Ex-Wife 2101

Chapter 2101

"Does Liam act like a child?"

Amber bandaged Renee's wound with a beautiful ribbon, indicating her girlish nature. She yearned to see the kind of man Renee had described.

"He's a mature older guy, and he's been with me for such a long time. I've never seen him act immature. Though, I'd like to see that!"

She shook her head self-deprecatingly.

"But I don't think I'll get the chance to see that. I heard that men would only show their childish side in front of the women they truly loved. He probably likes you so much, he behaved like a child around you."

"No, you've misunderstood again," Renee said quickly.

She intended to get rid of Amber's misunderstanding, but only succeeded in complicating her relationship with Liam even further.

She hurriedly explained, "He just sees me as his friend! I don't feel anything for him. There's nothing indecent about us. Really, we're just close friends."

"Nah, that's not true," Leia intervened. She ignored her future sister-in-law's feelings and went straight to the point. "Everyone in Beach City knows how much my brother likes you except for you! You don't have to cover it up. Just be open about it, it'll save a lot of trouble."

"Hey, Lei! You..."

Renee felt helpless and tired. She wasn't a complete idiot; since it concerned her, she knew what everyone in Beach City thought.

Still, Liam was about to marry Amber soon. It was best to avoid trouble.

"Did I say anything wrong? You were his first love. Although Amber's going to marry him, you can't change that fact."

Leia didn't think that she had said anything wrong.

She went on firmly, "His affection for you was your blessing. It's nothing indecent! You don't have to hide it. I'm sure Amber won't be bothered by it, right?"

"Ah, I..." Amber stammered.

There was confusion in her eyes as she fell into deep thought. She broke into an awkward smile.

"Honestly," she said, "you can see if someone likes you from their eyes, even though they can control what they say. Yes, Liam got along with me very well these days. So much so, I thought he might like me a bit. But when I saw him rush to you just now, I finally knew what love was....

"Gem, don't...say that," Renee muttered, feeling like a sinful person.

She had hurt two innocent people at the same time. She felt like she might kill herself because of it.

"How should I put this? Maybe there are many types of love. He loves me in a way, but loves you in another," she tried to reason. "You two are going to marry each other soon. You'll be his wife and spend the rest of your life with him. You should trust him and give him more time."

Renee had no idea what she could do for them aside from wishing them well with all her heart.

Suddenly, she understood why Liam never told her about his marriage.

She should never have come. Her attendance was no blessing, but instead a curse. She should probably leave...

Chapter 2102

The car ride was bumpy. At last, they arrived at Benjamin's fort.

Liam quickly got out of the car and eagerly opened the door where Renee was. "Don't move. I'll carry you inside."

Without hesitation, he carried Renee in his arms and instructed his subordinate, "Get Dr. Holmes. Hurry!"

"Liam, put me down! I can walk," Renee protested.

She patted Liam's shoulders, awkward. She didn't care if she could walk or not, for she found it very inappropriate for him to carry her that way. She felt she should keep some distance from him, regardless if it was for her or Amber's sake.

'No, I'm sure you can't walk unless you want to give your legs up, Liam said, ignoring Renee's words. He carried her and walked straight ahead, leaving Amber and Leia behind.

Speechlessness overcame Renee.

Amber watched Liam's hurried figure from afar and quietly clenched her fists. She looked downcast. Although she was generous, seeing it still saddened her.

Leia didn't care about Amber, and even hated the latter. Even so, she found Liam's actions intolerable. She awkwardly kicked the gravel on the road.

"Uh, don't take it to heart. Liam's kind. Plus, Ren is very important to us. She's our savior and best friend. Ren was more or less hurt because of him. It's normal for him to take care of her," she said.

"I know." Amber was flattered to hear it, because she felt that Leia was treating her differently. She nodded firmly. "Don't worry. I'm not a greedy person. I'm very satisfied to reach this stage with him. I didn't overestimate myself and assume I could be the most important person to him."

"Hey, you're a good woman, but you have bad tastes. Why did you want to be with a carefree person like my brother? He likes to be free and can't be tied down to a place. You can't make him settle down. Even if you do, you'll get exhausted," Leia said bluntly.

She knew Liam best. When Renee broke his heart, he started traveling around the world. He acted like he had gone missing, and didn't care about anything. It infuriated their parents.

At first, Liam was picked to be the heir of the Osborne family. The decision had been finalized. However, their parents picked other children to inherit the family property because he was hard to control. They considered Leia, her five older sisters, and even their father's illegitimate son.

