

Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 2566

Luna was startled by Joshua's words. For a minute, she could not register what he truly meant and thought Joshua was grieving for their missing child.

"Is...that so?" Luna sighed. She clicked open the news website again. "Oh, wow... I wouldn't have noticed it if you didn't tell me."

Luna knew Yannie had a baby out of wedlock, so when she saw the news, her first thought was that Yannie got betrayed and did not pay attention to the information published in the news. It only came to her mind after Joshua mentioned it.

"What a coincidence for us to deliver on the same day," remarked Luna.

"It's not just that." Joshua, on the other end of the line, inhaled deeply before he solemnly added, "The hospital Yannie was in was the same hospital Hunter said he stole Riley from. The day Yannie delivered her baby was the same day Riley and our daughter were born."

This took Luna by complete surprise, so much so that her phone nearly dropped to the floor. "Joshua... Are you saying..."

"Yes," said Joshua. "I've checked every pregnant woman in the hospital, and no one reported a missing child. So, I suspected as you said that the mother could've been pregnant out of wedlock and her medical record was taken away."

"Nonetheless, there were too many girls admitted to the hospital, and all of their medical records were complete. That's why my men couldn't find any lead. Now that I see..."

He took another deep breath as his emotions began to whirl. "I think Yannie is Riley's birth mother."

The statement dropped like a bomb, and Luna felt her body becoming tense. She leaned back on her executive chair as her voice became erratic.

"How can that be?"

If Riley was Yannie's daughter...

Suddenly, Luna remembered the times Yannie visited Riley in the hospital. The first time Riley saw Yannie, she smiled so happily. Luna even joked with

Yannie, saying that Riley must have adored Yannie.

When Luna knew Yannie also liked Riley, she even proposed to let Yannie become Riley's godmother.

It never struck Luna that Yannie was Riley's birth mother. However...

Luna bit her lip.

The father of Yannie's baby was Thomas. Furthermore, Joshua said he knew who Riley's father was, DeRe_{\$J he had the paternity test to prove that person was Riley's father.

With these thoughts in mind, Luna gripped her phone tightly and asked, "You said that you have found Riley's father. Her father..."

Luna sniffled. "Is it Thomas Howard?"

Joshua furrowed his brow lightly. "How did you know?"

Luna's heart plummeted.

She could accept the fact that Yannie was Riley's birth mother and even felt fortunate to hear that. However, when hearing that Riley's birth father was Thomas, her heart clenched in disconcertion.

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Ever since the day Thomas arrived in Merchant City, he had been targeting Luna and Joshua, resulting in Luna's hostility toward Thomas. It amazed her to find out Thomas was the father of the baby girl she wanted to adopt.

"Did Yannie tell you this?" asked Joshua when Luna did not answer his question. He furrowed his brow.

"Yes," Luna answered faintly, "and I don't like Thomas."

She did not think Thomas would treat Riley and Yannie kindly.

At this moment, Yannie was in a partnership with Thomas, and she was one of the celebrities under his agency. She was helping Thomas to earn income as well.

The news of Yannie's previous pregnancy was all over the city, yet Thomas did nothing. He did not even bother to take down the news after Yannie was that deep in trouble. If Luna did not think about letting Joshua take it down, who knew how this whole chaos would turn out?

If Thomas could not even guarantee to protect Yannie, who was earning income for him, how could Luna believe Thomas could provide a good environment and future for Riley?

Luna bit her lip while thinking. "Could we... Could we not let Thomas know his relationship with Riley?"

Rather than letting Riley know about her father, she preferred to let Riley live

Joshua's chuckle was heard on the other end of the line. It seemed as though he did not need to hide this anymore.

Thus, he shifted into a more comfortable position and, with a smile, gently spoke, "I know you're at odds with Thomas, but maybe the truth isn't what you had in mind."

Joshua looked at the computer screen, typing to let Lucas handle Yannie's news as he explained to Luna, "Maybe Thomas knew Riley is her daughter from the moment he was here in the city. Maybe Riley is why he came."

Luna held her breath. She could not believe what she heard.

Thomas...was in Merchant City because of Riley?

Joshua nodded as though having guessed what Luna had in mind. "You don't have to be surprised. He's really here for Riley. So, do you now know why Thomas wanted to take Malcolm in DfXc\}\$M give him a new name, Lucifer Howard?"

Luna bit her lip, falling silent for a moment before she nodded vehemently.

She should have seen this coming. If there was no secret transaction, Thomas would never be so kind to take in Malcolm.

