

Ex-Wife 1601

Chapter 1601

Xavier ran out of the manor when he realized something was wrong.

Meanwhile, Leia had used her connections to find Shirley's location.

Shirley had booked the top private room of a club and invited some of her loyal fans to a small gathering.

Many celebrities held such meetings with their fans privately to ensure their fans' loyalty and to get closer to their fans, and

Shirley was the most active in holding such gatherings because she didn't have a lot of fans.

However, despite their small numbers, Shirley's fans were very loyal to her.

They tried their best to make her look good, spent a lot of money on her, and condemned her competitors online.

Many celebrities tried their best to not fall out with Shirley, because if her fans found out, they would go all out to slander and

criticize them.

Although Leia was not a celebrity and had only joined a few episodes of a variety show, because of her relationship with Xavier,

Shirley's fans condemned her terribly.

Leia didn't even dare to go out these days because of them.

Currently, Leia was headed to Shirley's fan meeting to talk to her alone.

It was a rather bold move, but it was something she felt she needed to do.

Shirley had put her pure and innocent image aside in the private room, and raised her glass as she said to her fans, "Hi, my

Shirloves! Thank you for your hard work recently. Let me toast to you and you can enjoy yourselves!"

After that, she downed one liter of beer, and her blinded fans admired her straightforwardness.

"Look! Shirley is like a great heroine. How bright!"

"Yeah, she's the only idol I've followed ever since her debut. I knew I admired the right person!"

"Let's finish our drinks and toast to her fame!"

The group of around ten fans raised their glasses and gulped down their drinks.

Soon, the atmosphere became wild, and they all started to let loose.

People started to sing and play games, and the private room soon became chaotic.

After a few drinks, Shirley started to get tipsy.

She couldn't be bothered to pretend, and said to her fans, "I'm glad you all came today; it makes me so happy. Look at

me... People bullied me this year. They snatched away my shows, advertisements, and roles. Even my man has been taken from

me. If not for you guys, I would have long retired from this industry... Thank you so much. I think I'll have another drink."

Her statement saddened her fans, and they hated Shirley's enemies even more.

A female fan who was in her thirties became very agitated after hearing all this.

"Shirley, I know what you're going through. I divorced my husband this year. I'd spent more than ten years with him but my sister

bewitched him in two months. He wanted nothing but to divorce me and marry her... I hate homewreckers like them the most!

Scum like them should get beaten up!"

She burped and cracked a sinister smile.

"Do you know how I punished my sister when I caught my ex-husband cheating on me with her?"

"What did you do? Tell us!"

The others became curious as they urged her.

"I followed them to a hotel. When I opened the door, they were naked in bed... So, I grabbed my sister by the hair and dragged her

out onto the street!"

Chapter 1602

Shirley's fans were amazed by the lady's story.

"Homewreckers are immoral and shameless, so we don't have to be polite to them. If I see her again, I'm going to shave all her

hair off!"

The fan declared angrily.

It was a pitiful thing to be cheated on, and Shirley's story gained her a lot of support from her fans.

"Yeah, Shirley is too gentle. If that woman didn't meddle in her relationship, Shirley might be married to Mr. Stuart now. She'd be

more successful too! Leia wouldn't even have anything..."

The fans swiftly blamed Leia for Shirley's misfortune.

"Yeah, Shirley was the one who was betrayed, but that homewrecker bullied her instead. I can't take this. I won't let her go if I

have the chance!"

One fan declared, and the others quickly agreed.

They were one step away from going to Leia and teaching her a lesson.

Shirley smiled in satisfaction when she saw that.

She turned to her assistant nearby and said smugly, "See that? All my fans are waiting to see her. Let her in."

Her assistant had secretly told her that Leia wanted to meet her earlier, before they had started drinking.

When she heard that, Shirley had purposely influenced her fans' emotions and gotten them to drink and become rowdy.

If anything happened to Leia now, it was completely her fans' doing...

and had nothing to do with her.

Meanwhile, Leia was waiting at the door of the club.

The cold breeze made her uneasy.

She had rushed out of Everheart Manor without taking a coat, and her fitted woollen sweater was making her freeze in the 30.2

Fahrenheit night.

