

Ex-Husbands Regret Chapter 431 -435

Ex-Husbands Regret Chapter 431-His tone ensured that there was no-room for argument. You either agreed or I agreed.

“Yes, Mr. Wood,” she stammers, fear etched in her face at the blatant threat.

“Now, go back to work. We don’t pay you to come to work to make friends in the hopes of getting favors.” Her cheeks turn pink in embarrassment before she quickly turns around and scurries away. The rest, just pretend like they didn’t see yet another lashing.

with that, he gently ushers me to the elevator. Once it closes, I turn to him.

“you and your brother can be terrifying when you want to,” I tell him in honesty.

I’ve heard of them. Heard of the Wood duo. Even my parents were scared of them back then, and they were not even I Ey * Vw SSeSe— twenty-three. They could easily intimidate anyone. Those who cross them, let’s just say they never recovered I mean Ava and I are a perfect example of just how they can destroy you.

He shrugs as if it was nothing. “It comes with the territory. It’s either eat or be eaten.” “How did you find out about Rebecca, because I’m sure you showing up wasn’t just a coincidence.” I ask completely puzzled.

I don’t know why. For some reason it was just easy to talk to Rowan. Maybe because I’ve seen a different side of him. A warmer and down-to-earth Rowan.

He is completely different from the cold, bitter and angry guy I left when I chose to flee this country years ago.

“Because of the news, Gabe was afraid that there were some who would try to cause you trouble. He monitored you through the cameras when Christopher asked you to get the reports, Since he’s in a meeting, he couldn’t come to you when that woman cornered you, so he sent me.” I try to stop them, but I can’t.

Yeah, I can’t stop those stupid warm fuzzy feelings that are currently filling up my body.

“I didn’t need the help, but thanks nonetheless” I mutter, trying to get myself under control.

“Any time, Harper,” he responds with a smile.

We get to the top floor and get out of the elevator. After Rowan says goodbye, I hand over the reports to Christopher, before heading to my little office.

I get busy with work, losing track of time.

It wasn't until there is a firm knock on my door, that I realize I've sitting on my chair for hours.

[The door opens to reveal Gabe who had boxes of what I assume is food, if I were to go by the smell.

"I brought lunch," he drawls.

"Christopher said you've been cooped up in here for hours." "check my phone, only to realize that it wasn't indeed lunch time! Gabriel crosses the room before taking a seat. He motions for me to join him and weirdly enough I do. I get up from behind my desk and take the chair opposite him.

He removes the foods from the bags, before handing some to me. I don't know what the heck/'doing?'im should be putting a stop to this. To whatever was happening, but I don't.

Instead, I take the food and breathe in the aroma before dig in.

We eat in silence, and I'm so fucking grateful when he doesn't bring up what happened yesterday.

I "I want to take you out for dinner on Saturday" he informs me once we are done eating.

"Gabriel" I go to say, but he cuts me off.

I "It's no fucking secret that I want you, Harper" he states in a husky voice. "So, I'm going to do anything in my power to have you jim telling you this just so you are prepared, because this time, I'll be the one chasing after you." Fuck. What the hell do you say to something like that? Him coming after me isn't the problem, the problem is, am I ready for him? I'm I ready for what this means?

Ex-Husbands Regret Chapter 432-"It's been decided, Sierra and I are now best friends," Lilly says as she walks into the kitchen where I was having my coffee while our cook prepared breakfast.

It is Saturday, so I didn't have work and she didn't have school. Today we could just chill, lazy around and just relax. After the hectic days I had at work, I needed a break.

"you like her that much, huh?" I sip my coffee, trying to hide my smile.

"Definitely," she gets up on the bar stool before taking a banana. "We have alot in common. She loves exploring and reading, just like me." When she first told

me about Sierra, never thought that it would lead to them being best friends. I should have seen it I coming given that Lilly would talk about her every day at dinner.

I My lovely girl has never had a bestfriend.

Like I said, she shied away from forming close friendships with the other children at her former school.

I never really understood whether it was because she cared more about studying than playing, or she just didn't connect with them, or it was because she thought she was mature, and they were too childish for her taste. Either way, she just never clicked with them like she had with Sierra.

"I'm glad to hear that, my sunshine" I reach out, pull her to me, and kiss her temple before releasing her. "I'm happy to hear that you've finally found a girl you are genuinely happy to be around." Honestly, I haven't met Sierra, but I could kiss her right now for bringing Lilly out of her cocoon.

"I'm happy too," she says with a smile "Did you know that Sierra is only a year older than me? But because she's really smart, she skipped one grade. That's why she's in the same grade as Noah even though Noah is older than her." I Well, that is something I didn't know. But then again, how could I have known?

Before I can say anything, she continues.

"I also want to skip a grade or two. I am as smart as she is, and besides, most of my friends aren't even in my class." If I am being honest, I wasn't really sure about her skipping classes. Sure, I did notice that, apart from Sierra, her other close friends are Noah and his best friend Gunner. There are also a few others, but most of them are in Noah's class, so I do get why she would want to be in the same grade.

