

Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 2561

“Three days. Give me three days, and I’ll tell you who Riley’s father is.” Luna paused upon hearing Joshua’s suggestion. Then, she nodded quietly. With that settled, Luna started to worry again. “Looking at Riley now...I’m worried about our daughter. Do you think she’s alright? Did a nice family adopt her, or...” Luna trailed off before she could continue, unable to stomach any other thought that could lead to negativity. During this period, she was not in a hurry to search for her daughter because she knew how fragile a newborn baby could be.

Since her baby went missing as soon as she gave birth, Luna had no idea about the child’s well-being. She did not know whether her baby was kidnapped as Hunter said or if they were taken away. It had been three months, so the perpetrators should have shown some signs or contacted either Luna or Joshua. However, they did not receive any news or information regarding her baby for the past three months.

In fact, Luna was prepared for the worst-case scenario, which was why she would care about Riley more than her own daughter. She would rather brainwash and convince herself that her baby was alive and being cared for by a nice family than make the effort to search. She was afraid that she would instead come across something horrifying that would devastate her.

This was not the first time she experienced losing her child. The first time was when Neil nearly died during Aura’s reign of terror, and this time, her baby was taken away from her after she delivered her.

Understanding her thoughts and feelings, Joshua held her and sighed. “Our baby will be fine.”

Contrary to the way Luna tried to convince herself, Joshua thought differently. His men were still on the search for the baby. He could not allow his baby to wander outside, whether the baby was alive or dead.

Meanwhile, at Jim’s house, situated in the city center.

Jim was squatting beside the crib as a troubled expression was present on his face. He was trying to feed Shelly milk with the baby bottle. The baby looked at Jim’s face with her shimmering eyes, but she refused to drink. “Taking care of this baby is so hard.” Jim furrowed his brow and tried to

trick Shelly to drink the milk while whining to Bonnie, “It’s very hard, alright.”

He had been trying to feed her for more than half an hour, yet Shelly had only drunk once.

“How can you expect her to drink it when she’s not hungry?”

Bonnie was at the side doing rehabilitation yoga. Chuckling, she added, “Why don’t you feed her only when she’s hungry?” Jim rolled his eyes. “She’ll be hungry only during midnight, and by then, she’ll wake you up.”

Shelly had been throwing tantrums for the past few nights, and because of that, Bonnie barely got a solid time to sleep.

“It’s alright.” Bonnie smiled. “When did you care about me so much? If you’re that worried Shelly will affect me, you shouldn’t have brought her back home for me.”

She raised an eyebrow and looked at Jim. “Tell me: what were you thinking?”

Jim curled up his lip. “I have no memory of the past. How would I know what I was thinking?” Later, he put down the milk bottle and pinched Shelly’s cheek. “Hey, little girl. Why don’t you tell me where your parents are?”

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(Shocking Revelation! The rising star of the entertainment industry had a baby out of wedlock!) [Thomas’ new girlfriend was a baby mama!] (Finally, the reason behind Yannie’s hospital admission resurfaced after three months!)

In the early morning, shocking entertainment news took Merchant City’s entertainment industry by storm. News about Yannie’s previous pregnancy made its way to every headline.

To many, Yannie was just a nobody. However, to the media and Thomas’ fans, she was a sting in the eye. The reason was simple: Yannie had been pretending to be Thomas’ screen couple for the past month.

Both of them took part in an advertisement shooting and also went on a romance variety show and a movie as a couple. The only person who managed to have this kind of privilege in the past was Wendy. At this moment, it was Yannie who took this privilege—the poor, no-name woman. Fans were relentless with their dissatisfaction toward Yannie, while the media sided with Wendy and grieved her luck. Even Wendy herself hinted in several interviews that Thomas had deserted her because of his new date. Thus, when someone leaked the news that Yannie once had a baby, it became the headlines for the day.

Wendy even posted on Tweeter early in the morning, (God is looking at you all the time. If you don’t want other people to find out what you did, it’s best that you don’t do it.)

Meanwhile, in Thomas’ mansion...

“What the hell is this?” hissed Hugo, Thomas’ manager, as he threw the newspapers onto Yannie. “Yannie, you’ve never told us you had a baby when you signed the

contract with our company. Look at all this; they even found out the date of your labor! What else do you have to say about all this?" Hugo stared at Yannie, who had curled up into a ball, and said with heartbreaking sadness, "If I had known you were a filthy woman, I would've never agreed with Mr. Howard and signed you to be a celebrity in our company. And, I won't even

agree to let him pretend to be a screen couple with you, too! "Look at all the mess you made. Not only are you the target of criticism, but even Mr. Howard has been dragged into this shitstorm, too!"