Back then, she would have happily barged in, but since she wanted to ask Shirley for a favor, she would have to be polite.

Shirley might outright refuse if Leia was rude, so she decided to wait for Shirley patiently.

Just as she was about to barge in because she couldn't take the cold, Shirley's assistant walked out and said, "Hey, Ms. White

would like to meet you."

"Really? She's...willing to see me?"

Leia's eyes brightened, and she tried to warm her hands with her breath.

"That's what I just said. Go in if you want," the assistant said grumpily, then turned and left.

"Of course I want to see her!"

This was what Leia had been waiting for.

Since Shirley had agreed to meet her, there was at least a twenty percent chance she'd agree.

Leia repeatedly told herself to stay calm and polite so Shirley would agree.

When she reached the door of the private room, she heard a lot of noise coming from inside.

Leia frowned and asked, "Is there something illegal going on in there? Why is it so noisy?"

Chapter 1603

"Nonsense! Ms.White is having a fan meeting.You're not a celebrity yourself, so of course you don't know how much fans like

their idols.They're clearly all having a good time,"

Shirley's assistant said smugly.

Although Shirley didn't have many fans, her fans' loyalty was top-notch.

Besides, celebrities had to rely on their loyal fans' support because popularity was not enough.

"I don't know about the other fans, but I know how wild Shirley's fans are.How could I not..."

Leia looked up at the private room and figured there must be quite a lot of Shirley's fans inside.

As the so-called wicked woman who had snatched away their idol's man, she would be courting death if she barged in

impulsively.

Finally, she realized why Shirley had suddenly agreed to meet her even though they were enemies.

Shirley was waiting for Leia to enter her trap.

The smart thing to do would be to turn around and leave, but the situation was urgent.

She had to take the risk and bite the bullet.

After taking a deep breath, she walked into the private room with Shirley's assistant.

"Keep quiet for a second, everyone! I need to introduce a special person to you," Shirley's assistant yelled at the group.

The fans were on a high from their drinking, and when they saw Leia behind Shirley's assistant, they couldn't believe their eyes.

"Ugh...Isn't that the young lady of the Osborne family? She's the lowlife who snatched away Shirley's man, right?"

"Yeah, it's definitely her. How shameless!"

"Great! We were discussing how to teach her a lesson and seek justice for Shirley, but she came here all on her own. How

convenient!"

Some of the fans looked at Leia hungrily like they wanted to pounce on her and beat her up.

Shirley smiled as she sat on the sofa, looking at Leia like she was a clown.

"Ms. Osborne, I'm having a gathering with my fans, but here you are. Are you feeling guilty perhaps? Would you like to kneel and

apologize to me in front of my fans?"

Her hint filled her fans with excitement, and they started to rebuke Leia fiercely.

"Shameless witch! Get down on your knees and say sorry to Shirley!"

"Kneeling and saying sorry is nothing! I say we should strip her and shave her hair, then leave her at the crowded Circle Street

and make everyone spit on her!"

The fans all had their different ideas of how to punish Leia, but all of them were wicked and vulgar.

Leia clenched her fists and tried to calm herself down, then she said to Shirley politely, "I'm here to negotiate a business deal

with you. It's big...so big that it can satisfy all your requests. Would you like to discuss it with me?"

"A business deal?"

Shirley's expression changed a little and she scoffed.

"You're probably just lying to protect yourself. I don't think there's any business deals you can offer me."

Chapter 1604

Leia rolled her eyes as if she was talking to a stupid person. "You need to get something straight, okay? I'm fearless, so I don't

need protection. Plus, I wouldn't have come in if I thought I was in danger. I'm here to sincerely negotiate with you."

Shirley met her agent's eyes cautiously and said, "Fine. Let's talk in the inner room." She waved at her fans and smiled at them.

"Go ahead and enjoy yourselves. I'll settle this and come out right away."

Shirley's fans immediately stopped her, looking concerned. "No, this woman is cunning. You'll be bullied if you go with her." "You

don't have to be polite with such a shameless woman. We'll make her get down on her knees and say sorry to you first!"

Shirley's agent tried to mediate the situation. "Calm down, Shirley will be fine. Just let them talk privately. We can always get

revenge for her if anything happens."

The fans let it go since it made sense.

