lina had found happiness, and she was happy for her.

She used to think Lina was in the same situation as she was in the past. When Lina and Hadwin Stephens on broke up, she was heartbroken and sorry for Lina. It was great that it ended this way.

"What's the matter? Did something good happen?" asked Mrs. Corbyn as she looked at her daughter.

Kyla smiled. "Lina and Hadwin Stephenson went to register their marriage today."

"Lina is lucky to meet a man like Hadwin Stephenson," said Mrs. Corbyn. She once heard Grace say Had win Stephenson only broke up with Lina to save her, not for power and wealth.

"Yes, she's a lucky woman, and she'll continue being lucky," said Kyla.

Mrs. Corbyn hesitated and said, "The matchmaker in the neighborhood asked me if I wanted to find you a boyfriend. again. She has some nice men she'd like to introduce you to."

"Mom, didn't I say that I don't want to find a boyfriend? I want to stay with Nelson and raise him until he's an adult," said Kyla.

"But you're alone without a partner. I'm worried," said Mrs. Corbyn. She was getting older and had no idea how many years she had left to live. Nelson was young, and her daughter was only in her 30s but did not even have a boyfriend. How could she not worry?

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Kyla pressed her lips together. She knew what her mother was worried about, but... "Mom, I'll save enough money for my retirement. Nelson is also a filial kid. He'll take care of me when I'm old, so you have nothing to worry about."

"Kyla, tell me the truth. Do you... still have feelings for Martin Weiss? Is he the reason you can't move on?" asked Mrs. Corbyn.

Kyla was silent. Martin Weiss was like an indelible mark to her. Though she had no feelings for Marlin Weiss now, she still could not forget him.

After all, he was such a major part of her life. He was even the one who crushed her ability to love someone!

She could not bring herself to start a new relationship. Once bitten, twice shy!

“Mom, it’s true that I can’t get over what happened in the past, but I don’t love Martin Weiss anymore. I know that better than anyone. Running a small business like this and being with you and Nelson is the life I want!”

Mrs. Corbyn sighed and said nothing else.

At the marriage registration office, Lina and Hadwin

Stephenson—

had filled in their registration forms, taken their photos, and were waiting to take their vows. They could only get their marriage license after taking their vows.

However, Lina could sense many people’s eyes on her and Hadwin Stephenson while they waited.

After all, she had a protruding belly, and Hadwin Stephenson was attractive.

Many brides and grooms, who were also waiting to take their vows, would look at them and whisper to each other from time to time.

Lina whispered to Hadwin Stephenson as well, “When the tabloids report our marriage, do you think everyone will say that you were forced to marry me because I’m pregnant?”

Lina meant it as a joke and did not overthink it.

Hadwin Stephenson glanced sideways at her. “That can only mean they don’t know me. I’ve never been the type to have a shotgun marriage. No one can carry my child unless I want them to.”

Lina froze. “Did I get pregnant because...”

Hadwin Stephenson’s eyes darkened. “Since I’m willing to let you do that, I’m ready to have a child with you. I only want children of my and your blood, not anyone else’s!”

He never wanted another woman to bear his children, and no woman could force him into a shotgun marriage.

He wanted to get married because he wanted to spend the rest of his life with her.

Lina immediately found her nose feeling a little sore.

When it was their turn to go on the platform to take their vows, Lina said her vows word by word. However, all she heard was Hadwin Stephenson’s melodious voice saying the same vows.

“From this day onward, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part...”

From now on, she was his wife, and he was her husband...

“Hadwin, I love you!” Lina said to Hadwin Stephenson as she looked at the marriage license in her hands when they returned

to the car.

“What should you call me now?” Hadwin Stephenson asked with a smile.

Lina froze. Then, she came back to her senses and said, "... Darling." Although she had already accepted him as her husband, she still blushed when that word escaped her mouth.

"Good girl, dear," said Hadwin Stephenson as he leaned over. He gently raised Lina's chin with one hand, and his thin lips kissed her on the lips.

"No matter what happens in the future, I'll give you my everything as long as you call me 'darling'," he said hoarsely. It was as if he could not kiss her enough.

"I can also give you my everything. No matter what happens in the future, we must be honest and not have any misunderstandings, okay?" muttered Lina.

Chapter 2037

"Okay," replied Hadwin Stephenson.

In the Sweeney family's living room, Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney looked at the exquisite letter Hadwin Stephenson's subordinate had brought over. After opening it, they could only see a list inside.

The contents on the list stunned the two honest and ordinary citizens, Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney.

The bride price was hundreds of millions of dollars, and there were all sorts of gold items, mansions...

"What are these?"

"They're the betrothal gifts Mr. Stephenson prepared. If there's anything else you'd like to add, feel free to tell us," they said respectfully.

"Add?" Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Sweeney looked at each other. There were already so many things that they had nothing to add!

There were so many that they were at a loss.

The next day, Grace accompanied Kyla and Nelson to the hospital to collect the hearing aid.