Hugo's temper sparked even more as he spoke. It took him all his strength to not point Yannie right at her face.

"Why didn't you tell us that you had a baby? At least we could build you an image as a sad mother who lost her baby! Look what you have gotten us into today. Those who know you would know that you have a baby with another man, but others will think Thomas is the baby's father!"

The words that came out of Hugo's mouth grew intense and provoking. Yannie, sitting on the sofa in her nightgown, curled up into a ball as she said nothing. With her head lowered, tears streamed down her eyes.

She never expected that Doctor Camila, the doctor that had cared for her and helped her way before this, would extort money from her at a time like this. All this began when she saw the advertisements and variety shows Yannie was in.

At first, Yannie was overjoyed to be hearing from her. However, as the conversation dragged on, it felt as though a bucket of cold water was poured down on Yannie, and she could feel her heart breaking.

"Yannie, now that you're earning money with a superstar like Thomas Howard, shouldn't you help your doctor, too?"

"Have you forgotten? If I didn't help you to cover up the reason for your admission, your past won't be clean like now."

"Think about it. Do you think you could continue your career in the entertainment industry if people find out you had a baby out of wedlock? After all the help I provided, I don't think it's absurd that you give me a hundred and forty -eight thousand dollars."

Yannie was so taken aback that she fell silent for a good few seconds. "Dr. Camila, I...I don't have any money."

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Yannie was not lying when she said that she did not have the money. She was actually forced to sign the contract with Thomas' entertainment agency.

All she did was agree with Joshua to get close to Thomas because of the one 148000-dollar reward. She thought only she and Joshua knew about their agreement.

She never thought things would take a turn for the worse.

There was one time Thomas had too many drinks. Seizing this opportunity, Yannie took his hair and fingernail and later brought them to Joshua. What was waiting for her on the other side were threats from Thomas.

In fact, Thomas was never drunk; he merely pretended to see what Yannie would do. The camera captured everything Yannie did from pulling his hair and cutting his fingernail, much to her terror. She thought Thomas would go look for Joshua, so she begged Thomas to look past this incident.

Of course, Thomas did not care if Joshua was in possession of his DNA specimen -it barely concerned him. Nonetheless, he used that video to threaten Yannie into signing the contract with unequal terms. Just like that, she became a celebrity under his agency, but she would not be receiving the money stated in the contract. Thomas had set a one-year duration for her. Within this one year, she had to stay and work for the agency, and only a year later would he give her the salary she was supposed to receive.

That was why Yannie had only the 148000 dollars that Joshua gave to her. Additionally, she had used that money to buy a new house in her hometown for her mother, Mrs. Flores, so she could enjoy her days in retirement.

Although Yannie looked like she was living a fabulous life, Thomas' agency was in charge of her daily spending. She was still like before; poor without money.

Obviously, Doctor Camila did not believe this.

"Come on, Yannie. Are you kidding me? I bet you receive several hundred thousand dollars for that commercial shooting. Since you're rich, why can't you help a person who helped you before? "Well, if you're going to be cold blooded, don't blame me for responding in kind. I kept a copy of your medical records when you were in the hospital, and it's stored nicely in my study in the house now. Do you know what's going to happen if I leak it out?"

Yannie was thunderstruck by the blackmail. "Dr. Camila, ..." "Two hundred and eighty-eight thousand dollars, not a single penny less. Otherwise, expect to see your name in the news!" With that, Dr. Camila hung up the phone, leaving only disconnected beeps. Yannie could only comfort herself and think that this was one of Dr. Camila's jokes.

She bought a present to visit Dr. Camila at her house, but she got kicked in the end.

Yannie begged for Dr. Camila to see reason behind all this, so much so that in the end, Dr. Camila agreed not to disclose her medical record.

Yannie thought that everything was over...until it was not.

Shockingly, Dr. Camilar regretted her decision within just a week. She disclosed to the public that Yannie have indeed had a baby before and falsified medical reports.

“What now, Hugo? What should I do? Shall I offer my life as penance?” whimpered Yannie.

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Hugo was stunned to hear Yannie blatantly offering to end her life to end the chaos. “I can't think of anything other than offering my life to repay the damage I caused.” Yannie smiled bitterly as she looked at Hugo's face with her hollow eyes. “It's true that I had a baby out of wedlock, I won't run from the fact. My heart was broken when my baby died. I...”

She sniffled as her voice grew hoarse.

“If I didn't meet Luna a month ago, I wouldn't be looking like this. She was the one who took the time to comfort me.

“I thought everything was in the past, that I could finally turn a new leaf in my life as I regained my lust for life. Heck, I bought a new house for my mother for her retirement. I...I even found a better and more stable income.

