Ex-Wife 1621

Chapter 1621

"Ah, why are you asking so many questions?" Renee sighed wearily. "All you need to know is that there isn't any child. That's it."

"So, you're pregnant, but you don't want the child. Am I right?" Leia stubbornly asked.

"Yeah, I'm pregnant, but I don't want the child. Dr. Wagner will help me abort the child right away. Just... help me handle Stefan.

Don't let him find out." Renee realized she couldn't keep it from Leia, so she told her the truth. Maybe Leia could help take care

of her after the surgery.

"What? You want an abortion?" Leia's eyes grew wide in bewilderment. "It's been only a few days but you've changed so much.

Weren't you very happy a while back? Didn't you want to have the child?" "People change. You weren't there when I gave birth to

the twins, and I agree with you. It's exhausting for women to have babies and get pregnant. I don't want to suffer through that

again," Renee lied to Leia.

"I see. It's alright, I'll support you!" Leia declared. As expected, Renee had easily brainwashed Leia. "I understand. Men are just

playthings and scumbags. Women shouldn't have to risk their lives to give birth to babies forthem. Men have it easy-they get to

become fathers without any pain. If they like children, all they have to do is play with them. If not, they'll just ignore them and

leave everything to the women to handle. In the end, children will bind US women, so I'll support you if you don't want this baby!"

"Pfft! You didn't think so before this. What's gotten into you?" Renee snorted in amusement. Leia was certainly different, which

Renee thought might be a result of her sheltered upbringing. It was also the reason why they were best friends. Stefan might not

understand Renee's decision, but Leia could and would support her either way.

"No, I understood it clearly just now," Leia said softly, clenching her fists in pain. She had been naive-she had fantasized about

being with Xavier and having his children, and then they could be a happy family like Renee and Stefan. However, after tonight,

she had become wiser. She was a victim, and people had humiliated and hurt her, but Xavier saw her as the violent

abuser instead. Her defenses crumbled the moment Xavier protected Shirley, and that was when she realized that men could

easily change. Women shouldn't have to risk their lives and give birth to children just to keep their relationships going.

"Did you argue with Xavier again?" Renee knew her best friend well, and gently asked her.

"No, I ended things with him." A long sigh escaped Leia. "He made a choice tonight... He gave me up."

Chapter 1622

Owen went upstairs after he had arranged everything, then asked Renee to go downstairs for the compatibility test. It was then

that Renee realized that they had secretly called Shirley over for Shirley to donate her eyes to Renee.

"No!" Renee went to the examination room and said to Owen, "I know Shirley. She's rich, and won't give up her eyes to me for no

reason. I'm afraid Stefan will force her, and things will turn ugly. I think I'd better not do the test." "Don't overthink this. Although

Ms. White's eyes resemble yours, it's just a possibility they're not a match. We'll see after you have the test," Owen explained,

then instructed his assistant to help Renee lie on the surgery table to have the test.

Meanwhile, Shirley was in another room. She hadn't met Renee at all. Owen's assistant had taken her blood and did a risk test

on her inner organs to see if she was qualified to donate her eyes.

"May I know..." After the assistant had taken Shirley's blood, Shirley whispered, "Can I see Ms. Everheart?" "She's feeling

unwell, and it's inconvenient for her to meet you," Owen's assistant replied honestly.

"I'm just going to see her, I'm not going to talk to her." Shirley pretended to be pitiful. "I'm going to lose my eyes if they're a

match. I think I have the right to see who I donate my eyes to, don't I?" "Umm..." Owen's assistant looked conflicted. Owen had

said it was best if Renee and Shirley didn't meet. Besides, Renee had to have an abortion, so she shouldn't see anyone.

"What's there to consider? I'm not a bad person. Plus, I'm just going to see her, I'm not going to do anything to her." Shirley

became impatient and urged, "Bring me there. Didn't I consent to the test? Can't you do that then?" "No, it's inconvenient for her

to see you now. You'd better wait outside.

