

## Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 2780

**Chapter 2780** The sun rose into the sky from the east and woke up the earth. It was a brand new day. Denise woke up and looked at the ceiling when she opened her eyes. Everything that happened yesterday appeared right before her eyes like a movie. At that moment, someone knocked on her door.

Along with that came her mother's kind, tender voice. "Denise, are you awake? The first time we did after we woke up was to get you brother to bring you home. He told us you came back last night. How are you today?"

She had mixed feelings as she listened to her mother's soft and gentle voice. She could not help but remember the recording she heard from Luna and Gwen's hotel room.

They literally said to let her die. They said she was no longer useful to the family and that she was a disposable pawn. They even said they wanted to use her to beg for mercy with Joshua and Thomas and begged them not to stop the cooperation.

It was at this moment that she felt the dam breaking inside of her. She covered her mouth to stifle her sobs as tears formed.

Outside the door, her mother was still continuing to talk. Back in the past, she would often feel safe and happy to hear that voice. However, it became so unfamiliar and so fake.

She bit her lips and closed her eyes. This time, she swore that she would not be soft-hearted and would show no mercy. She wanted to seek justice for herself and do one last thing for her brother—the right thing! "Denise?" Since there was no response from the room, Mrs. Hughes mumbled, "She hasn't woken up? That can't be... Her biological clock has always been very routine since she was a child."

As she mumbled to herself, Mrs. Hughes left the place. When she was sure her mother had left, she pulled the blanket over her body and wept quietly.

For the 20 years living in the family, she had always thought she was the real young miss of the family and she was proud of her identity. She always bragged to the others that she had a kind and understanding mother, an upright father, and a gentle brother. All of them treated her like a princess and loved her.

This ended yesterday. After the recording, she finally knew the only person who treated her as a family was Steven. The others only thought of her as a pawn.

Suddenly, her laptop beeped. The turn-on sound stopped Denise from crying. She opened up the blanket and looked at her monitor with amazement.

The laptop got turned on when no one else even touched it.

Not only was it turned on, but the mouse cursor was also moving. She got scared and nearly shrieked out of fear.

After a while, she managed to calm down. She climbed on her bed toward the laptop.

Suddenly, a chatting application was opened and logged in to an account. Subsequently, a chat room opened up.

Someone by the name of 'Nigel' was messaging her.

(Nigel: Don't worry. I'm not a bad person.)

(Nigel: Your phone is not with you, so this is the only way I can reach you.)

(Nigel: Let me introduce myself. I'm the eldest son of Joshua Lynch and Luna, and my name is Nigel.)

Denise looked at the message in bewilderment. She walked over there carefully and replied to Nigel.

(Denise: You...) (Denise: What do you want?)

## **Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 2781**

**Chapter 2781** Nigel's reply came almost instantaneously.

(Nigel: Don't worry, neither of my parents knows about me contacting you. I just wanted to tell you some of the stuff I've heard about you.)

Denise's entire body froze when she saw this. A split second later, something struck her...

The audio recording of Steven and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, which she had heard from Luna's computer, had come from one of Joshua and Luna's children.

Therefore, this boy that contacted her...was probably none other than that skilled hacker son of theirs.

At the thought of this, Denise quickly typed another reply. (Denise: What have you heard about me?)

(Nigel: Plenty of interesting stuff, but I will only tell you under one condition.) (Denise: What condition is it?) [Nigel: You have to promise not to lay another finger on little Riley.)

Denise was silent for a moment when she saw this.

(Denise: Is that it?) (Nigel: Yes. I've been keeping an eye on Riley all this while for fear that something bad would happen to her, so when you tried to steal Riley but was stopped by your brother last night, I saw everything. I don't know what's happening between you adults, but I sincerely hope you won't try to harm Riley again.) (Nigel: I've already contacted Uncle Thomas, and he's already on his way to Saigen City. If you promise to hand Riley over to him, I'll tell you everything I know.)

Denise furrowed her brow at this.

(Denise: Is that it?)

She thought this little rascal would have asked her for something ludicrous, but to her surprise, all he wanted was for her to hand Riley over.

To be frank, this was not a difficult condition for her at all.

Previously, according to her and Tina's plan, they intended to kidnap Riley and use her as a hostage to threaten Thomas and Yannie. However, after discovering the Hughes family and Tina's true colors, she quickly gave up on this idea.

The reason she had gone ahead and taken Riley from the hospital...was not because she wanted to threaten Thomas and Yannie but because she did not want to burn her one and only bridge.

She knew that she had committed plenty of unforgivable mistakes, and all she wanted to do was make Thomas owe her a favor so that he would show her mercy in the future.

Therefore, it was not impossible for her to agree to Nigel's terms, and besides...

Even if Steven had taken Riley away the night before and kept her under his care, she would

not be 100% safe. After all, Steven was still a part of the Hughes family, and since Mr. and Mrs. Hughes had been watching Denise all the while, she would not be surprised if they had been doing the same for Steven. According to their greedy natures, they would try to steal Riley when they found out she was with Steven.

