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Chapter 1261

"What's wrong?" Renee immediately rushed over.

"Mr. Everheart couldn't take the anesthetic and suddenly fell into a coma. It's an emergency, and we're trying our best to save him... Miss, please sign this medical crisis notice," the nurse explained, her voice shaky.

Only one in ten thousand people could not take anesthesia. They had operated on so many people, but this was the first time something like this had happened, so everyone was panicking.

Renee felt dizzy as she grabbed the nurse's arm and demanded hoarsely, "He can't take the anesthetic? A medical crisis notice? Is this some kind of joke?"

"I'm sorry, Miss Everheart, we didn't expect this to happen. Please... Please sign this and be mentally prepared..."

"Why should I?" Renee sounded hysterical, and her whole body trembled. Clenching her fists, she rushed towards the operating room. "You murderers... I'm going to kill you!"

Leia quickly dropped her. "Ren, calm down. There's still hope, and I'm sure things will get better. Don't act recklessly..."

"Get better? How?" Renee's eyes were watery as she said desperately, "It might turn into a death notice if I wait any longer."

"But..." Tears rolled down Leia's cheeks. She didn't know how to comfort Renee. She wouldn't have come up with such a stupid idea if she knew that there would be such a risk.

Haze frowned and strode forward to stop Renee, then said firmly, "I contacted the best surgeon I know, and he'll be here

soon. He treated my grandpa and did his surgery, so your brother will be in good hands."

"I don't trust any doctor but myself now... He was fine. Someone must have wanted to hurt him, and that was why he fell into a coma. The surgery has to stop!" Renee had never heard Quinton say that he couldn't take anesthesia, so she felt that something had gone wrong during the surgery. It could've been the medicine, the skills, the doctor, or the nurse. Quinton was always so strong and healthy, and had survived worse injuries. It was unbelievable that he was dying because of a mere face recovery surgery.

"I get how you feel, but we're not doctors. We can't act irrationally now. If you make a scene and delay the treatment, can you bear the consequences?" Haze patiently tried to persuade Renee. He had known her for such a long time, but it was the first time he had seen her so scared and distressed. He yearned to hug her, but didn't dare to.

They were more than friends, but not a couple... There was nothing he could do.

"I know, but you've got to trust me. There must be something wrong with the people in the surgery room. I can't let them go on, or else my brother's life will be in danger. I can't let that happen!" Renee was barely keeping it together as she leaned on Haze for support. She knew that Haze was being practical and all she had was just an assumption, but she didn't dare to take any more risks.

"Haze, I'm begging you. Make them stop the surgery..." Renee sobbed as she looked at Haze pleadingly. For the first time, she was being vulnerable in front of him. "Didn't you get a good surgeon? I trust you... I'll only let the doctor you get save my brother!"

Haze felt his heart ache when Renee cried and begged him, so he forwent all his principles.

## The Untouchable Ex Wife

Chapter 1262

"Fine, I'll help you!" After Haze helped Renee sit down, he rushed to the operating room and kicked the door open. "Stop the surgery right now! I'll kill anyone who moves!"

"Okay, we'll stop!" The surgeon and his assistant immediately put down their scalpels and raised their hands while squatting on the floor. The surgery was over, and they just needed to stitch the wound, but Quinton had unexpectedly fallen into a coma when he had only undergone partial anesthesia.

A few minutes later, the doctor Haze had phoned earlier rushed into the room, gasping for breath. "Mr. Baldwin, what happened? I nearly had a heart attack trying to get here on time!"

Haze frowned then said briefly, "Mr. Cromwell, I'll leave this in your hands. If you can save him, you'll be the benefactor of my family, and you'll be compensated well."

"Don't worry, I can save him." Robert Cromwell quickly changed into a surgical gown and got to work.

Renee was forced to wait again. She sobbed as she stared at the door of the surgery room. "Haze, is this doctor reliable? It's my fault if anything happens to Quinton."

Haze said reassuringly, "If Mr. Cromwell said it'll be okay, then it'll be fine. Don't worry."

Before long, Robert came out of the operating room with a solemn expression, and Renee rushed over to him.

"Doctor Cromwell, how is my brother? Is he..." Renee clenched her fists, her heart pounding in her chest. She didn't even dare to ask.

"Er, I don't know how to tell you..." Robert frowned and sighed repeatedly.