Maybe she'll have the time to see you after her surgery is over." The assistant fiddled with her fingers and compromised.

"When the surgery is over?" Shirley's eyes brightened as she quickly got to her feet. She curiously asked the assistant, "Isn't she

going to have a test? Why is she going to have surgery? Could it be that she has another health issue besides her blindness?"

"Ms. White, stop asking me questions. I'm just an assistant to the doctor. I don't know anything. The test is over, so I'll go now."

The assistant realized she had slipped up, and quickly packed up the things and left the examination room.

As she stood in the room, Shirley found the whole situation quite weird. Hence, she started sneakily looking for the surgery room

where Renee was. Everheart Manor was spacious, but the examination room wasn't far from the surgery room, both of which

were from the library. It was merely two to three rooms away. Shirley studied each room, and at last, she found a room with a

closed door at the end of the corridor. Women who looked like nurses entered and exited the room from time to time.

Chapter 1623

"It must be here!" Shirley tiptoed to that room and leaned her ear against the door. She tried her best to listen for any sounds in

the room, but the sound insulation in that room was relatively good. Hence, she heard nothing except footsteps from behind her.

"Why are you sneaking around?" Leia sounded cold and displeased.

"Ah!" Feeling guilty, Shirley averted her gaze, too timid to meet Leia's gaze." I passed by and got curious, so I looked around."

"Hmph! Did you pass by this place?" Leia crossed her arms and scoffed," You really are the best actress. Didn't you see the no

entry sign here? Even Stefan can't come here while Dr. Wagner is giving Renee an inspection. What are you up to?" "What sign?

I walked fast and didn't see it." Shirly stubbornly made an excuse even though the sign was clearly marked and placed in the

corridor. There was even a red tape around the area, and Owen had stated that he wanted no disruptions from anyone while he

was working. When Shirley went looking for the surgery room, she did see the sign, but it had just made her even more curious.

She felt that Renee must be hiding something from everyone, and if she found out what it was, she might get on Xavier and

Stefan's good side. Xavier might even care about her more. However, Leia had found her first.

"You didn't see such a large sign? Looks like there's no point in you keeping your eyes then," Leia said spitefully. She might have

lost Xavier to Shirley, but her pride and dignity made her unable to be nice to Shirley.

"I could say the same about you. You didn't see the sign either!" Shirley retorted rudely.

"We're different. Ren is my bestie, so I'm here to protect her, but you must be here due to ulterior motives. I think it's already very

nice of me that I didn't slap you." Coldness shone in Leia's eyes. She felt that she was very generous for holding back given

what Shirley had done to her. She had met many difficult women in her life, but Shirley was the most troublesome. She hadn't

done anything crazy, but she was cunning in the way she went after others. Shirley was like a cockroach that hid in a dark

corner, fiddling with Leia's food from time to time. Although it was not fatal, it was disgusting. Once again, she had the urge to

slap Shirley.

"What a bad temper, Ms. Osborne! You can't just harm anyone you like. Do you see people with humble backgrounds like US as

pushovers?" At that point, Shirley raised her head purposely. "In that case, I'll let you slap me to vent your anger, okay? Go

ahead and slap me!"

Chapter 1624

"How dare you!" Leia was fuming with anger. When she recalled how she had been beaten, she lost her temper and slapped

Shirley fiercely.

"Ah!" Shirley screamed and fell to the floor. She gingerly touched her wounded cheek and looked up at Leia with watery eyes.

"Ms. Osborne, I'm sorry. I know that I've made you suffer. If slapping me helps ease your anger, just slap me. Take revenge on

me for all that you've suffered through!" "Hmph, at least you're not stupid. Well, I won't say no then." Leia stopped holding back.

She rolled up her sleeves and pointed at Shirley. "Your fans kicked me, shaved off almost all my hair, and nearly stripped me

bare. But don't worry... You're going to suffer more. It won't end today." "Ms. Osborne, I didn't do it on purpose, but I know that

you've suffered because of me. I won't resist even if you want to hit or scold me, shave my hair, tear off my clothes, or spit at me.