The private room was big, with a small inner room of around eight or nine square meters generally used for couples who wanted

to have some private time. Leia and Shirley both entered the room, and the atmosphere in the small space grew tense.

"What would you like to talk about?" Shirley closed the door and sat on the sofa with her legs crossed, staring at Leia coldly.

"I want to ask if you still like Xavier and want to be with him." Leia stood in front of Shirley and clenched her fists as she tried to

stay calm.

"Why are you asking? Did you come here to humiliate me since you've won and Xavier is fawning over you?" Shirley's face,

which resembled Renee's, twisted in jealousy. She gritted her teeth and sneered, "Listen-you haven't won as long as you and

Xavier aren't married. I have many ways to make him come back to me, so don't be too smug." "Really? You think you can make

him go back to you?" Leia snorted sarcastically.

"Yes!" Enraged, Shirley continued, "Do you think he cares that much about you? If he did, he would have sought revenge for you

when my fans bullied you. When he tried to promote me, he would always ban my enemies when they exposed my past. Isn't it

obvious that he doesn't care about you?"

Leia was jealous when she heard Shirley talk about how Xavier took care of her, but she wasn't sad. It was the truth-Xavier had

helped promote Shirley, and anyone who paid close attention to the entertainment industry would know how much Xavier had

doted on Shirley. That attention had earned Xavier the label of 'top kiss-ass in Beach City'. It was old news and Leia knew it, so

she remained calm when Shirley brought it up.

“Anyone who read the news would know how much Xavier doted on you, but that’s all in the past. He doesn’t care about you,

and if what I heard is right, it looks like he’s going to suspend you from work,” Leia retorted.

Chapter 1605

“How dare you!” Shirley did not expect Leia to stay unaffected, and abruptly stood up to slap her.

Leia grabbed Shirley’s wrist and said coldly, “Do you know what kind of relationship causes the most regret? The kind you had

with Xavier. Did he love you? Yes, he loved you so much that he doted on you without any boundaries. He helped you get your

glory, but then he had a change of heart. You must be grieving because of it, right?” “You...! What is it you want? I knew you

were here to make fun of me. I even thought that you had some kind of bargaining chip...” Shirley cursed angrily and tried to

struggle free. Her face twisted as she threatened, “If I scream, my fans will enter the room. Then, they’ll drag you out and teach

you a hard lesson.” “Yes, I’m aware of that. After all, fans always take after their idols!” Leia let go of Shirley’s hand and

continued aloofly, “Don’t worry, I didn’t have to come here to argue with you. I’m just here to confirm whether you still love Xavier

and want to be with him.” “Of course!” Shirley couldn’t figure out what Leia wanted, but she knew Leia wouldn’t come here on

purpose to humiliate her. There must be a huge favor Leia wanted to ask her for, and the bargaining chip was most probably

Xavier.

“What are you willing to sacrifice for the chance to be with him again?” Leia asked Shirley icily.

“What does it have to do with you?” Shirley narrowed her eyes at Leia suspiciously.

“Yeah, it’s none of my business, but it’s related to whether or not you can get Xavier back. If you want to get back together with

him, stop being so rebellious and just answer my questions honestly,” Leia snapped at Shirley.

“I didn’t think I loved him that much, and just used him as a tool to gain power... but I know what I felt when he was disappointed

in me and went to you. I guess I really do love him a lot. If you want to know how much I'll sacrifice for him, I can't really say for

sure... Maybe... My life?" Shirley frowned and said mockingly.

"No, it's not that serious. You just need to give up something of yours." Leia stopped beating around the bush and got straight to

the point.

"Something of mine?" Shirley glanced at the jewelry she was wearing, then sneered. "Oh, what did you take a fancy to? Will you

return Xavier to me if I let you have these? But you're the rich young lady of the Osborne family, and you're friends with Ms.

Everheart, a powerful figure. I'm sure you won't take a fancy to my jewelry." "Well, I don't take a fancy to your jewelry but..." Leia

met Shirley's gaze and said firmly, "I want your eyes."

Chapter 1606

"My eyes?" Shirley looked bewildered for a second, but then her expression turned smug. She stroked her cheek and said, "Yes,

I'm pretty, and so are my eyes. When I made my debut, people said my eyes were as bright as the moon. But... it doesn't matter.