"Oh no... he's gone!" Renee wailed, nearly collapsing onto the floor. The doctor looked helpless, and that could only mean that Quinton must be...

"Mr. Cromwell, just tell us if he's alive or not," Haze snarled at Robert impatiently. "When did this man become so dramatic?"

"Yes, he's alive. You can rest assured." Robert patted his chest confidently. "I'll have to stop being a doctor if I can't save him in this kind of condition."

"Why did you sigh then? It's good news that he's alive. You almost drove my friend mad!" Haze rolled his eyes in annoyance. He knew Renee was distraught, and delaying wouldn't help anything.

"He's alive, but it's the same as being dead..."

Robert sighed again as he said sadly. "What..."

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Chapter 1263

"Eight... to ten years?" Renee's mind went

blank. Her legs gave way, and she fainted.

"Phoenix!" Haze steadied her again, then

carried her in his arms.

"Ren... Ren, are you okay?" Leia cried out, gripping Renee's hand shakily. Overwhelmed with guilt, she sobbed, "It's all my fault! Quinton was fine, and if I didn't suggest this, things wouldn't have turned out this way. If he doesn't wake up again, I... I can only give up my life too."

"Okay, stop blaming yourself. All surgeries have risks, and this was completely unexpected. You and Phoenix need to calm down." Even as he comforted Leia, Haze looked down at Renee in worry. 'Don't worry, Phoenix. I'll never let anything happen to your brother.'

Haze used his connections to transfer Quinton to the best hospital in Beach City. He even requested that Robert join the best medical team in that hospital to hasten Quinton's recovery.

Renee woke up in a hospital bed, and she stared at the white ceiling above her. Had she been dreaming?

"Ren, you're awake. Thank God!" Leia had been by Renee's side the whole time, and her eyes were swollen from crying. "I thought something happened to you... You scared me!"

Renee gently

held Leia's hand

and smiled

weakly. "I just

needed a nap.

I'm fine."

Haze had just finished a discussion with the medical team, and was overjoyed to see that Renee was awake when he walked into the ward. "You're finally awake. I'll get you a medical team too if you need it."

He strode over to the bed and adjusted the transparent tube of the IV drip. "The doctor said you were overly worried and your blood sugar was low, so you fainted. You need to take better care of yourself, or you might get anaemia."

"I'm fine. I'm very healthy." Renee pulled out the needle in her arm and shoved the blanket aside to get out of bed. She had been learning martial arts with her grandfather since young, so she was fit. She just had been through too much in the past two years, and after giving birth to two children, her body was not as strong as before.

She had only fainted, but she was put on an IV drip. It was very humiliating to her.

"Where's Quinton? How is he? He's awake, right?" She had been worrying about Quinton even while she was out, so the first thing she wanted to do after she woke up was ensure her brother's safety.

"Your brother is fine, he just needs a bit of time to wake up. The medical team is discussing the best ways to treat him, and I believe they'll come up with a solution soon," Haze said lightly. Quinton's condition was actually much more serious than that, but he didn't want to make Renee worry.

"Really... Where is he? I want to see him." Renee knew that she had to face reality.

"He's still in the ICU, and family isn't allowed to visit him for now but... You can stand outside and watch. Maybe it'll give you peace of mind."

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Robert hesitated for a long time, then finally said, "Yes, he's out of danger, but his brain nerves are damaged because of the problem with the anesthesia. I can't say how long he'll be in a coma; it could take three days, five days, or even eight to ten years... You need to prepare yourselves for the worst."

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"Fine." Renee nodded.

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"No, you have to listen to me this time. If you don't finish this infusion, I won't tell you which ward he's in," Haze insisted. "Haze, you..." Renee was helpless, so she just lay in bed again and waited for the infusion to be over.

Leia was relieved to see that Renee was fine. She gritted her teeth and seemed to have made a decision. "Ren, you and Quinton should rest. Don't worry too much. Quinton will be fine... I've got something to deal with, so I'll go now."

Renee frowned, sensing that something was off. Leia was usually casual and optimistic, but now it seemed like something was weighing on her mind. "Lei, is there something troubling you? Don't feel guilty because of what happened, I know you suggested the surgery with only the best intentions. Don't stress yourself out."

"No, that's not it." Leia shook her head. "It's a personal matter. Take care of yourself, and wait for me to come back." She ran out of the ward before Renee could ask any more questions.

