

## A Lifetime Love chapter 6

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Three hours later, a piece of news spread across the quiet city. It had even become much more popular than the news of how Denver Salisbury had disappeared on the day of his wedding. The new piece of shocking news was about how Denver's bride had gotten a stand-in groom. What was most interesting about it was the stand-in groom's identity—the only son of the Riviere family. The man being the only son was not the only thing that shocked the others. What was more impressive was how he was supposedly extremely handsome and intelligent. Furthermore, he graduated from the University of Quadfield, a top university in the world, and had gone back to his home country to take over his family business at the young age of twenty-three. In just three years and a half, he had managed to expand the Riviere family's business by several times. In other words, Lucien had become one of the few young entrepreneurs in the country. He was the man who was going to bring the Riviere family to greater heights. Yet, a man like him had suddenly gotten into a shotgun marriage. Furthermore, his wife was the bride Denver had left behind. Everything was simply unbelievable to the public. The only son of the Riviere family had a much higher standing than Denver of the Salisbury family. Nevertheless, Lucien had lowered himself to get together with a woman that even Denver did not want. Nothing made sense to the public, but still, it was a fact that they had to accept. Thus, three hours later, that piece of news began appearing across various media sources' headlines and was trending on the internet. The tag was "LucienSeraphina." The Hoult family used to be a powerful family, but by the time it came to Seraphina's generation, its power was steadily declining. Zachariah Hoult and Elizabeth Swane had four daughters at the start. After those four daughters, Elizabeth became pregnant with a pair of fraternal twins—a boy and a girl. That delighted the Hoult family, but unfortunately, due to maldevelopment, the doctors had not been able to save the baby boy during the birth of the twins. Seraphina, the other twin, was the only one left. Thus, Seraphina had been thought of as a harbinger of bad luck. Not long after her birth, she and her grandmother went to live on Mount Malachite. For many years, she never left the mountain. Hence, her relationship with her parents was average at best. Currently, Seraphina's grandmother was ill, and the Hoult family was in a financial crisis. Left without a choice, the Hoult family resorted to agreeing to a union with the Salisburys. Upon hearing that the infamous Denver was going to be their husbands, both the third and the fourth daughters, who were single, refused to agree to the marriage. It was then they thought about Seraphina, who everyone nearly forgot about. Seraphina was raised by her grandmother. Naturally, she would be attached to the latter. In the past two years, her eighty-four-year-old grandmother had been in poor health. Her grandmother was devastated by the thought of how her granddaughter was going to be left all alone once she passed away. Even now, Seraphina could still remember what her grandmother had said to her that day at the hospital. Her grandmother had said, "Sera, I can't take care of you forever. This is a good opportunity for you. I've sent someone to find out more about him. Although Denver has some character flaws, the Salisbury family is a wealthy family. If you marry into their family, you'll live a life without worries. Furthermore, Denver's mother is a good woman. If luck is on your side and you give birth to a son or two for them, the Salisbury couple will surely treat you well." Thus, Seraphina agreed to it. She had two reasons for doing that. One was a selfish reason—she wanted to make her grandmother happy. Even if everything fell through in the end, at the very least, her grandmother would be able to witness her marry someone. That would be a joyous moment she would be able to give to her grandmother, the one who had raised her. Secondly, although her grandmother lived a reclusive life, she was always concerned about the Hoult family's business. She did not wish to see the Hoult family end up in ruins. That was why Seraphina had sacrificed herself and agreed to the union. Yet, she never thought that something as humiliating as this would have happened on the day of her wedding. Fortunately, she managed to grab someone to become her stand-in groom. However, she belatedly realized that her stand-in groom seemed to be someone difficult to deal with. "Ms. Seraphina, Mr. Riviere has asked me to send you to the Riviere residence." Lucien's driver had driven the black Bentley over, and his voice snapped Seraphina back to reality.