Even if you're jealous of me, I can't give you my eyes!" "I need your eyes. If you're willing to give them to me, Xavier will be yours

from now on," Leia replied bluntly.

However, Shirley was still confused. All she knew was that Leia seemed to be very interested in her eyes, but she definitely

wasn't stupid enough to give them to Leia. "Hah! Are you kidding me?" Shirley crossed her arms and laughed mockingly. "Firstly,

I won't let you have my eyes. Secondly, Xavier is mine-I don't have to give up my eyes to get him." "I know that my request is

ridiculous, and of course you won't say yes... but I'm just here to remind you. If you give your eyes to me, I have ways to help

you get back with Xavier. If you say no..." Leia paused, then said coldly, "There are some people who will use extreme measures

to get your eyes. Then, you'll lose both your eyes and Xavier." She was referring to Stefan, herself, and Quinton. They were

willing to go through hell for Renee, and if the negotiation failed, they would use force. Leia had already prepared herself for the

consequences.

“Are you threatening me?” Shirley stared at Leia as if she had gone mad. “I know that your family is powerful, and it’ll be easy for

you to take my eyes, but I’m not a pushover. I won’t let you do as you like with me.” After that, she suddenly opened the door of

the room, and her eavesdropping fans who had been leaning on the door almost tumbled inside.

“You all heard her, right? This arrogant woman stole my man, and now she wants my eyes. She wants to ruin my life and send

me to hell!” Shirley sobbed pitifully, putting on an act for her fans.

“I...” Leia wanted to explain, but this was Shirley’s territory. Besides, Shirley was right. Taking a deep breath, Leia admitted,

“Yeah, I took a fancy to Shirley’s eyes, and I want them. If her eyes are gone one day, you’ll know that I’m the one who dug them

out.” If she had to become a villain to help Renee regain her eyesight, she would do it. After all, her reputation was already

ruined, and she was strong enough to handle any insult.

Her statement created an uproar among the fans.

“What a wicked woman! How dare she want to dig out Shirley’s eyes!” “I’ve never met such a shameless and wicked woman.

She’s not even human...” “She’s more despicable than normal homewreckers. If we let her go today, she’ll definitely harm

Shirley one day!” “I think we should fight fire with fire and dig out her eyes...”

After getting drunk, Shirley’s fans become more reckless and irrational.

They rushed over, wanting to teach Leia a harsh lesson.

“Hey, what are you doing? Let me go!” Leia panicked as they grabbed her.

Chapter 1607

Leia knew basic self-defense, but there were too many people attacking her. Amidst the chaos, Shirley’s fans pulled her hair and

scratched her face, and some of them even tried to tear her clothes off...

Shirley watched everything from nearby with a victorious smile.

Her agent became worried. "Shirley, will it be dangerous if this continues?"

She's the young lady of the Osborne family, after all.." "Of course it's dangerous since so many people are beating her up... but

it's none of my business. My fans did it, and they were so crazy that I couldn't do anything about it. Plus... didn't we leave long

ago? We didn't see anything." Shirley smiled coyly, then raised her head and left the private room proudly.

"Ah!" Leia screamed pitifully and tried to struggle, but the fans had become more extreme after getting drunk.

Meanwhile, Shirley bumped into Xavier the moment she exited the club. ■' Xavier..." She looked at him in surprise, then panic

gripped her. If Xavier knew that she purposely instigated her fans to beat Leia up and humiliate her, he would be furious. She

had to prevent Xavier from finding out about it.

"What a coincidence. It's so late though; are you here to talk business?" Shirley asked Xavier calmly, acting like nothing was

amiss.

Xavier was looking around anxiously, distant and aloof towards Shirley." Did... you see Leia?" "Ms. Osborne?" Shirley shook her

head. "I had a gathering with my fans tonight. They were drunk and crazy, so I left early, but I didn't see Ms. Osborne..." "You

didn't see her?" Xavier frowned doubtfully.

"Yeah, I didn't..." She turned to her assistant and agent. "Did you see her?"

Both of them shook their heads.