Renee sighed in worry as she watched Leia leave. "I know Lei, she must be blaming herself. I'm worried that she might do something stupid."

"Why don't you stop worrying about others, and start

worrying about yourself?" Haze touched her head lovingly. Most women were dependent, and could only rely on someone more powerful to survive, but Renee was different. She was the one others relied on. She was stubborn and strong, but he hoped that she would one day give him the chance to protect her and take care of her.

After half an hour, the infusion was almost over. The

second it ended, Renee rushed out of the bed

speedily. "Wait for me!" Haze howled and ran after her.

The ICU wards were in a different block, and they had to walk for a while before reaching the floor Quinton was on.

Haze was right—even family members were not allowed to visit the ICU patients. They could only stand outside and look into the ward through the large glass panes.

"Quinton..." Renee saw Quinton lying motionless in bed, and felt her heart ache when she noticed the many tubes attached to his body and the thick bandages around his face.

"Although Quinton is still in a coma, there's good news. His face recovery surgery is successful, and if he wakes up, he'll be a whole new person," Haze said enthusiastically.

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Renee shook her head, her eyes teary. "That doesn't matter anymore... I just want him to wake up safely."

After this incident, Renee had realized that one's appearance didn't mean anything. Being beautiful or ugly made no difference, as long as they were healthy.

"Don't be so pessimistic. If the doctors say that he'll recover, then he will," Haze comforted her. Others always flattered him given his identity and status, so it was rare to see him console others. Doing this much had already exhausted him, and if she continued mulling over it, he would become depressed.

Renee took a deep breath and wiped away her tears before she forced a smile onto her face. "Don't worry, I'll be fine. I'm stronger than you think, so you don't have to rack your brain to figure out how to console me. I know it doesn't come naturally to you, so I'll try to be more optimistic."

"Well, I guess you found me out..." Haze scratched his head and chuckled awkwardly. "I'm not good at consoling people. I'm afraid I'll say the wrong thing and make you mad eventually."

"No, you did great, and I appreciate that... Thank you for caring so much about my brother. Doctor Cromwell is very skilled, and I'm sure Quinton will get better if he treats him."

"Umm... As someone who is trying to court you, have I progressed any further in winning your heart?" Haze swallowed and waited anxiously for her answer.

"You can't stay serious for too long, can you? How am I supposed to answer that?" Renee frowned at him, looking perplexed.

"Don't mind me, just answer honestly. I'm stronger than you think." Haze looked at Renee imploringly, desperate to know the answer.

Renee knew that she could not fool him given how serious he was, so she thought about it for a long time. "Er... Three percent. Yeah, three percent."

Haze's eyes brightened. "Three percent? I thought you'd give me a negative score, but it looks like my hard work is finally paying off. I'll get a hundred percent as long as I keep working hard, I don't care how long it takes. Where there's a will, there's a way!"

"You... You're so weird. It's just three percent. Aren't you mad? Why didn't you say I was ungrateful?" Renee didn't want to give him hope, so she was about to say zero. However, if she did that, he might not believe her, so she gave him a low number instead to make him give up.

Normal people would understand the implication when they heard that number, and might even feel humiliated, but Haze looked surprisingly smug. "Silly, three percent is very high for me. You used to beat me up every time I expressed my admiration for you in the past, but this time, you didn't hit me, and even gave me a score of three percent. It proves that I have a chance, so why would I be mad? I should be celebrating!"

Renee was speechless. She didn't know what was so good about her that made him so obsessed with her. As expected of people who wrote codes—as long as they had their minds set on a type of software, they would keep on running it even if there were a lot of bugs. They were indeed crazy.

"Umm... Since I managed to get three percent, can I ask for a small reward?"

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Renee raised an eyebrow. "What kind of reward?" "I... I want to hug you. Just a simple hug. Although you're strong on your own, I want you to know that there's someone you can rely on too," Haze explained sincerely.

Also, he wanted to see if she would hit him when he got close to her like last time, or if things would be different now.

"Okay." Renee nodded and spread her arms. 'Come on then. Let me hug you.'" She felt that Haze did deserve a hug given what he did for her. She had been quite violent towards him in the past, so maybe she could make up for it through this hug.

"Umm..." Haze frowned when he saw her extend her arms wide as if she was about to hug her son. "If you hug me like this, people may think that you're going to provide for me instead... Can we change our posture?"

