

## Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 2581

The pure white top and the mint green skirt only enhanced Yannie's beauty. She looked like a little fairy that had walked out of a forest. Having been in the entertainment industry for so many years, Thomas has seen all sorts of beautiful women, but at this moment, he was completely dazzled by Yannie's beauty.

He was silent for a while before looking away, gently clearing his throat. "I don't know who Riley's biological mother is, but from today onward, you're her mother."

From the moment he told Wendy that Yannie's child was his, he had already planned to have Yannie be Riley's mother.

Despite not visiting Riley for the past month, he knew that Yannie had often gone to visit her, so he placed a camera on Yannie, wanting to see his daughter through Yannie.

That way, he could see Yannie through the camera and not catch Joshua's attention.

However, he never expected that Yannie would adore Riley the way she did, and her love for the infant was palpable.

Since he could not find Riley's mother, he would get Yannie to become Riley's mother instead, seeing how much love she had for the baby.

Moreover, he seemed to have fallen for her a little. The three of them together would be a nice family.

However, the moment Thomas finished his sentence, Yannie furrowed his brow. "I do quite like Riley, but I'm not her biological mother. Also, I'm not related to Riley in any way. Riley is now Joshua's and Luna's adopted daughter, and you have no right to make me Riley's mother."

Thomas laughed at Yannie's words. He turned and walked out of the bedroom. "What if I said that I'm Riley's biological father?"

It felt like she had been struck by lightning upon hearing this, so much so that she was stunned. "What...did you say?" she stammered.

"Haven't you heard?" Thomas stopped in his tracks. His voice was calm. "Do you remember you helping Joshua collect my hair and nail clippings? He took it to do a DNA test between Riley and me. If you don't believe me, you can go and ask Joshua."

Yannie felt as if someone had hit her a huge blow on her heart. She bit her lip and clenched her fists tightly.

Joshua was not wrong after all. Thomas did have an illegitimate child, and that child was Riley!

She closed her eyes.

If she remembered correctly, Riley and her deceased child were born around the same timeline, and they were both three-month-old babies. Thus... Yannie sniffled. Her heart hurt so much as if a knife had been stabbed into her. Thus, more than a year ago, around the time when she slept with Thomas, he had also slept with another woman. That meant that they both conceived around the same timeline and gave birth close to each other's dates.

Yannie was feeling so miserable as if a huge boulder was pressing on her heart. She sniffled. "Thomas...h-how many women have you been with?"

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Thomas paused for a while. After a while, he raised his eyebrow and looked at Yannie. "What? Are you trying to investigate me? Have you fallen for me?"

Then, he changed into a more comfortable position, crossing his arms at his chest and leaning against the door. He looked at Yannie fixedly with his deep gaze and smiled. "If you promise right now that you'd be Riley's mother, I can tell you how many women I have been with."

No one knew that during that one fateful night abroad, it was Thomas' first time, too—not just for the woman.

Of course, he would not tell Yannie this before she agreed to become Riley's mother. After all, he felt that if Yannie would not want to be his other half, telling her this would only give her more leverage on him in the future.

However, Yannie construed his words differently.

She bit her lip and, staring at the smiling Thomas, finally calmed down a little. Was he trying to use a question, such as the number of women he has been with, as a bargaining chip with her?

She was only asking because she heard him say that Riley was his daughter. She never thought that he would say such things.

Yannie took a deep breath. She turned around and walked past him, wanting to leave the bedroom. "If you don't want to tell me, forget about it. I'm not that interested, anyway." Then, she left.

Thomas quickly grabbed her arm before she could walk past him. His brow furrowed as he was a little displeased by her attitude. "Why are you asking me this then if you're not interested?" "I was just asking." Yannie shrugged him off.

She wanted to continue to head out when Thomas' voice rang out once more, "Aren't you going to follow me to the hospital to see Riley?"

Yannie stopped in her tracks. "I'll go see her myself."

All this while, she would visit Riley in the hospital when she had free time. She liked Riley a lot, even if she was unsure what her feelings were toward Riley.

Her child had died three months ago, and Riley was coincidentally three months old. She often had the illusion that Riley was her child.

However, up until that day, she finally realized that her feelings toward Riley were just because Riley was one of Thomas' children.

Perhaps she felt that sense of fondness because Riley and her dead child had the same father.

"I'll advise you to come with me to visit Riley.

I'll bring reporters along. The news of you and me visiting Riley will be on the front-page news." Yannie furrowed her brow upon hearing what Thomas said. "Are you nuts?"