"So, Malcolm used Riley's information to make a trade with Thomas, and Thomas took Malcolm in and came here, right?"

Joshua nodded. "Unfortunately, Riley was sick in the ICU when Thomas came. I bet Malcolm must've made false accusations about us to him. That, in turn, caused him to target you and me."

Joshua smiled bitterly.

"Do you really think Thomas would attack us for no reason? Just because of our previous generation? My mother and his mother have been dead for many years now."

Luna did not know what to say. She really did think...that Thomas was targeting her and Joshua because of the thing that happened between the past generations. She also thought Thomas was inexplicable.

Everything he did, after all, was for Riley.

“The reason Thomas didn’t take care of Yannie’s problem is that he’s probably in a mountain with no connection to the outside world. He has no idea what happened.” Joshua laughed. “Do you still think he’s an inexplicable and irresponsible man?”

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“Luna, I wanted to tell you about this after Thomas comes back, but...” Joshua paused for a while before he continued, “From the looks of it, maybe we can sit by the sidelines and watch for now. If Thomas can handle the matter this time, then we should trust that he has the ability to take care of Yannie and Riley.

“I know that you both aren’t on the best of terms due to your past conflict, but if he can handle it well this time, maybe we should give him a chance. After all...”

He sighed. “After all, Riley is his daughter. Maybe he and Yannie could give Riley something we can’t.”

Luna’s knuckles protruded as she gripped her phone tightly. She understood everything Joshua had said, but..

“Okay,” came Luna’s simple reply after a deep inhale before she hung up.

She closed her eyes and adjusted her sitting posture to feel more comfortable after putting the phone down.

Her feelings were tumultuous at the moment, and admittedly, she was a little sad.

They finally found Riley’s parents...but they were not what she imagined.

Originally, Luna had a glimmer of hope. She selfishly thought that if Riley’s parents were the irresponsible type and could not take good care of Riley, she could keep Riley by her side. With that, she at least had Riley with her if they failed to locate her daughter. She had a solid reason and consolation to continue with her life.

In spite of that, her selfish thoughts and hopes were shattered at this very hour.

Yannie and Thomas were Riley’s parents.

Luna still remembered how Yannie cried in front of her and said how the trauma of losing her baby still haunted her. Thomas, on the other hand...

Originally, Luna did not think he was a responsible person. However, according to Joshua, Thomas came to Merchant City because of Riley, and he went after Luna and Joshua because of the infant.

No matter how much Luna disliked Thomas, she had a hard time convincing herself Thomas did not like Riley.

Thus..

Luna closed her eyes. Despite her helplessness and devastation, she had to give Riley back to her parents.

Riley was about to leave her.

Where was her birth daughter, then?

The news on the internet was dealt with swiftly. Within half an hour, Hugo discovered all the news about Yannie on the internet was deleted. There were still a few netizens discussing it, but they were not able to cause any detrimental damage.

Touched by this change, he looked at Yannie. “Yannie, who are your friends? How are they this capable? I could only think of two people who could take down that news in such a short period—Mr. Howard EcYd_ “IL Joshua Lynch!”

Yannie bit her lip and stayed quiet for a moment. Then, she said, “Joshua Lynch was the one who helped me.”

Hugo was silent

Seconds later, he slapped his forehead. “That’s right. You had a rumor with him before.” Then, he looked at Yannie curiously.

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“You and Joshua... Is your baby...”

Yannie furrowed her brow unhappily. “Hugo, I respect you because you’ve been a kind, good manager to me, but if you continue to say such nonsense, I won’t be nice to you anymore.”

She took a deep breath and sternly declared, “I’m going to explain to you this once: Mr. Lynch helped me because I’m a friend of his wife, Ms. Luna. My mother is working in his house as a maid. That’s why I was in and out of his house when someone took those photos. As for my baby...”

She raised her head and looked at Hugo sternly. “If you truly take the time to understand Mr. Lynch and his wife’s information, you’ll notice he was never here in Merchant City when I was pregnant.”

She then closed her tired eyes and planted herself on the sofa. "That's all I want to say."

Hugo furrowed his brow as he looked at Yannie. Finally, he sighed. "Yannie, please don't be angry at me. I was just talking crap. I won't say it again, knowing you'll get mad because of that."

He turned around and started to work with his laptop. "Take a rest. I'll make the announcement and suppress the rumor."

Yannie nodded. She closed her eyes and rested on the sofa.