"Why? Isn't this nice? I hold Adie this way too, and he loves it

very much." Haze was speechless. "So, you're going to hug me

as if I'm your son?"

"Stop blabbering. Do you want a hug or not? My hands are getting tired. I'll beat you up if you dawdle any longer."

"Fine. I don't care if you're hugging your son or husband. I just want a hug," Haze mumbled, then leaned into Renee's embrace. From afar, it looked like a superior female boss was taking in a shy and weak young man.

"Be good. I'll buy sweets for you if you're good." Renee suppressed her laughter and smoothed his head as she teased him. Undeniably, it was better to be a powerful person. Once she was rich and free, maybe she would take in ten young men.

The atmosphere was good... until Stefan walked out of the elevator. His cold gaze landed on the two people hugging each other, and he unconsciously frowned. "What are you guys doing?"

Renee awkwardly let go of Haze, and was shocked to see Stefan there." Why... are you here?"

"Why can't I be here?" Stefan always sounded fierce and aloof. 'What's wrong? Did I stop you from having an affair with another man?"

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### Chapter 1267

Stefan could never say nice things.

When Renee heard his words, she felt annoyed. "Mr. Hunt, you're from a noble family, so why would you say such vulgar things? I'm not having an affair."

Renee took a step towards him and sneered, full of ridicule." Even if I did, it has nothing to do with you. What right do you have to criticize me?"

"What right do I have?" Stefan said lightly, "I'm your cousin-in-law, if you think about it. I saw my cousin-in-law hugging another man, so don't I have the right to criticize you?"

"Cousin-in-law?" Renee's lips twitched. How could he be so shameless and arrogant?

"Is there a problem?" Stefan raised his brows and asked snidely. "Aren't you madly in love with my missing cousin? He only just went missing, but you're already getting into a passionate relationship with another man. Shouldn't you give me an explanation?"

"How ridiculous! Stefan, shouldn't you explain yourself given how you took liberties with me, your so-called cousin-in-law? " Renee felt that he was a hypocritical person with double standards. Besides, she hadn't done anything wrong, and he had taken advantage of her countless times.

"What should I explain?" Stefan did not want to say much, so he grabbed her hand and pulled her to him. "Come with me, and I'll explain it to you."

After that, he pulled Renee away.

"What are you doing? Are you out of your mind?" Renee refused to go with him, so she tried to break free from his grasp.

Stefan never submitted to others' wishes, but he surprisingly agreed to hers, and it caught her off guard. "You must explain yourself after I do. Fair and square." Stefan ignored her protests and insisted on pulling her away.

"Let go of her!" Haze had been watching everything unfold, and couldn't stand aside and do nothing now. If he did, he would lose his future wife. He blocked Stefan's path. "Can't you see that she doesn't want to go with you? It's illegal to disobey a woman's wishes, and I can call the police to arrest you."

Stefan stopped and stared at Haze coldly. "Go ahead. If you're not going to do it, get out of my way. This is Beach City where my family rules, and it's no place for your Baldwin family to behave recklessly."

"Is that so, Mr. Hunt? Are you still under the illusion that your family is prospering and thriving?"

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Haze's gaze was resentful and provoking. "Did you forget that the Hunt family suffered a terrible loss these past two years, which your family only managed to resolve by having an alliance marriage with the Murphy family? Now you're facing so many enemies, and yet you still claim that Beach City is ruled by the Hunt family."

'Yes, the Hunt family has a lot of enemies, and it's fine if your family is one of them too. Come at me then, if you really think I'm so powerless."

The two men glared at each other icily, and the atmosphere became tense and dangerous.

Stuck in the middle, Renee was forced to mediate the situation. "Okay, there's no need to argue like children. Take a step back and it'll be a win-win situation. Isn't that nice? There are so many resources for you guys to share, so one will be left out. You guys don't have to fight against each other, both of you will suffer losses this way."

The Hunt and the Baldwin families had been sworn enemies for the past few decades, but the Everheart family had mediated the situation between them so they had not gotten into any conflict so far.

Renee did not wish to see them fight against each other when their families had been at peace with each other for so many years. "The Hunt and Baldwin families have different territories. Just develop your area well, and you'll get your own profit.