When Thomas told Wendy that he had a child, was that not just to deal with her alone? At that moment, if he were to visit Riley and bring reporters along, was he trying to tell his fans that he actually had a child?

For a celebrity like Thomas, announcing that he has a child would cost him almost half of his fans. His career would be affected, too.

Yannie thought that Thomas must have gone mad to make such a decision.

Looking at how serious she looked, Thomas could not help but massage his glabella. "I blame myself for not telling you. Just now, when Wendy was right in front of us, she had been live streaming the entire thing, whatever we said and done previously, including..."

Thomas measured up Yannie's slender figure. "Including you in your underwear. It was live streamed on the internet." His words felt like a bomb was detonated, and Yannie was completely dumbfounded.

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Yannie felt her head buzzing as she stared at Thomas. How could that have happened? How was that possible? She bit her lip and picked her phone up like a lunatic.

Sure enough, although the live stream had ended, the screenshots and comments about the live stream were all over the place. The trending topics on social media were about her, Thomas, and Wendy.

Everything she was seeing and reading felt like lightning that struck her, so much so that she was petrified.

She thought that Wendy was only trying to set her up, defaming her for seducing Thomas, which was why she was not that intimidated or scared for her life. She thought that as long as she went along with Thomas' act, she would be able to expose Wendy for her setup.

However, when she read the discussion on the internet about them, Yannie even wanted to die.

"Now's not the time to be sad."

Seeing through her, Thomas smiled calmly and walked over to her. He reached his arm out and hugged her shoulders.

"Previously in the live stream, I've stated that Riley is our daughter, so now that everything has been announced to the public, you should come with me to the hospital to visit Riley so that the reporters can take some pictures. This is the only proper way to do it." Yannie bit her lip upon hearing what Thomas said. She clenched her fists tightly.

She hesitated upon hearing this.

Alas, she had to play along, seeing as Thomas did say those things to help her in the live stream a moment ago.

She also suddenly understood why Thomas wanted her to wear the clothes he had prepared for Riley's mother and why he wanted her to become Riley's mother.

It seemed that he had his own considerations too.

At that thought, Yannie's resentment instantly lowered. After a moment, she took a deep breath, walked over to Thomas, and hugged his arm. "Let's go. "I have to address something, though; I hope that we don't put on this act for too long."

Thomas smiled at her. "No problem."

Thus, they headed downstairs together.

Hugo, who saw them coming down linking arms, could not help but sigh. "Would've been better if you two did that from the start. I was so nervous about the live stream just now!"

Then, he turned to look at Thomas. "Wendy had exposed Ay}\$.c}b invaded your privacy. Are you not going to settle the score with her?"

Thomas smiled. "Someone else is on that for me."

A black Kayenne slowly came to a halt in front of the police station in Merchant City. The driver opened the door and respectfully bowed. "Ms. Fann, please get out of the car." Wendy was still delighted that she was served by Joshua's men. She just did not expect to be dropped off at the police station instead. Alarm bells went off in her head. "Isn't Joshua inviting me to his house to have a look?" "He changed his mind." The driver smiled. "He said that you've invaded other people's privacy and even openly exposed it on the internet. Did you think that you weren't breaking the law?"

## **Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 2584**

Thomas and Yannie arrived at the hospital, surrounded by the cameras of the reporters.

They came out of the lift to see Luna, standing by the doors of the ICU ward, as well as Gwen, who was in a wheelchair, beside her.

Luna had no plans to visit Riley on that day. A month ago or so, when Riley was admitted to the hospital, Luna visited Riley once every three days under the advice of the doctor.

That day was only the second day from the last time Luna visited Riley. She initially did not want to come over, but after Gwen saw Thomas' and Yannie's live stream and heard that Riley was their child, Gwen insisted on going to see Riley.

Gwen was not in the best of health just yet, still hurt because of Luke not long ago, so Luna could only give in and took her to see Riley.

They never thought that they would run into Thomas and Yannie just as they were about to leave...as well as a group of reporters.

"Luna." Yannie's eyes twinkled with mirth upon seeing Luna. "You're here to see Riley too!"

Luna paused for a while. She furrowed her brow in displeasure at the reporters behind Thomas and Yannie. “Why are you taking so many people here to see Riley?”

From the moment Thomas mentioned Riley in the live stream, Luna had already guessed that he would come visit Riley to put on an act. However, she did not expect that he would be so eager to do so. She also did not expect that he would take the reporters to the ICU.