"What's the matter? Did she want to see me?" Shirley asked innocently. "I know she must be mad at me because of all the bad

news about her online... But you know that I couldn't do anything about that. I'm helpless in all this too. When I made my debut, I

suffered more criticism than her, but didn't I soldier through it? I never blamed anyone." "Anyway, since you didn't see her, I'm

going to go." Xavier clearly didn't want to listen to Shirley's complaints, and turned to leave. However, after a few steps, he

paused and turned to Shirley. "Why don't you go abroad to further your studies for a while?"

Chapter 1608

Shirley raised her head and locked eyes with Xavier, her gaze soft. "So... You've been worried about me all this time. You still

care about me, don't you?" "I just think it's better for you if you further your studies now." Xavier's expression was icy, with no

emotion on his face whatsoever. In his mind, Shirley was a part of his past he couldn't get rid of. He has sacrificed a lot for her,

and it might have been out of habit or pity that he didn't want his former girlfriend to have her eyes gouged out. Shirley was

someone he used to love, and Stefan was his childhood friend-he would hate for either of those relationships to be ruined. It was

best to make Shirley leave Beach City and lay low in a place where Stefan couldn't find her.

'Til go if you think I should leave Beach City." Shirley was not as averse towards the option now, and for the first time, agreed

with Xavier about it. She could foresee that Leia would do anything to get revenge on her after tonight, and Xavier might not

defend Shirley, so it was wise to leave Beach City now.

"You agreed?" Xavier looked surprised. He remembered that Shirley had firmly objected to it when he mentioned it the other day.

She cried and said that he was purposely trying to ruin her, but now... she was okay with it.

"Rumors keep following me, and you don't care about me. Maybe you'll fall in love with me again if I leave Beach City and come

back in two years," Shirley smiled and said teasingly. She did have a lot of negative news about her circulating thanks to Leia's

and Santiago's fans, who gathered bad things about her and exposed them. Santiago's fans liked Leia very much and always

argued with Shirley's fans for Leia's sake. They had managed to expose a lot of negative things about her that year

The other hand, Santiago had released a statement hoping that Shirley would manage her fans well and not trouble innocent

people. He had also expressed his desire to never work with Shirley, and since Santiago was the top male actor, he had a lot of

shares and power in companies that supported him. Consequently, those subsidiary companies had also refused to work with

Shirley.

As the rumors spread, the people in the entertainment industry had started to follow the trend.

Santiago had openly boycotted

her, and Xavier had long given her up. It had been a long time since she received any opportunities, so if she went abroad to

further her studies now, she could leave the battle and make her fans see her as an innocent victim. All the rumors about her

would disappear too. It was like killing two birds with one stone.

"I'm glad you've realized." Xavier didn't dwell much on it. He merely felt that Shirley had finally come to her senses and realized

his good intentions. He sized Shirley up and then glanced into the club. When he found nothing amiss, he said casually, "Okay,

I'm going." "Don't!" Shirley approached him and held his arm. "Since I might be leaving, why don't you spend some time with

me?"

Chapter 1609

Xavier looked down at Shirley's hand and said icily, "I thought I made myself very clear. It's best not to have anything between

US except business." "Why are you being so cruel? You came to me today, and it's proof that there's more between US. You

care about me, so why do we have to go against our hearts and hurt each other?" "That's you, not me." "Don't be stubborn. I

know that you hooked up with Ms. Osborne lately out of spite, but you should know that I no longer have anything to do with your

father. I—"Don't bring my father up!" Xavier instantly turned hostile and pushed Shirley away. "Are you mad? Do you think I'll let

bygones be bygones and go back to you? Do you think I have no self-respect?" "Xavier, don't... don't be mad!" Shirley bit her lip,

regretting mentioning Xavier's father. It was his sore spot and biggest humiliation, and she could understand why. She figured he

wouldn't be bothered by it if he didn't love her deeply, and his reaction only confirmed this. Emboldened by this thought, she

dropped to her knees and started crying pitifully. Her face turned red because of the biting wind. "I know that I've wronged you,

Xavier, but no one is perfect. Everyone makes mistakes, and I was insecure back then. My popularity had dropped, and I was

worried about letting you down and thought that I wasn't good enough for you... which was why I did what I did. You're the only

one I care about and you know it! Can you please forgive me and give me another chance?" "What are you doing? Get up!" For

a moment, Xavier didn't know what to do. Shirley was a public figure and the top actress, but she was kneeling in public and

begging him. Many passers-by had gathered around them to record the scene with their phones, and Xavier knew that this

incident would

make the headlines tomorrow. If Xavier ignored Shirley now, she would have it worse, and Universal Entertainment might get

affected too. Hence, he had no choice but to put on a show even though he wanted to leave.