While Nelson was putting on and adjusting the hearing aid, Grace saw that Kyla was a little distracted as they waited outside.

"Kyla, what's the matter? Are you worried about Nelson's hearing aid?" asked Grace.

"Huh?" Kyla came to her senses, shook her head, and said, "No."

"Then what are you worried about? You look worried," asked Grace.

Kyla touched her cheek, smiled sadly, and said, "Nothing, it's just Paisley Daniels is out of prison."

“She’s out of prison?” Grace froze. Then, she remembered that yesterday was the day Paisley Daniels was released from prison.

With the pressure from the Weiss family, Paisley Daniels did not get a sentence reduction.

Therefore, she got out on the same date as what was initially sentenced to her.

“Why don’t I send someone to protect you and Nelson?” asked Grace.

“No thanks.” Kyla smiled. “Many years have passed, and the Kong family is no longer as glamorous as they used to be. Even if Paisley Daniels hates me, she might not be able to do anything.”

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Just then, a voice suddenly rang beside them. “Grace, Kyla, it’s... It’s you guys.”

They looked up in the direction of the voice as it was familiar.

It was Chase, Chase Harper!

Grace froze. She did not expect to run into Chase here.

The once shy and honest man now looked older than his actual age. He was dressed in casual clothes and had some faint gray hair at the temples. He was also holding a cute little girl.

“Chase, it’s been so long since we last met,” said Kyla.

Grace said, “Chase, what a coincidence. This child is...”

“Oh, this is my daughter. She’s three,” said Chase Harper before turning to the little girl beside him and saying, “Juliet, this is aunt Cummins and aunt Corbyn. Say hello to them!”

Chapter 2038

Juliet Harper said politely, “Hello, aunt Cummins. Hello, aunt Corbyn.” She looked so adorable with her cutesy voice and face.

However, the little one’s voice sounded a little nasally, so Grace said, “Does Juliet have a cold?”

“Yeah, she has a small cold, so I brought her to the hospital for a check-up. What about you?” said Chase Harper.

“Nelson lost his hearing aid. We came to the hospital today to collect his new one,” said Grace.

Kyla saw that Juliet’s hair was a little messy, so she crouched down and said to the little one, “Why don’t I fix your hair? Otherwise, it’s going to be all over the place.”

Juliet blinked and nodded. She was not afraid of strangers.

Therefore, Kyla took a small comb from her bag and combed Juliet’s hair.

Grace looked at Chase Harper and said, "Congratulations on getting married. Your child is so big now. It's a pity that I didn't get to attend your wedding dinner back then."

Chase Harper was one of the few people who did not look at her differently when she was at her worst, and he had even helped her before. Grace had always been grateful.

However, as soon as she said that, he unexpectedly chuckled

bitterly. "My wife and I are divorced." It was obvious that he did not want the child to hear that, so he kept his voice low.

"I'm sorry," said Grace, also slightly embarrassed.

Chase Harper smiled faintly. "It's nothing. Since we're not right for each other, it's better to separate than stay together. It's better for our child like this than letting her live in a family where there are disputes and quarrels all day long."

Just then, Kyla was done braiding Juliet Harper's hair. Juliet Harper skipped over to him and asked, "Daddy, do I look good?"

Guilt could not help flashing across Chase Harper's eyes as he looked at his daughter's neatly combed braids. These braids were indeed much better than what he could do.

After the divorce, he had tried his best to be both a father and mother figure for her, but there were some things a grown man with a daughter could not do very well.

"Yes," said Chase Harper. Then, he turned and said to Kyla, "Thank you."

"Don't mention it," Kyla said with a smile.

Just then, Nelson Corbyn walked out of the nearby consultation room. After seeing Chase Harper, he shouted with some

surprise, "Uncle Harto!"

Nelson had not forgotten Uncle Harto, who took him to the amusement park and gave him many toys when he was little. It was just that they had not stayed in touch much after they moved and eventually grew out of touch.

Chase Harper looked at Nelson and could not help saying emotionally, "You've grown so much!" Then, he turned and said to his daughter, "This is Brother Nelson I told you about. Come on, say hi."

"Brother Nelson, my name is Juliet Harper," Juliet said cutely. She opened her arms to Nelson Corbyn, clearly gesturing for a hug.

Nelson Corbyn did not refuse and picked up Juliet.

A nine-year-old was carrying a three-year-old. Although Nelson Corbyn was considered tall for a child his age, it was a little hard for him to hold a little girl who was 100cm tall.

However, Nelson held her seriously and said to Juliet, "Juliet, hello."

"Brother Nelson, you're so handsome. More handsome than Daddy made you out to be!" the little one said as her two small hands touched Nelson Corbyn's face curiously.

Chapter 2039

Nelson Corbyn had inherited Kyla and Martin Weiss's best features. Even though Nelson Corbyn had a hearing defect, many girls in school had confessed to him or sent him love letters. One could imagine how good-looking he was.

Even Lina said Nelson would attract many women when he grew up.