Thomas left Merchant City to go to the mountain area to shoot his movie yesterday afternoon. Before he left, he had left homework for Yannie. He requested Yannie to stay at home and memorized the script.

The script was the next movie Thomas and Yannie would star in together. Even if Thomas did not request it, Yannie was ready to make an effort. As such, she did not sleep last night, having spent the whole night studying the script, understanding the characters, and also memorizing her lines.

She was about to take a rest when the sun was out when all of a sudden, her news took the city by storm.

It was only when Hugo said he could settle the rest of the matter did she finally feel at ease and slept.

"Wow. She managed to sleep after what happened?" she heard Thomas saying in her dream. "Such a heartless girl."

Following, Hugo sounded troubled. "She's not heartless. She's been reading the script the entire night. When she was about to rest in the morning..."

Hugo sighed. "We need to thank Joshua Lynch for this time. If it weren't for him, who knows how much worse the situation will be when you return?"

Thomas sneered, "She should be the one thanking him, not me. Joshua didn't do it because of me."

"But...he did help us after all. Based on his personality, he must've known Yannie was a celebrity from our agency. After how we targeted him previously, he's still willing to help. It's exceptional," Hugo expressed his opinion.

Thomas merely scoffed CaTg^+1M said nothing. The compliments from Hugo about Joshua probably got to him.

After a while, Hugo continued to talk, “Sir, what about Yannie? What should we do? Now that everyone knows she was pregnant before being in a marriage, you “For the sake of your reputation, it’s best for you to make an announcement to Otherwise...it’ll affect your reputation and fame.”

Thomas smiled. “My reputation will be affected just because she had a baby out of wedlock? What if the public found out I have a three-month-old baby? Will that affect her reputation?”

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In her dream, Yannie vaguely heard Thomas saying he had a three-month-old baby, but she could not remember anything else. After all, she was dog-tired.

It was 8 p.m. when Yannie finally woke up from her sleep. The first thing that popped into her head was her dream about Thomas telling Hugo he was a father to a three-month-old baby.

She rubbed her throbbing head, but she could not tell if it was a dream or if she overheard it during her sleep when Thomas and Hugo were talking.

After much thinking, she decided to go ask Thomas.

When she got out of bed, she realized she had been sleeping on Thomas’ bed. She clearly remembered falling asleep on the sofa in the mansion!

Did Hugo have someone else carry her upstairs after seeing how tired she was? Nonetheless, Thomas had arranged a room for her ever since he requested her to stay in the mansion. If Hugo wanted to send her to the room, he should have sent her back to her room instead.

Moreover, her room was on the first floor, and Thomas’s room was on the second floor. There was no way to mix things up!

She stood in the room and looked at the familiar yet strange design. Her mind was a mess. It was impossible for her to end up in Thomas’ bedroom!

After a while, Yannie took a deep breath. This was not the time to ponder about what happened, and she should leave the room before Thomas returned back. She did not want the egoistic man to think she was up to something and ended up sleeping in his room!

With that, she quickly walked to the door and wanted to leave, only to note in horror that the door was locked from the outside.

Worse still, when she was trying to open the door, she saw herself on the metal door handle's reflection. The only thing she was wearing were her lacy bra and panties. Her slender and fair legs and arms were exposed!

When she looked down, she saw the stretch marks on her belly. For a minute, she was bewildered before she stubbornly extended her hands, to touch the

stretch marks on her belly. Her heart was in pain.

If it were not for the news about the stretch marks on her belly, she would have forgotten she was once a mother. It had been three months, and she had used that three months to stop grieving the death of her baby.

All that...

All that effort, yet her past came back to haunt her. Her pregnancy news was all over the city, while the belly she fought hard to hide during the advertisement shooting was exposed.

She closed her eyes, and at this very moment, she felt lost at how uncertain her future seemed. After what happened this morning, she felt even more helpless about the days to come.

Although she did not know who brought her to the room, she swore she fell asleep on the sofa and was wearing clothes at that time. Someone must have brought her to Thomas' room, taken off her clothes to expose her stretch marks, and locked her inside the room.

It was as though...the perpetrator wanted to let Thomas see how embarrassed and disgusting she was when he returned to the room.

Amid her despair, Yannie heard footsteps coming from the end of the walkway, and there were two different footsteps.

One sounded like the footsteps produced from leather shoes, possibly a male. The other sounded like the clicking of high heels.

The footsteps were getting closer and closer.

"Thomas, I did some investigation.

"The information published on the news is real. Yannie had delivered a baby before!" rang Wendy's voice, evidently gloating.