I won't take revenge on you either..." Shirley closed her eyes and tears rolled down her cheeks. She seemed to have accepted her fate. "I'm

ready." "You said it..." Leia did not intend to let Shirley go, and raised her arm to slap Shirley again.

However, someone gripped her wrist hard and stopped her. "That's enough!

Leia turned and met Xavier's icy gaze. She had expected him to come here, so she wasn't surprised. After watching so many

melodramatic idol dramas, she knew that this kind of scene was common. Besides, Shirley had pretended to be weak and timid,

so clearly she had seen Xavier behind Leia, and wanted to shift the blame to her. Meanwhile, Leia gave full cooperation and

acted like an arrogant female villainess. She wanted to see how Xavier would react, and he didn't disappoint her. Predictably, he

had tried to save the damsel in distress, which just amused Leia.

"What's the matter, Mr. Stuart? This is between me and the best actress. Why are you trying to meddle in it?" Leia sneered.

"What happened tonight was already bad, so let's not make it worse. Calm down." Xavier had always been a casual and

indifferent man, but right now, he seemed cold and unapproachable.

Leia felt like she was looking at a stranger... like she had never really known him at all.

Chapter 1625

"Is it bad? I find it simple actually." Leia snorted and looked at Shirley, who appeared pitiful. "I want to avenge myself and vent my anger. I want to beat her up, and she gave me permission to. We don't think it's bad, but an outsider like you does, huh?" "I know that you're mad, so you're acting out of spite and can't see the consequences, but I'm rational. I won't see you go mad like this..." Xavier held Leia's hand and pulled her into his arms. "Trust me-you'll regret it if you take revenge on her today." "What's there to regret? Will I be afraid that she'll take revenge on me or are you going to take revenge on me? Do you want to help her slap me?" Leia was so close to Xavier that he could see the anger and grief in

her eyes. She leaned in close and whispered in his ear, "I won't stop you if you want to save the damsel in distress, but please get in line. We'll settle our grudges once I'm done avenging myself." Then, Leia struggled out of Xavier's grip and quickly slapped Shirley again as she stood behind her. Now, both Shirley's cheeks were swollen, and even her lips had started bleeding.

"Ugh!" Shirley collapsed on the floor, her hair covering her face and hiding the hatred in her eyes. She kept on pretending to be pitiful as she asked shakily, "Ms. Osborne, are you no longer mad? If not, you can keep on slapping me until you are." "It's not that easy. I'm covered in injuries, but I only slapped you twice. Plus, I have yet to humiliate you. That's the important part." Leia recalled how those fans shaved her hair and laughed at her. They made a scene and cursed her for being a homewrecker who had snatched another woman's man away. They surrounded her and took her photos, and even did a

She couldn't just let this go. Her pain couldn't be written off so easily, and she wasn't a believer in the concept that hardships only made you stronger. She only believed in karma, and that people would reap what they had sown. She just wanted Shirley to feel the same despair she had.

"You... You slapped me. What else do you want? Do you want to shave my hair and strip me bare? I think you'd better stop now. I'm sure Xavier won't let you do it even if you want to." Shirley pitifully crawled over to Xavier and tugged at his trouser leg, her eyes watery. "Xavier, I know that I was wrong. Hurry up and talk some sense into Ms. Osborne. Tell her that my dignity is strong, and nothing is more

important than my dignity. She can beat and scold me, but please don't let her humiliate me. I don't want to bring shame to you..." "You should leave.' Xavier ignored Shirley's words and ordered coldly. "Leave?" But Shirley didn't want to go. If not, her sufferings would be in vain. She wanted to see how Xavier would teach Leia a lesson, so she pinched her leg. She looked flushed and in pain as she whimpered, "Xavier, my legs are numb. I can't stand up."