"we'll talk about it if your teacher ever brings it up, okay?" I finally tell her I I'm not saying that I don't believe she's bright enough to be allowed to skip grades, all I'm saying is that schools can be tricky to navigate at times and they don't always offer that kind of chance to I 2 kid.

I She nods her head, her smile never slipping from her face, "By the way, can we have Sierra over for a sleep-over one day?" Yeah, my girl is definitely bewitched.

Remember I mentioned she's never invited anyone over for a sleepover and has never attended one even though she got numerous invites. What the hell was this? Not that I am complaining or anything.

"you'll have to ask your dad, Lilly" I smile and I literally amgst burst at the seepiswith Exoitement seeing my baby coming out of her shell.

"Ask me what?"

Gabriel's deep, husky and sleepy voice sounds from behind us. Both Lilly and I turn to stare at him. He had on pajama pants, and a black fitting t-shirt. His hair was messy in a sexy way and he was barefoot. Call me crazy, but there is just something sexy about that.

"I was wondering if I could invite my friend Sierra over for, a sleep over one day," Lilly fills him in, as Gabriel walks to her and kisses her temple.

Ex-Husbands Regret Chapter 433-"Isn't that the girl Noah hates?" Gabriel asks with a raised eyebrow, I'm surprised by his question, so I ask for one of my own "You know about her?" "Yes, I remember Noah had once invited everyone except her to his birthday party.

Ava didn't like that at all, and it had caused a huge fight between them. Noah eventually caved, because this is Ava we are talking about and he loves his mom.

Sierra came to the party, but Noah ignored her the whole time. She spent most of that party exploring or glued to Ava's side." Lilly like the girl she is, she just rolls her eyes before chiming in. "Noah only hates her because Sierra likes him.

I don't get it, but she is kind of cool and I like her.

Yesterday we became official best friends." Gabriel gives her a warm smile. "You can have her over for a sleep-over anytime, Lilly. Anything for you." This time I'm the one who rolls my eyes.

I Gabriel was going to spoil Lilly.

I Thankfully, I'll be there to make sure she I doesn't turn into a spoiled brat.

We don't speak a lot after that. Breakfast was served and we all dug in. Lilly finishes before the rest of us and leaves to go to her room.

I finish my breakfast and bring my utensils to the sink. I was just about to leave when Gabriel grabs my hand and leaved.

"About our date tonight" he starts, as I try to ignore the currents that were zapping inside me from his touch.

I gently pull my hands from his and fold them under my ribs. "It's pretty presumptuous of you to think that I am going on that date when I didn't even agree to it." "I'm not being presumptuous, I'm just confident," he says with a shrug and a party melting smile.

I More like cocky if you ask me.

I “Besides,” he continues. “It’s just a date, what do you have to lose?” He was right. What did I have to lose? Besides, who would pass up the chance of a child free night, good food and good wine? “Fine,” I agree, but it’s only because of the good food. “Is that all?” He shakes his head, before handing me a black credit card. “I meant to give you this, but it kept slipping my mind. Lilly got a new wardrobe and, as my wife, you need one too. Go shopping and buy yourself some things. You can even get a sexy dress to show off your curves for our date.” He says the last part with a wink, making me roll my eyes. I look at the card, debating whether I should take it. [I know I how our world works. I’ve been there before, and I know fashion is everything.

I was no longer the simple Harper I used to be. Sure, I am not into the latest fashion and dressing up to be noticed, but I also feel that my clothes are old and worn out. I don’t remember the last time I went shopping and bought something for myself. My focus was always Lilly and keeping a roof over our heads, especially after Liam passed.

“I’m off,” I announce, making them turn

I mumble a thanks as I take it, grateful that he doesn’t stop me again when I leave. Getting to my room, I shower and then get ready.

When I’m done, I get out and find Gabriel in the living room, sitting on the couch with a tablet. Lilly, who was present was on the carpet with her books spread out.

) towards me. “Will you go to the office?” Gabriel told me that he would sometimes need to go to the office on Saturdays; so I was just confirming. I needed to know who will be watching Lilly.

He shakes his head. “Nope. Lilly and I get to spend the whole day together.

Isn’t that right princess?”

Ex-Husbands Regret Chapter 434-“Yes, dad,” Lilly answers with a sweet smile, before her focus goes back to her books.

“Alright then, I’ll see you in a couple of hours.” “Pamper yourself, Harper. You can even go to the spa if you want to,” Gabriel calls behind me.

I just wave him off, before stepping into the elevator. Minutes later, I’m on my way to the mall.

We get to the mall and I get out of the car after thanking the driver. I start at the first floor, making my way up the floors. I decide against a spa day. I just wanted to shop today and then go back home.

Four hours later, my hands were full of shopping bags and I had yet to find something good for the date tonight. Deciding to take a break before I continued, I spot a small cozy café. It looked like the perfect place to enjoy a good milkshake in this hot weather.

Damn, I just wanted to put these ‘ shopping bags down. Our driver told me that he wouldn’t leave till I’m done.

Maybe I can call him and ask him to come pick them up. I couldn’t continue shopping while lagging them around.