When Leia's family forced her to manage some property that she refused to, she would fish out a soft toy that she regarded as Liam and punch it to vent her dissatisfaction.

Humph!

Liam left just like that, leaving her to deal with his mess. He gave her so much trouble!

Chapter 2103

Liam was unstable and couldn't be considered a good man. He was unsuited to be one's husband.

"I know he dislikes being bound. That's what I like about him, so I never intended to control him," Amber said. She kept looking at Liam ahead of her. However, her smile grew fainter.

"Liam and I have different lives. I grew up in this fort. I spent all my life here, and I rarely went out. Sometimes I found myself a pet kept by my dad. I don't have my own life.

"After I got to know Liam, I learned for the first time that people could lead their lives freely. At that time, Dad occasionally saved him. He was recuperating here. I sometimes helped take care of him and he would tell me stories about himself. He told me about the things he learned while traveling the world. He even told me that he liked a beautiful woman very much.

"I wondered what kind of woman she was to make such a carefree man like him fall for her. Then, I got to meet her. She was brave and smart. She stood against everyone here for Joanne's sake. I understood why Liam liked her so much. Even I liked her!"

"Uh, I never knew." Leia cleared her throat. Suddenly, she found that her worries were unnecessary.

Amber's love was vast and tolerant. Her love was more generous than Leia's petty affection.

To Leia, love was selfish and exclusive. She couldn't tolerate anyone else. She liked Xavier, so she wanted him to love her wholeheartedly. If Xavier cared about someone else, it would vex her and she would make a scene until all he cared about was her alone.

However, Amber didn't seem to care that she wasn't the woman Liam loved the most. She didn't even care if he loved her or not, as long as she loved him.

Regardless, Amber seemed to be a very good woman. Liam was lucky to find such a simple and kind woman. Liam hurriedly arrived at the bedroom. Kingsley Holmes, the best doctor in the fort, was already waiting there.

However, Mateo was standing at the door, prohibiting Liam from carrying Renee into the room. He glared at Liam and tried to stop the latter.

"Liam, aren't you over the line?" Mateo was Benjamin's capable subordinate, as well as one of the latter's adopted sons. His authority in the fort was only second to Benjamin's.

"My friend got hurt. I'm going to carry her into the room. If you don't want to get into a fight, you'd better get out of the way." Liam's eyes shone coldly. He didn't even look at Mateo.

He and Mateo could be considered best buddies who had gone through grave danger together. However, Benjamin grew to value Liam. On top of that, Liam was going to marry Amber soon. Mateo couldn't take it, since he had a crush on Amber from a young age. Thus, he often found fault in everything Liam did.

Previously, Liam smoothly avoided it since he didn't want to cause any trouble. But he was carrying Renee, who was a very important person to him. Naturally, he would not step down.

"She's our guest. I don't object to her seeing the doctor since she's hurt, but there are so many subordinates who can help you. Why can't you ask them to carry her for you?" Mateo snapped.

He stepped forward, his face icy, about to carry Renee for Liam.

"You can go into the room, but you can't carry her inside. It's improper for a man who's about to get married to do

Chapter 2104

"That's none of your business." Liam's gaze turned icy as he stared at Mateo's outstretched hand. He added fiercely. "Let me repeat-get out of the way!"

"Then, I'll repeat too-you can go in, but you can't carry her!" Mateo barked. He had no intention to withdraw his hand, and refused to yield.

The two fell into a stalemate.

Although they were a few feet apart, Renee could sense their intense wrath. She felt like she was roasted above a fire, like she had been when she was with the cannibals. In fact, this was even more torturous.

She hurriedly moved and tried her best to jump out of Liam's arms. "It's fine. I can go into the room on my own. One of my feet is clamped, but the other is fine. I can walk.

Then, she bent her clamped feet in front of them and hopped into the room.

"Boss!" Liam blurted out, wanting to support her. He felt very sorry for her.

"Stop!" Mateo grabbed Liam's arm and watched Leia and Amber, who were slowly walking over. He gnashed his teeth and hissed, "Since you've promised Master to marry Gem, you should fulfill your responsibility as her fiance! You should act prudently. It'll be good for you and Gem. You can still protect the woman you admire."

He leaned forward and lowered his voice, trying to remind and threaten Liam at the same time.

"You know very well how many spies Master has here. If you infuriate him, you can't even protect yourself, let alone a female outsider. You'd better avoid trouble!"