“I thought everything will be alright.” She closed her eyes as tears ran down her cheeks. “I don't know why things would turn out this way.”

Her past was published like a story, read by many. The wound she so desperately tried to hide was once more ripped open for people to mock and gossip about. She did not understand why it happened. Did she do something wrong? Was she not humble enough? What should she do to become a normal person, not to be looked down on, teased, and laughed at? Hugo furrowed his brow when he saw Yannie crying miserably. Unable to prolong his anger and verbal rage, he sighed and sat in front of Yannie.

“Yannie, I know I hurt your feelings just now, but I'm really mad. When you started with me, you should've told me everything about your past. At least I'd be prepared, and the public relations department in the agency could have a backup plan. That way, we won't be so defenseless. “Of course, there's nothing we can't fix. Based on standard procedure, we should take down all of the news on the internet and think of a way to fix things. But you know, Mr. Howard is shooting important scenes in the mountains. He doesn't have a signal over there, and we can't get to him.

“Without his permission, the finance department of the agency will never release the money to help you take down the news.”

He looked at his watch.

“It’s seven in the morning now. Our boss, Thomas, will only leave the mountains this afternoon, BgXd]*IJ we can’t wait that long. Who knows how bad the news will become after he comes out.”

Then, he checked his bank balance.

“I have seventy-four thousand dollars in my bank. That’s still not enough to take down this type of shocking news. Yannie, how much...do you have?” Yannie bit her lip and looked at Hugo. Sadness crept into her heart.

In the end, she still needed to fork out the money...and she did not have that amount at all.

“I’ll think of a way.” Hugo guessed the answer just from Yannie’s expression. Thus, he made the decision. He sat on the sofa and started to call his friends to borrow money.

Yannie was saddened to see how Hugo struggled just to help her. She held her phone tightly and stared at Luna’s name on the screen. In spite of that, she did not have the nerve to call Luna.

Luna had made arrangements for her to work in her studio, yet she resigned because she was unable to pick up the necessary skills. After that, she went behind Luna’s back and started working in the entertainment industry.

She was ashamed to reach out to Luna for help after all the trouble she had caused.

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Amid Yannie’s hesitation, her phone rang.

Luna was calling, and the mere name on the screen sent Yannie’s heart racing. For a moment, she thought she was seeing things.

Why would Luna be calling her at a time like this? Nonetheless, the called ID was real, and she was not hallucinating.

“Why are you not answering the phone?” Hugo furrowed his brow and asked when he heard Yannie’s phone ringing. Yannie paused for a moment, her hands shivering as she did. After much struggle, she picked up the call.

“Luna.”

The instant she picked up the phone, her voice was hoarse. The emotions that had stilled after her conversation with Hugo roared to life upon hearing Luna's voice on the other end. She bit her lip and tried to say a complete sentence. Despite that, her throat felt constricted, and she could not say anything. "Yannie, don't cry." Luna, reading the news from her computer in the studio's office, sighed. "Did the doctor who helped you betray you?"

The information on the news was so complete that it looked exactly like the medical reports from the hospital. She remembered Yannie once told her that her medical report was withdrawn by a kind-hearted doctor who treated her with respect.

The doctor had told Yannie that she must not let anyone know she had a baby out of wedlock, knowing that Yannie was not married.

After that, Luna got inspired by Yannie.

She went back home and told Joshua that he needed to take into more consideration the search for Riley's birth mother. Thus, when Luna saw the detailed information about Yannie's delivery, her first reaction told her that Yannie had been betrayed. "You can say that," croaked Yannie, sniffing. "Dr. Camila contacted me. She blackmailed me and asked for two hundred eighty eight thousand dollars to keep her mouth shut...b-but I don't have that much money. My contract with Thomas' agency stated that I can only receive my salary

a year later, so I..." Luna sighed. She gripped her phone tightly. "Don't cry, Yannie. I'll get Joshua to help you take down the news. You should still go through this with Thomas' agency about how to handle this, though. I don't know anything about the entertainment industry, so it's best that I don't provide you with any advice. You need to calm down first and know that nothing is impossible. "Call me anytime if you need help."

Yannie's sobs intensified upon hearing Luna's heartfelt words. "Luna, thank you

"Don't thank me." Luna smiled helplessly. "Alright. Calm yourself for the time being. I'll call Joshua now to take down the news."

After that, she hung up the phone and made another call to Joshua, who was in his company looking at a contract. After listening to Luna, he furrowed his brow and switched on the computer.

As expected, all the headlines were about Yannie.

Clicking on one of the websites, the hospital name and the date Yannie gave birth appeared in his sight.

Joshua squinted. "Luna, Yannie gave birth on the same day you did."