Chapter 1626

Leia rolled her eyes when she heard that. She had to hand it to Shirley-she was quite skilled at pretending to be pitiful. All she

needed was to lower her head or pout and she would look innocent... It was something Leia could never

"Oh, your legs are numb? How sad! But that doesn't mean I can't beat you up," Leia scoffed, putting her hands on her waist. She

approached Shirley, looking like she wanted to teach her a lesson.

"Don't... Don't come near me! My legs are numb. Xavier... save me!" Shirley whimpered, still seated on the floor as Leia

approached her. She couldn't admit she was lying about her legs, so she could only depend on Xavier to save her.

Suddenly, Leia pointed behind Shirley and screamed in panic. "Ah! It's a rat!"

"Ah! Where is it?" Shirley instantly leaped up and hid behind Xavier since rats were one of her greatest fears.

However, there was no rat to be seen in the corridor.

"Aren't your legs numb? How did you jump so high? Well, it's certainly no surprise that you're the number one actress. You're so

good at acting!" Leia said teasingly as she crossed her arms over her chest, tempted to clap for Shirley.

"How dare you, Leia! You tricked me!" Shirley stamped her feet angrily, but she couldn't do anything to Leia.

"Calm down. Aren't your legs numb? You might break them if you keep stomping your feet like that," Leia said mockingly as she

pointed at Shirley's legs. Leia knew all about Shirley's schemes since she had been reading melodramatic romance novels since

the sixth grade, making her an expert in such things. Since Shirley had the guts to do something like

that in front of Leia, it had given Leia the perfect excuse to teach her a lesson. Xavier had likely seen through Shirley's tricks too,

but the fact that he didn't expose them and happily played his part in them probably meant that he was sincerely in love with

Shirley.

Shirley felt humiliated when Leia exposed her well-thought-out plan, which had stopped Xavier from playing his part. Her

features twisted in anger, and she gritted her teeth. "I... My legs were numb, but they're okay now after you scared me. Is there a

problem?"

"No, it's fine as long as you're happy. After all, you'll always have a loyal audience; he'll support you even if your acting is bad,"

Leia sneered and shot Xavier a cold glance. Her underlying meaning was clear-Shirley was so confident her schemes would

work because Xavier would always support her. To some extent, Leia felt jealous of Shirley. Shirley came from a sad background

and had no family or relatives to rely on. She started making a living at a young age and suffered a lot, but eventually, her luck

turned and she found Xavier, who would always support and help her. He could unconditionally support and protect her, and that

itself was a special kind of happiness.

Chapter 1627

God was fair-if one thing was lacking, something else would be provided. If one had too many things, God would take some away. It was the same case with Leia. She was bom into a very loving family with parents and a twin brother who doted on her. The luckiest thing in her life was that she had a best friend like Renee, and they were very close. Leia had already gained a lot of precious things, so it was destined that she would suffer in her romantic affairs. Once she thought about it, she found it fair. She wouldn't be so stubborn even if she lost someone she loved.

"Okay, stop arguing. We should just wait for the test results." Xavier finally spoke up because he wanted to put an end to their meaningless fight.

"I don't want to argue with her, but she came to a place she shouldn't be in to peek at something she shouldn't. I asked her to leave but she said no, so I couldn't be polite to her anymore," Leia said directly, implying that her grudge against Shirley was because of Renee and had nothing to do with Xavier.

"I just want to see what surgery Ms. Everheart is having because I'm worried about her! Is that wrong?" Shirley yelled at Leia arrogantly from behind Xavier.

"My bestie is fine in there with a professional doctor. There's nothing you should worry about." "You can't be so sure about that!" Shirley kept on arguing, "The nurse who performed the test on me earlier was hesitant, so I'm sure there's something fishy going on. Plus, if it's just a test, why does she need surgery? You're her friend, so aren't you curious about the surgery and its risks?" "What surgery?" Stefan had come over at some point and frowned when he heard what Shirley said.