I enter the café, my mind focused on finding a table. I could hear a group of women as I walked to the front to make my order, but I didn’t pay attention. Well, that is until someone called my name.

“Harper?” I turn around to find Ava and two other women seated on a table behind me.

“Hi, sorry I didn’t see you there,” I began sheepishly, hoping they didn’t think I was a snob. “My focus was getting off my feet and getting a cold drink.” “No problem, come join us,” she says sweetly.

I look between the three women, not really sure if I’d be intruding. I knew Ava, but I didn’t know the rest. The last thing I wanted was for them to think I was intruding on them.

“Wouldn’t I be intruding?” I ask, staring at them.

“No, not all” She replied. “This is Scarlet, but we call her Letty, and this is Connie.

This over here, is Harper, Gabe’s wife.” she introduced them before introducing me.

“Oh my gosh, you’re so beautiful” Letty gushes. “Travis is going to be so jealous when I tell him I met Gabe’s wife before he did. He’s been going on and on about how Gabe got married and didn’t tell him.

He is also miffed that Gabe refused to tell him who his wife is.” “please sit down,” Connie tells me with a smile, pulling the chair beside her.

“Phank you. Let me just make my order. I’ll be right back,” I tell them as I place my bags on the floor.

I rush over to the counter quickly. Put in an order for an Oreo milkshake before get back to the table.

“Don’t you agree, Harper?” Ava asks when I sit down, but I just stare at her in confusion.

“I’m not sure what I’m supposed to agree with.” She fully turns to me when I tell her that.

“Letty doesn’t understand why I easily forgave Emma when I can’t seem to forgive Mother and Travis. She also doesn’t understand why everyone else got forgiveness except those two, including Rowan and his family.”

I’m a little behind, but I do know Travis is Emma and Ava’s brother. I also don’t

really understand how she was able to forgive Rowan given the shit he put her through, but I choose to remain silent, so she continues.

I “Here is my reasoning when it comes to Emma. The only beef I had with Emma was her being an total bitch when she came back, and even though it grated on my nerves, I understood her, after all I did sleep with her boyfriend, drunk or not. It lasted a couple of months, but despite that, she did save my life.

Ex-Husbands Regret Chapter 435-I Mother and Travis, on the other hand; treated me like shit for years. You see I where I am coming from? Almost a decade of putting up with them treating me like I was nothing. Which is easier to forgive? A couple of months of being treated like shit or years?” She pauses takes a deep breath, then continues “As for Rowan’s family, it wasn’t easy to forgive them, but we are working through it. It was however easy to let go because at the end of the day, they were only looking out for Rowan. I wasn’t family so they had no loyalty to me. I’m not saying that what they did is right though. They mostly just ignored me.

Mother and Travis were supposed to be my family and yet they turned their backs on me. For years they treated me like I didn’t matter. For years they broke me

down in favor of Emma. I know what I did was shitty, but I got my Karma and even then, even seeing this, they continued to dish out their own kind of Karma. They were rude, cold and intentionally hurt me over and over again, and I again I repeat, it went on for years. How am I supposed to get over that?” Everyone is silent even after she stops talking. I get what she means. And I completely understand her. It’s easier to heal a fresh wound than one that has been repeatedly stabbed over and over again.

stare at her, and again I notice she has carefully avoided saying anything about Rowan.

“Look,” I begin. “I don’t want to agree or disagree with you, but I’m the wrong person to ask about this. You know my story, and you also know that I’m still struggling with forgiving Gabriel for what he did.” d . Letty jumps in. “Ooh, I sense a story there.” I simply smile, but don’t say anything.

I’m not sure I’ll ever be ready to talk about my previous marriage to Gabriel.

I sense eyes on me, and I turn to find Ava’s brown eyes fixed on me. They were intense and seemed to search my soul.

“Anyway, I’ve got news” Connie says, getting everyone’s attention and clearing the somewhat tense atmosphere.

“Go on, share it” Letty pushes with excitement.

“well, Reaper will be coming home soon” Connie happily says, as joy radiates from her. “Just a month to go and he will no longer be in hiding. I can’t wait. I’m so happy and excited. I honestly never thought I’d fall in love, but loving Reaper is totally worth.”

“That’s amazing news,” Ava beams in \ happiness. “Finally, Iris will get to see her uncle more.” Eh what? Doesn’t Iris see Gabriel on a regular basis? \ I The others gush and give her hugs. They I were both happy for their friends. And I just like Letty said, I also sense a story there. I don’t have to wait long because they fill me in on everything. Including who Reaper is, how he and Connie met and also how he’s related to Iris.

When they are done, I fall back on my chair completely shocked. The shit Ava went through was hard, but it’s amazing how she survived. She’s been so much, and she’s still standing strong.

After that, we talk about anything and everything under the sun. Just like Lilly, I never connected With any of the woren? dalfed friends at home.

Not like I connected with Ava, Letty and Connie. It was honestly fun hanging out with them.

When we parted ways and I went home, I couldn’t help but feel like meeting them at that café was the beginning of something new. A blossoming of friendship.

I’ll loved every minute I spent with them. The content is on. CO IT”

I Being around them just felt right.