If that happened, things would take a turn for the worse.

All Denise wanted was for Thomas and Yannie to owe her a favor, not to create enemies.

Therefore, handing Riley over to Joshua was not only the best option for Riley but a reasonable choice for both her and Steven.

Seeing that Denise was taking such a long time to reply, Nigel furrowed his brow and quickly typed another message.

(Nigel: What's wrong? Are you not willing to accept these terms? Well, if you don't want to, I shall destroy those recordings right now.) (Denise: Please don't!)

The chime of the notification had finally broken Denise out of her stupor. She paused, then typed a reply.

(Denise: I agree with your condition, but how will you prove that you're indeed Joshua and Luna's son? I wouldn't want to be tricked, either.)

## **Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 2782**

Chapter 2782 Nigel froze when he saw this. He was a little surprised that Denise would make such a request.

A split second later, he curled his lips into a smile.

(Nigel: I guess you're not as dumb as I thought.)

He initially thought that this woman, who had been brainwashed by her family into liking Thomas against her true will, would not be the sharpest tool in the shed. Therefore, he was surprised to see that she still had some basic awareness.

Denise furrowed her brow, feeling a little uneasy as she stared at the screen.

The more she thought about the fact that a seven-year-old child had called her 'dumb', the more outraged she got.

She bit her lip and typed a response.

(Denise: Didn't Joshua or Luna ever teach you manners?)

[Nigel: I wasn't trying to be rude, I'm just telling the truth.]

Nigel turned on the webcam.

The moment he did so, the screen of Denise's laptop was filled with the image of a young boy that was almost identical to Joshua. To be specific, Nigel's features resembled Luna's more, but the air of arrogance on his face was unmistakable.

The steely look in his eyes was as suffocating as his father's.

Denise froze when she saw this.

“Now do you trust me?” Nigel curled his lips into a smirk. “Do you need me to provide any more evidence?”

Denise paused, then quickly shook her head.

There was no need.

Nigel’s face and the look in his eyes were more than enough to prove himself. Genetics could not lie. “Alright.” With that, Nigel turned off the camera and resumed talking to her through the chatbox

(Nigel: My Uncle Thomas is already in Saigen City. He’s staying at Aurora Suites; I’ll send his room number to you in a while. Please bring Riley over as soon as you can.)

With that, he proceeded to send her the address to the hotel, along with the room number and a long chain of numbers.

Denise knew that this was the combination to unlock the hotel room door. She bit her lip and took a photo of the information, then replied.

(Denise: I’ll try to bring Riley over before the day ends.)

With that, she let out an exhale and was about to ask Nigel about the recordings he had

promised, but before she could do so, a string of audio files appeared in the chat. Denise put on her earphones and began listening. The information contained within the recordings was so shocking that her face gradually turned white. By the time she emerged from her room, looking desolate, the Hughes family were already eating lunch. When they saw her coming downstairs, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes exchanged a glance, then smiled at her. “What time did you sleep last night, Denise?” Mrs. Hughes said with a hint of gentle scolding. “Why did you wake up so late?” Mr. Hughes was a little upset by this. “It’s already noon! I’ve never seen any young socialite commit such ludicrousity!” Denise could not help sneering when she heard this. She was not a young socialite at all but a daughter from a poor family. However, despite thinking this, she still put on a brave front and pursed her lips rather defiantly. “It’s just this one time.”

Mr. Hughes scoffed and pretended to forgive her. “Alright. You’re not to do this again! Come sit down and have lunch!” Denise trotted over to the dining table and sat down across from them. “Where’s Steven? Isn’t he home?”

## **Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn’t Easy chapter 2783**

Chapter 2783 “Steven? Where else do you think he’d be?” Mrs. Hughes chuckled. “He went out to find Kate, of course. Your brother and Kate are growing closer and closer.” She glanced surreptitiously at Denise and added, “By the way, how are you and Thomas doing

now?

“This morning, your Aunt Tina told me she’d been trying to set you and Thomas up; how did everything go?”

Denise’s heart turned cold when she heard this.

After listening to the audio recordings that Nigel had sent her, Denise finally knew the truth.

The reason Tina had so willingly treated her like a tool against Thomas was all because of Mrs. Hughes, her ‘mother.’

Mrs. Hughes had once promised Tina that her daughter would listen to her every command. Not only that, but Mrs. Hughes was the one who had given Tina the idea to use Denise to seduce Thomas.

“She came from a poor family, and if she hadn’t caught my eye when she was a child because of her looks, she might’ve been sold by her family and be working as a prostitute by now. It’s her blessing to be able to live such a comfortable life.

“Sleeping with Thomas once isn’t going to do her any harm. If she’s lucky and gets herself pregnant with Thomas’ child, she’ll be able to live the rest of her life worry-free.

“The best thing you can do is use this against Thomas to keep him tied to your side, but you can’t overdo it either. If Thomas isn’t willing to marry Denise, you shouldn’t try to argue with him—think of it as Denise’s loss.