Liam looked around, and discovered a few people who looked like his subordinates but were in truth Benjamin's spies. They were obviously eyeing him.

Hence, he took a deep breath and yielded.

"Liam, where's Ren?" Leia asked nervously. She ran over and looked around, but failed to see Renee.

"She hopped into the room," Liam replied calmly. Then, he glanced at Amber, who was standing beside Leia. "Go in and take a look. I need to go to Mr. Jenkins for something."

"Ah, you're leaving? You aren't a good friend!" Leia shrieked.

Liam was such a maniac! At first, he was very enthusiastic and intimate with Renee. Yet right afterward, he acted like Renee's stranger. He didn't even care about her injuries.

Leia couldn't understand what was on Liam's mind.

"You being here is enough. If there's anything you need, just order the servants." Then, Liam glanced at Amber again. However, he said nothing to her and left.

The others might not be able to tell anything wrong, but Mateo could. Liam was ignoring Amber.

Mateo couldn't allow that.

"Gem, come with me!"

He dragged the sorrowful Amber toward the direction Liam had gone.

Chapter 2105

"What's wrong, Matt?" Amber was confused. She looked at the room where Renee was. "I want to see Ms. Everheart. She's a guest. Plus, she got hurt because she wanted to attend my wedding with Liam. I have to take care of her."

"Oh, please!" Mateo felt sorry for Amber. At the same time, he was angry because of how uncompetitive she was. "Do you know how much Liam cares about her? How could you agree to let her come to your house? You're inviting your enemy. Don't you know that?"

"No, you're wrong." Amber shook her head. 'Ms. Everheart and Liam know each other. Plus, he liked her long ago. My dad just forced him to marry me. It's normal if he doesn't like me and is still in love with Ms. Everheart. I'm the one to be blamed because I'm selfish. I know that he doesn't like me, but I manipulated my father to get together with Liam."

"What are you talking about, silly girl?" Mateo clutched his chest, furious. "He was the one who suggested the marriage to Master! It proves that he wants to marry you. It probably doesn't mean he likes you, but it's undeniable that he started it. He was willing to marry you. No one forced him. Don't make it sound like he's innocent and sympathetic. He just pretended to be treated unfairly."

"I know why he suggested to Dad to marry me." Amber flexed her fingers, her eyes red. "He knew it was the only way he'd be free. Dad had long regarded him as his son-in-law. The fact that he's going to marry me is already set in stone, but Dad just waited for him to suggest it. Dad wouldn't let him go if he didn't suggest it. Dad would even hurt the people he cared about. While it seemed like he had suggested it, he was actually threatened to do so. Of course he's innocent and sympathetic."

"It's because...he's very weak!" Mateo snarled.

He had heard about Benjamin's pathological threat and control toward Liam. That marriage seemed voluntary, but Benjamin had gradually forced Liam into that desperate choice.

However, Mateo didn't feel sorry for Liam. Instead, he sympathized with Amber, who had no right to voice out her opinions.

'But you're the most innocent one. You know your fiance loves someone else deeply, but you can't say anything about it. You're the only young lady of the Jenkins family, but you're bullied by a live-in husband... Didn't you see the way he looked at you just now? He was so arrogant! I felt like beating him up!' Mateo argued.

"Matt, you don't have to get justice for me. I'm happy. Plus, I'm not greedy. Marrying him is a great honor and blessing for me. I've never dreamed of winning him over or getting his love," Amber said.

She laughed at herself. She was simple and naive, but she didn't care for wishful thoughts. Her future husband would never love her. She knew that right from the start.

"You..! You make me so mad!" Mateo growled.

He still found it unacceptable, and gripped Amber.

"Come with me. Let's go to Master. Make him put Liam down. You guys are going to marry in a few days, but that woman is going to stay here. I'm afraid trouble might pop up. We need to get his reassurance in front of Master."

"What do you mean? I don't need that. I- Amber argued.

"Stop it and just come with me!"

Without hesitation, Mateo dragged her toward the lounge where Benjamin was.

Benjamin was discussing an international business deal with some officials. He called Liam over because he wanted the latter to provide some objective opinions as his future-son-law and heir.

However, Liam refused to offer any comment during the discussion, regardless of how many meaningful looks Benjamin threw at him. He was absent-minded all the way.

Benjamin's face was icy. He raised his teacup, intending to smash it on Liam's head.

"Say something!"