"I know you've suffered a lot, especially since there's so much bad news circulating about you now. It's normal to break down like

this, so dust yourself off and get up. You acted in so many good movies, and I'm sure people will like you as long as you're good

at acting." Xavier walked over and tried to help Shirley up, saying those things specifically for the onlookers. Even if this incident

made the headlines tomorrow, people would think that Shirley's actions were merely due to career pressure and nothing like the

vulgar scandals people had been talking about.

However, Shirley refused to give in and screamed hysterically, "No, I don't care if others like me-I just want you to like me. I

entered the entertainment world because of you back then, and I'm actually not really interested in acting. I don't mind retiring

from the entertainment industry as long as I can be with you..." Shirley refused to get up. She hugged Xavier's thigh and cried

desperately.

Chapter 1610

The number of the onlookers grew, and some of them even used their phones to do live streams. In this way, Shirley's career

was ruined.

In a dilemma, Xavier took off his coat and draped it over Shirley. After that, he forcefully pulled her to her feet and hissed, "I don't

care if you want to retire or not, just get up first." "Xavier, you like me. I can see that. You've always been in love with me..."

Shirley hid under his coat, affection shining in her eyes and her voice trembling. It seemed like women had to be shameless

when facing a softhearted man like Xavier. He could not bear to push her away, making this the most intimate moment between

them after they had fallen out with each other. Many people took photos of him doting on her like what he used to do in the past,

and the so-called homewrecker seemed like nothing now.

"Stop making a scene. Let's get out of here." Xavier refused to talk much, and just hugged her shoulders and held her hand. He

brushed past the crowd, wanting to stuff her into his car.

At that moment, the crowd suddenly dispersed and ran in another direction.

"Wow, look. Something interesting is happening over there!" "Someone dragged a homewrecker out of the club. Plus, she's

almost stripped bare..." "How shocking! It looks like they've cut her hair, and there are people beating her up!"

Xavier watched the crowd and frowned, wondering why this world was so dramatic. Though rare, there were incidents of men's

wives or girlfriends beating up their man's side chick in places like clubs. It wasn't out of the ordinary, and Xavier wasn't

interested in it.

Shirley heard the noise and her eyes widened. She stopped making a scene and hurriedly said to Xavier, "Xavier, I... I was drunk

and upset, but I'm sober now. Let's go. Where's your car? This isn't a nice place, and I don't want to stay here any longer."

Xavier frowned at Shirley's sudden change

in behaviour, and let go of her aloofly. "Go on your own since you're sober then. I've got something else to do." He turned to

Shirley's assistant and agent and ordered, "Take her away. Don't let her make a fool of herself again."

"Xavier, I want to be with

you!" Shirley hugged his arm firmly to stop him from leaving. "Didn't you ask me to go abroad to further my studies? I'll leave

soon, so we might not be able to see each other for a long time. Can you hold a farewell for me?"

"That's unnecessary," Xavier

said icily. "It's your future, and you should think about how much time you've spent to reach your current level. I don't care if you

want to keep on embarrassing yourself here." He had made up his mind not to get entangled with Shirley again. He shook her

hand off and quickly walked towards the parking lot.

Shirley watched him leave and stomped her feet grumpily. "Xavier, do you have to be this cruel? Can't you spend one night with

me?"

Xavier just ignored her and kept on walking.

Shirley's agent yanked her shoulders and urged, "Shirley, we should go. Those people ran over to take photos of Leia, and if

they find US, it'll be troublesome." "Okay, let's go then." Shirley decided to leave since she knew that she couldn't change

Xavier's mind.

When Xavier walked past the group of people, he sneered in disgust. He had always hated homewreckers because a

homewrecker had once almost caused his mother to jump off a building with him in her arms.