There's no need to fight, and maybe you can even cooperate to create a win-win situation..." Renee earnestly tried to persuade them.

Haze looked at Renee and said firmly, "You're wrong. My family is filthy rich, so I'm not fighting him for the money." He then looked at Stefan. "Mr. Hunt, I don't mind losing money if you're willing to let me have what I want."

Stefan narrowed his eyes and sneered menacingly, "Try and snatch it if you can, but cut the crap if you can't."

Renee was worried that they might fight each other, so she hurriedly said, "Haze, wait for me. I'll speak to him for a while."

Haze was fuming with anger and was about to fight Stefan, but this was the first time Renee had considered his feelings and explained herself to him, so he was no longer angry. Smirking, he said triumphantly, "Sure, go on then. I'll wait for you here until you come back."

Renee sighed helplessly. 'Haze always makes things so awkward.'

Stefan impatiently dragged Renee away, and they soon arrived at a spacious and remote area.

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Stefan finally let go of her hand and explained solemnly, "Yeah, I did take liberties with you previously because you were too charming. I felt that your gaze, behavior, and soul were trying to seduce me. I failed to hold myself back, and gave in to your seduction. It was my fault, so let me apologize to you."

"Umm... what exactly are you talking about?" Renee did not expect that he would say such an outrageous thing. He was an arrogant man, but he had bluntly admitted to falling for her charms.

"Didn't I make myself clear? You're a very charming woman. You can move me even if you do nothing. Well, I could be wrong, but you need to be held responsible too," Stefan repeated sincerely.

Renee blushed as she smoothed her hair and grinned. "Well, look at you! It's a known fact that I'm charming. I can't help it, I'm sorry. I'll hold myself back next time, so you won't be tempted..."

"That's more like it." Stefan then grabbed her wrist and pulled her into his arms, his gaze intense. "So, can you explain now?"

His unique scent was coupled with the familiar scent of grass, which Renee had never smelled on any other man. The calming scent always eased her frustration, and it had bewitched her more than once.

"I... What should I explain?" Renee turned away and avoided Stefan's intense gaze. She did not want sparks to fly between them again, or else she'd make the same mistake.

"What's your relationship with Justin? Why did you hug each other?" Stefan growled, cornering her like a predator. He had to get to the bottom of it.

Annoyed, Renee scowled at him. "It's none of

your business. I don't owe you an

explanation."

"I told you-I'm your cousin-in-law. My family will be humiliated if you cheat on Jovan."

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Stefan sounded so practical that she had no way to argue.

"Cousin-in-law..." Helplessness overcame her. "You're so noble. You flirt with your cousin-in-law while claiming that you can't let her cheat on Jovan... How hypocritical."

"That's different." Stefan loosened his tie, and his gaze was sharp as he said casually, "Jovan and I share the same surname, so my family won't be humiliated if anything happens between us. However, Justin is a Baldwin and my family's enemy, so there's no way you can get into a relationship with him."

"Why should I listen to you? Do I look like your slave? You have no right to meddle in my business." Renee was disgusted by his words, so she tried her best to push him away. "Let me make it clear to you-Justin is trying to win my heart. I didn't feel anything for him before this, but a guy like him is so much nicer than an overbearing and arrogant man like you. Maybe he's the right man for me... so I want to give him a chance!"

Stefan's eyes widened in rage. "How dare you!"

"That's right, I'll give him a chance... and you can't do anything about it!" Renee put her hands on her waist and scowled at him before running away.

Stefan was rendered speechless. For the first time, he felt helpless as he watched her run away.

The most incomprehensible thing was when a person you valued didn't care about you... but he couldn't figure out why he cared about her so much.

At that moment, the hospital dean and a group of attending doctors appeared, looking relieved when they found Stefan. The hospital dean was gasping for breath as he hurried over to him, ' Mr. Hunt, why are you here? We prepared a welcoming ceremony when we learned you were coming today, but you didn't show up..."

The hospital dean was full of flattery because Hunt Group had recently donated 200 million dollars to the hospital to expand it. Naturally, they had to serve their investors well.

"I just came to visit an old friend of mine. There was no need to go to so much trouble." Stefan sounded like royalty when he spoke, radiating a natural oppressive aura. It seemed like he only lost control and became helpless in front of Renee.

What was so special about that woman? Why did he feel like they were bound together at first glance?

It was very strange, and he yearned to figure it out.