"Mr. Hunt, you came just in time..." Pointing at the closed door, Shirley said eagerly like a student wanting praise from their teacher, "Go in and take a look. The nurse said Dr. Wagner is performing surgery on Ms. Everheart, but I know that all surgeries have their risks. Shouldn't her family have signed something in advance? What kind of surgery do they need to hide from you, her husband? Who's going to bear the responsibilities if anything goes wrong?"

Stefan's features stiffened as he looked at Leia coldly. "Is what she said true?" "I... I don't know." Leia clenched her fists and avoided Stefan's sharp gaze. Renee was having an abortion, and Leia had signed the consent form. Besides, Leia promised Renee that she would stay guard and not let anyone approach the room. She would never tell anyone that Renee was having an abortion. Although Leia did not know why Renee wanted to hide such a major thing from Stefan, the baby's father, she would help Renee since she had asked for her help.

"You don't know?" Enraged, Stefan approached Leia. "I'll ask you one last time-what surgery is she having? If you don't tell me, I'll barge in right now!

Leia kept her head low and clenched her fists, then stammered, "Do... Do you have to know?" Chapter 1628

"What do you think?" Stefan's gaze turned steely, his patience running thin. Although Leia did crazy things sometimes, she was

acting quite strange. Besides, surgery wasn't a small thing.

"Okay, I'll tell you..." Leia took a deep breath and braced herself. "Yes, Ren is having surgery, but she didn't want me to tell you

guys because... How should I put this? It's a little personal." "What kind of surgery is personal?' Stefan growled, "Stop messing

around, I won't go easy on you if anything goes wrong!" "Fine, I'll tell you..." Leia swallowed and said seriously, "She's having an

appendectomy. Her belly has been hurting lately, so she asked Dr. Wagner to do it for her while they perform the test."

"Appendectomy?" Stefan's frown deepened as he looked at the door dubiously. "When did she have a problem with her

appendix? How come I didn't know?" "You don't know because you're not observant and considerate enough. Ren's digestive

system isn't always good, and she doesn't eat much. If you cared about her, you would have taken her for a check-up ages ago."

Leia took this chance to criticize

Stefan, hoping that he would take even better care of Renee from now on. She knew Stefan had been very attentive towards

Renee recently, and Leia couldn't find any fault with him despite him being a scumbag in the past. Hence, she had stopped

fussing over the past and didn't mind supporting their relationship as long as they could live happily ever after.

However, it was not that easy to fool Stefan. He was silent for a while, then asked, "Yes, I wasn't sensitive and considerate

enough, but you said her digestive system isn't good. Are you... sure?" "Yes, of course. Do you think her digestive system is

good?" "I've always thought it was. She's never had diarrhea even when she eats raw, spicy, or cold food. Plus, her appetite...

has always been good."

Stefan was actually underplaying it-Renee had hot pot frequently, and she ate a lot. Her appetite was very good, so something

told him that Leia was lying. He felt that she was definitely hiding something serious.

"You're lying, aren't you?" Stefan's expression was frigid as he asked Leia.

Chapter 1629

"Haha! That's ridiculous. You didn't care enough about Ren and were ignorant about her condition, but you have the nerve to say

that I'm lying. Why would I lie for no reason? What good will it do me? I'm not lying, and the person who feels guilty here is the

real liar." Leia didn't expect that Stefan would see through her lies so easily, and started rambling out of nervousness.

After hearing Leia, even Xavier felt like she was hiding something. "Lei, did you have wine? Why are you rambling?" Xavier took

a step forward and held Leia's hand, looking concerned. "Should I take you somewhere to rest? You don't seem well." "No, you

can save that for yourself. If I don't seem well, it's because of your witch. I didn't slap her enough. Let me slap her, then I'll be

fine." Leia tried to turn the conversation back to Shirley, and hoped the surgery would end soon because she couldn't deflect for

much longer.