Just then, Juliet's hand touched Nelson Corbyn's hearing aid. The little one curiously wanted to take it to see what it was. Chase Harper hurriedly stopped her and said, "Juliet, don't play with Brother Nelson's hearing aid!"

Juliet seemed frightened by her father's sudden shout, and she stiffened immediately.

Nelson patted Juliet and said, "I can't hear without this, so I can't casually take it off."

Juliet asked in confusion, "You can't hear? You won't be able to hear without this?"

"Yeah," answered Nelson Corbyn,

Suddenly, Juliet's expression seemed even more nervous than Chase Harper's just now. "Then you must take good care of this thing and not lose it."

"Okay." Nelson Corbyn smiled.

Before Chase Harper left with his daughter, he exchanged phone numbers with Grace and Kyla. He also learned that Kyla had opened a store next to Nelson Corbyn's primary school.

Juliet said reluctantly to Nelson Corbyn, "Can I still play with you in the future? I'll protect your hearing aid and not lose it."

The little one became particularly worried about the hearing aid after learning that Nelson Corbyn had lost it before.

Nelson Corbyn's beautiful eyes looked at Juliet. 'A girl who's only three years old is trying to... protect my hearing aid?'

"Okay, we'll play in the future," whispered Nelson Corbyn.

Once Juliet and Chase Harper left, Grace, Kyla, and Nelson came to the private room in the restaurant that Lina had

booked.

Grace and Kyla also gave Lina their respective wedding gifts.

Grace gave her a crystal lamp. When you turned it on, the shadow was the silhouette of two people embracing each other. It was very delicate.

Kyla handed Lina a small gift box. Lina opened it and saw a jade pendant that was very clear and bright. You could tell it was a good piece of jade, probably costing about tens of thousands of dollars.

The money was certainly not a small sum for Kyla, so Lina

hurriedly said, "Kyla, your gift is too expensive. You don't have to give me such an expensive-

"I bought this a long time ago. I thought it carried a good meaning. Now, I'm giving it to you to wish you a happy marriage," said Kyla.

She bought the jade pendant in the hopes that she and Martin Weiss could have a happy future. Now, it was great that Lina could live out the dream she could never realize.

Seeing Lina still hesitating, Kyla said, "I'll be sad if you don't accept it."

Lina could not reject Kyla anymore and accepted her jade pendant.

Lina was shocked to learn that Kyla, Grace, and Nelson had run into Chase Harper in the hospital.

"Chase Harper has a daughter named Juliet. She's quite cute and clung to Nelson," said Grace.

Chapter 2040

"Wow, it seems Nelson is popular with little girls. Even three-year-olds like Nelson," quipped Lina.

Nelson Corbyn's young but handsome face could not help blushing. He was thin-skinned and had no idea what to say, so he could only eat with his head down.

However... Juliet was the first person to offer to help him protect his hearing aid. Nelson Corbyn's long eyelashes quivered a little, and what flashed through his mind was that he would play with her when he met Juliet again next time.

After lunch, the group walked out of the restaurant and bade goodbye to each other. Lina got into the Stephenson family's car, while Grace sent Kyla and her son back to their store first.

A woman was sitting in a cafe next door. Her eyes stared intently at Kyla's figure as she got into the car.

'Kyla... We meet again!'

Paisley Daniels said grimly to herself. Her misfortune was caused by Kyla.

The Kong family had fallen, and she had spent five years in prison where she was tortured and ridiculed! She used to live glamorously and was the future mistress of the Weiss family. Many people fawned over her.

However, anyone could trample on her in prison. Many female prisoners far inferior to her would trample on her to gain a distorted sense of existence.

All she could do was endure it and wait for the day she could get out of prison.

'Kyla... Why should I suffer when this woman can live a peaceful life with her son?

'Even though Kyla didn't get together with Martin Weiss, I could've been with Martin if it weren't for Kyla!

'Kyla doesn't want Martin but is unwilling to let me have him!'

Paisley Daniels's heart became filled with pain and hatred at the thought of Martin Weiss.

She had done so much for the man, but the man was so ruthless to her in the end. He was more ruthless to her than Kyla back

then!

'I must let this man taste pain. Definitely!'

At night, Grace told Jason about her encounter with Chase Harper during the day. Jason could not help frowning. Speaking of which, if he were asked which man's presence posed the biggest threat to him back then, one was Brian while the other was Chase Harper.

Although Chase Harper came from an ordinary family, looked ordinary, and did not seem to have any redeeming qualities, he was a so-called 'nice man'.

Jason felt more threatened because of his 'nice' personality.

He knew that Grace liked 'nice people'. She had also taken him back to her rental house because he was a 'nice person'.

"Were you happy?" he asked.

"Of course, I'm glad to have met an old friend after a long separation, but he might not be very well off now. I find it a little..." Before Grace could finish speaking, Jason suddenly grabbed her.

The next moment, his lips were already on hers and he was kissing her hard.

"Um... Jay..." As soon as Grace opened her mouth, Jason took the opportunity to silence her voice.

She was almost out of breath from his possessive kiss.