Riley had always been in the ICU, not only because of her condition but more so because the ward was quieter.

The doctor had said that Riley needed a quiet and stable environment. Thus, after careful consideration, Luna and Joshua did not move Riley to a normal ward. They were afraid that she could not get used to the environment.

However, at that moment, Thomas—Riley’s father—brought in a crowd!

It was then that Yannie realized that there were indeed too many people following after them.

From the moment they left the house, Yannie had complained to Thomas that there were too many people following them. Thomas, however, consoled her, saying that compared to the people who watched the live stream, the number of reporters was already considered few.

Upon hearing Thomas mentioning the live stream, Yannie felt a sick feeling in her stomach once more. After all, she was filmed the entire time without her knowledge.

Although she heard from Thomas that Wendy had been arrested, when she thought back to how she was only clad in lingerie, exposing her stretch marks to everyone in the live stream, she wanted to dig a hole to hide. This was also why she trusted Thomas who said that the more reporters there, the merrier. She felt that only by getting everyone to believe that she had given birth to a child for Thomas could she compensate for the awkwardness and helplessness she felt. However, at that moment, Luna’s words made Yannie question the issue of the number of people there once more.

She bit her lip and muttered under her breath to Thomas, “Should we...get some of the reporters to leave? Riley is still in the ICU, you know? It’s not good to have too many people here.”

“Why not?” Thomas sneered and looked at Luna. “Is Riley’s condition that serious? Why does Riley’s case file say that her condition is already much better and that she can be transferred to a normal ward, but someone doesn’t want to transfer her out?”

At the mention of that, Thomas was angry.

Riley's condition was clearly much better for the past month, but Joshua and Luna did not allow her to be transferred to a normal ward. To Thomas, this all seemed too deliberate.

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Joshua knew that Riley was Thomas' daughter. He knew that it would not be easy for a person like Thomas to enter the ICU, yet he refused to transfer Riley to a normal ward.

Since they were always afraid of him coming to visit Riley, he decided to bring a group of people along. One was to let everyone know that Riley was his and Yannie's child, to put pressure on Joshua so that Joshua and Luna would quickly return Riley to them.

Secondly, it was to tell Joshua that he had seen through their dirty tricks,

However, Thomas' words convinced Luna even more that Thomas was not a competent father to Riley.

She narrowed her eyes. "I was the one who didn't allow the transfer. A child's body is still unstable. Even if she has gotten better in a short while, if her sickness relapses in the general ward, she'll have to be sent to the ICU again, so I decided to not let her go through the torture.

Luna sneered. "Do you think it's inappropriate, Mr. Howard?"

"It's a pity," Luna said while crossing her arms around her chest. "Riley is still under our care right now. Although you're Riley's father, you've only visited her once in the past month. I don't think you have the power to decide on her behalf."

At that moment, the atmosphere in the corridor instantly turned cold as their conversation took a turn for the worse.

The reporters behind them might look calm, but they were secretly delighted.

Every reporter was secretly recording and taking pictures of the scene in front of them.

It was the standoff between Luna and Thomas! What a sight!

One was the wife of Lynch Group's president, and the other was a famous celebrity of Merchant City.

Their arguments were enough to be on the front page news for at least a week!

“Don’t get too excited now.”

Gwen, who was in the wheelchair, calmly looked at the reporters behind them. “I know that all of you are happy that you’ve found something juicy to report, but heed my advice: there are things that you can and can’t report. “For example, if you report the argument between Mr. Howard El(b/b Luna, ruining his reputation, you’ll have to deal with a lawsuit from his publicity team. “If you ruin Luna’s reputation, well, have a guess... Do you think that Lynch Group and Larson Group will let you off the hook?”

Gwen’s words instantly silenced the reporters. Seeing the strange expressions on their faces, Gwen smiled. “Everyone, I’ll arrange for some fruits and snacks downstairs for you. Later, I’ll also give you photos that you can report of Mr. Howard and Ms. Flores visiting their children. As for the others, don’t butt in.”

Gwen was essentially giving the reporters a way to back down. The reporters looked at each other, turned around, and left. Yannie sighed in relief as the reporters took their leave. She looked at Gwen, who was in the wheelchair, gratefully.

“Thank you, Ms. Larson.” If it were her, she would not be able to come up with such things to make the reporters go away. “You don’t have to thank me.” Gwen smiled and looked at Thomas. “You seemed to have a misunderstanding of Luna and Joshua, no?”