"Ms. Osborne, go ahead and slap me if you want. I won't complain this time. " Shirley stepped forward and smoothly wedged

herself between Xavier and Leia. Her eyes were watery, and she looked pitiful. "I just don't want you to be mad at Xavier. He's

been thinking about you all this time, and all he cares about is you. I hope you don't misunderstand him." "Oh, great. She's

started another performance."

Leia rolled her eyes in disgust, then sneered, "You did so many things to ruin the relationship between Xavier and me, but let me

be frank with you-you don't have to do anything because I've already fallen out with him... I promised you before that I would

make Xavier loyal to you if you gave up your eyes to Ren, but you said that you wanted your eyes more than Xavier. Clearly, you

don't love Xavier that much, so stop pretending that you care so much about him.

"Do I have to sacrifice myself if I love him? Did you do the same since you love him? I know for a fact that you didn't, and to

make things worse, you always behaved arrogantly and tortured Xavier. I never saw you be nice to him. If I were Xavier, I would

have ignored you ages ago. I don't know how you bewitched him. You're such a pretentious woman, but he stays by your side

relentlessly," Shirley argued rudely. Honestly, she couldn't bear to see Xavier fawning over Leia since he used to dote on her like

that in the past.

Looking at Shirley, Leia mocked, "Yes, I was pretentious, but I know my feelings now. I don't love Xavier that much, and I have

the guts to admit it. But what about you? You don't love him, but you pretend you do just to satisfy your selfish needs. Do you

think you're nobler than me?" "I... I..." Shirley was speechless. It would be a loss if she admitted that she didn't love Xavier, but

on the other hand, she didn't act like she loved him either.

Leia was certainly one of a kind-she could put aside her emotions, but Shirley couldn't even face her true feelings.

Xavier had been silent the whole time, but finally raised his hand weakly." Hey, can you guys leave me out of your argument? I

have feelings too." He felt that he was merely a tool for them. In the end, he was the only one who had gotten hurt...

Chapter 1630

As Shirley and Leia were busy arguing, they didn't realize that Stefan had slowly approached the door of the room. He didn't

believe that Renee was having an appendectomy, and felt that there was more going on in the room. He tried to push open the

door to take a look, but when he placed his hand on the doorknob, Leia noticed what he was doing.

"What are you doing? You can't go in!" Leia rushed over and stood between the door and Stefan, blocking him from looking

inside. She had promised Renee to hold off the others, and she would do it even if Stefan got offended and she got into trouble.

"This is my wife's house, and my wife is in there. I have no idea what she's going through. Can't I go in and take a look?"

Stefan's words were polite, but his tone was dangerous.

Leia had anticipated that he would lash out, and she knew that if she kept this up, things would turn sour. Nonetheless, she

spread her hands out to block his path and said stubbornly, "Over my dead body! I'll never back off!" "Is that so? Then I won't go

easy on you!" Since politeness had gotten him nowhere, Stefan had to resort to force. He picked Leia up and hurled her to the

side.

"Ah! What are you doing?" Leia screamed as she sailed through the air.

Just as she was about to hit the floor, Xavier rushed over and caught her.

Both of them tumbled to the floor, and Xavier scowled at Stefan. "You're going overboard, Stefan! Lei is a girl. You could have

seriously injured her!" If he hadn't caught Leia, she might have injured her spine and been paralyzed forever. He didn't expect the

usually rational and polite Stefan to do such a reckless thing.

Stefan glanced at the two people on the floor and said indifferently, "I warned her, but she insisted on making things difficult. If

my woman got hurt because of her stopping me, then her injury would mean nothing compared to what would happen." He tried

to open the door, his gaze icy. He looked inhuman, and he had lost all rationality because of his concern for Renee. His

subconscious told him that Renee was suffering great pain, and he couldn't wait any longer.

Owen had just finished up, and came out the moment Stefan opened the door. When he saw Stefan outside, he frowned in

disdain. "Do you think this is a market? What's with all the noise? Do you know you'd affect the people in here?" "My wife... What

surgery did she have? Why didn't you inform me?"