“After all, with such modern technology nowadays, we can always reconstruct her hymen, and she’ll be able to sleep with other rich men again...”

Mrs. Hughes and Tina’s voices rang in her ear over and over.

Denise never thought that Mrs. Hughes, the woman who had treated her like her own daughter for so many years, turned out to be using her all along.

She never cared about Denise’s thoughts or feelings. In her eyes, she was nothing more than a pretty girl who had managed to catch their attention.

“Denise?” Mrs. Hughes furrowed her brow when she noticed that Denise was staring into space instead of answering her question. “I’m talking to you.”

Denise finally snapped out of her stupor. She curled her lips into a smile and said, "Don't worry, Mother; Aunt Tina's plan worked. I'm sure that in no time, Thomas will change his mind and return to my side."

As she said this, Denise placed her hand strategically on her belly as though there really was a baby in there.

Mrs. Hughes was happy to see this. She quickly ordered the servants to bring Denise another bowl of soup, then turned to grin at her. "I'm so happy to hear this, my dear. It's always been a dream of mine to see you become Thomas' wife, and now it's finally coming true."

Denise lowered her head, chuckling. "You're right, Mother." After lunch, Mrs. Hughes had intended to sit Denise down for a chat, but she acted as though she was not feeling well and disappeared upstairs. She pretended to close the door but secretly hid behind the staircase railing and peeped around the side to watch Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

"Didn't Tina say that...they had failed?" Mr. Hughes furrowed his brow and asked in a low voice, "Didn't she say that Steven had even taken Denise's phone and stopped her from getting in touch with Denise again?"

Mrs. Hughes rolled her eyes at him. "Don't you know how soft-hearted your son is? I wouldn't be surprised if he gave her phone back. Besides, Denise is such an obedient girl, so even if Steven were in the way, she'd find a way of accomplishing her task." Then, she furrowed her brows and added, "However... I still want to straighten some things out with Tina in person."

Mr. Hughes was silent for a moment, then nodded. "Let's go. I'll come with you."

With that, the two of them put on their coats and left. Denise let out a sigh of relief when she heard the car pull away, then stood up and tiptoed towards Mr. Hughes' study. If she remembered correctly...all the evidence of Luke's surgery would be kept there.

## **Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 2784**

Chapter 2784 At the hotel. Gwen had just finished her lunch and was about to invite Luna to go with her to visit Yannie when she received a call from Denise.

"Ms. Larson, I've sent you an email. Please take a look at it."

Gwen's eyebrows furrowed at this. "That's fast."

Denise had just agreed to work with her to find evidence of the Hughes and Miller families' wrongdoings just a night before. All too quickly, she sent her an email less than 24 hours after their agreement. How was this possible?

“Of course.” Denise curled her lips into a smile. “I’ve lived in this household for more than twenty years, so I know every nook and cranny where confidential information is stored.”

Then, she sighed and added, “Unfortunately, this is all I can find for today, and I’m not sure if there are others. I’ll continue searching for a few more days. Don’t forget our promise.” Gwen nodded. “Yes, I still remember.”

With that, Denise hung up the phone. Gwen froze for a long time when she heard the dial tone, then finally tucked her phone away and strode into her room.

When she turned on her laptop, she discovered an email from an unknown sender. Gwen let out a sigh as she clicked on the email.

It was full of photos that Denise had taken less than 20 minutes ago. Not only were there contracts and agreements regarding Steven’s surgery...but there was even a copy of an agreement Luke had signed himself.

According to the agreement, Luke was willing to give up all his assets and savings under his name, provided the Miller family could help him save Gwen.

Gwen could not stop her tears from falling when she saw this. She clamped her hand over her mouth as tears slid silently down her cheeks.

Luke’s cold, steely face materialized in her mind, accompanied by the image of his smirk whenever he stared at her.

Gwen closed her eyes and muttered Luke’s name over and over.

‘Don’t worry, Luke. I’ll come to you as soon as everything here is settled.

‘Even if we can’t be husband and wife in this life, I’m sure we’ll be able to in heaven.’

All of a sudden, someone knocked on her door.

Luna’s voice rang out, “Gwen, get yourself ready; we need to head out soon. “Thomas’ father died, and now Thomas has been captured as the prime suspect of murder. Joshua wants us to go over right now to keep Yannie company.”

Gwen’s entire body froze when she heard this. A split second later, she shot up and flung the door open. “How did this happen?”

Joshua had been keeping an eye on Senior Howard since his accident the day before, and he had been perfectly fine. Senior Howard did not suffer any major injuries, and all he needed was some rest and rehabilitation, so why did he die all of a sudden?



Not only that, but Thomas had become the prime suspect!

“I’m not too sure either.” Luna frowned and sighed when she saw the look of disbelief in Gwen’s eyes. “I asked Joshua the same thing, and he couldn’t give me a clear answer either. Perhaps he doesn’t have much idea.

“Thomas was arrested while on his way to Yannie’s place, and according to Joshua, Yannie isn’t doing so well now. Not only that, but...” Luna paused for a moment before finally saying, “Riley is missing, too.”