

## Ex-Wife 1631

### Chapter 1631

"That's patient confidentiality. Why do I have to tell you?" Owen sounded righteous. He tilted his head a little and instructed the

nurse handling the surgery table behind him, "Don't forget to put Ms. Everheart on an IV drip later. Her body is weak after the

surgery. Don't be careless."

The nurse had cleaned up the surgery table. Renee was lying on it motionlessly, waiting for the anesthetic to pass.

At first, Owen said that Renee could have a medical abortion because the fetus was still small. But after the check-up, he found

that the fetus was adhered quite firmly, so eventually he needed to perform dilation and a curettage to clear everything.

Renee was afraid of pain, so she chose regional anesthesia and let Owen handle it. Now, after everything was over, grief hit her

like a wave. She couldn't even protect her baby. Lying on the surgery table, she could hear the fight outside, and tears ran down

her cheeks.

"Confidentiality?" Stefan tried his best to control his temper and bit out, "There are no secrets between US. I have the right to

know everything about her." At first, he didn't think it was serious, but judging by Leia and Owen's behaviour, he suspected

something bigger was afoot. He couldn't afford to be careless.

"If you want to know, go ask Ms. Everheart. I don't want to offend anyone, so I'll just get back to work," Owen deflected and tried to leave.

"Stop!" Stefan blocked Owen, determined to get an explanation.

"Hey, I'm just a doctor. Don't pull me into your marital issues..." Owen anxiously wiped away his sweat, caught in a dilemma.

"Stefan, stop making things difficult for Dr. Wagner," Renee called out weakly. She knew how persistent Stefan was, and knew she could no longer keep this a secret. She didn't want to trouble anyone.

"Dear, how are you feeling?" Stefan instantly stopped snarling, and looked like a tame kitten. He hurried over to the surgery table

to check on Renee, frowning when he couldn't tell what surgery she had

"I'm fine. Dr. Wagner just took something out of my body," Renee spoke calmly, but there were tear stains at the corners of her

eyes.

"What... happened?" Stefan glanced at the bloody medical equipment in the dustbin nearby. He had a bad feeling he knew what

it was, but he didn't want to think about it. Renee always shared everything with him, whether good or bad, and they would

always make decisions together. Surely she wouldn't treat him like a fool and hide it from him.

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Renee ignored Stefan's question and turned to the nurse standing nearby. "I'm tired. Can you help me back to my room?" The

effects of the anesthetic had passed, and she could move, but she was still weak from the abortion and poisoning. She had no

energy to handle Stefan, and all she wanted to do was sleep.

Stefan wasn't blind-he could tell that Renee was very uncomfortable.

Besides, it was obvious she didn't want to tell him about the surgery, so he just controlled his emotions and stopped interrogating

her. Taking a deep breath, he finally said, "Let me carry you."

Seeing that, the nurse immediately said, "Thank you, Mr. Hunt. Since Ms. Everheart has just had surgery, she might experience

some light spotting, but it's normal."

"Spotting?" Stefan stiffened. He wanted to ask what surgery could cause that, but he stopped himself. He had been trying to get

to the bottom of it, but it seemed like Renee didn't want him to know. He didn't want to make her feel bad, so he decided he

would ask her about it when she was feeling better. The priority right now was to help Renee get better.

He carefully carried Renee out of the surgery room. He had no idea what had happened, but Renee had lost a lot of weight. In

the past, she felt like a kitten in his arms, but now, she was as light as a feather. It made him feel like she would wither away if he

wasn't careful.

"Ren!" Leia had been waiting outside, and when she saw them come out, she quickly rushed over.

Heartbroken and guilty, she

stammered, "I'm sorry. I... I didn't manage to stop him.

"Silly, you don't have to apologize. He's determined, and I knew that you wouldn't be able to stop him. I should be apologizing to

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"Wait!" Shirley, who had been watching everything indifferently, suddenly stopped Renee and Stefan.

Stefan stopped and turned to look at Shirley. His tone was icy as he asked, "What?"

"Can I speak to Ms. Everheart?" Shirley asked Stefan, looking innocent and harmless.

"Absolutely not." Stefan rejected Shirley without any hesitation. He had met a lot of malicious women like Shirley, and he knew

that she and Renee were not friends. There was no reason for her to speak to Renee.

"Yeah, you're not close to my bestie. What do you want to say to her? We don't know what wicked intentions you might have..."

Leia snapped at Shirley, then said to Renee gently, "Ren, go and rest. Ignore this witch."

Renee, however, found Shirley's request quite strange, so she whispered in Shirley's direction, "I'm sure Ms. White has

something important to say given her sudden visit... Come to my room later. We can talk."

"Okay, Ms. Everheart. I knew you were a fair person." Smugness gleamed in Shirley's eyes.

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Renee's sense of hearing and touch was enhanced because she was blind, and she could sense that Stefan's emotions were

off. She asked hesitantly, "Stefan, are you crying?"

"No, I'm not," Stefan said immediately. He turned away and took a deep breath, trying his best to control his emotions.

"I don't believe you. You must be crying..." Renee patted the edge of the bed and said firmly, "Come sit here."

"Why?"

"Come here. Stop asking so many questions."

Stefan could not refuse Renee. He moved over and sat at the edge of the bed obediently.

"Turn your face towards me," Renee instructed Stefan.

"Why?" Stefan asked stubbornly.

"Just do it!" Renee ordered, her tone brooking no arguments.

Helplessly, Stefan moved closer to Renee. He was a tycoon in Beach City, but when it came to Renee, he would do anything she

wanted him to. The irony was not lost on him.

When Renee felt Stefan nearby, she reached out and held his face. "You.

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much?" Renee held his face and gently caressed his jawline. "Yes, you can, but please don't go too far. You just had surgery, and

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Even if Renee had died in front of him, he wouldn't even have flinched. But now, he couldn't stop his tears. Seeing men cry was

so rare that people always said men's tears were the best stimulant for women.

At first, Renee wanted Stefan to leave the room because she needed some time alone, but when she realized he was crying, her

heart softened. She imagined his handsome face streaked with tears, painting a charmingly pitiful image, and suddenly felt the

urge to grab him and kiss him.

Hmm... She needed to calm down.

"Hey, aren't you the toughest CEO in Beach City? You cry more easily than Adie and Abby, I think I'd better change your

nickname to 'crybaby'/" Renee held his arm and said cheekily, trying to stifle her laughter.

"I'll say it again: I didn't cry. I just got dust in my eyes." Stefan scowled in embarrassment as he tried to defend himself. In his

opinion, only feminine men would cry, and those were the men he hated the most. He would rather kill himself than become like

that.

"Fine, the crybaby didn't cry—his eyes just peed. I got it, so be good and stop your eyes from peeing, okay? I'm fine." Renee

touched Stefan's head and consoled him like she would with Adie and Abby. She knew she couldn't push him too far because he

would become stubborn, and nobody could persuade him then.

"If you really were fine, you wouldn't be hiding everything from me. I'm just scared you're facing something bad.

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that's not it," Renee said patiently. Maybe Stefan thought they had to face all hardships together, or it would seem like she didn't



trust him. However, Renee felt that they did not have to be sad together since she could face it alone. "What is it then? If you

really do trust me, why didn't you tell me? We can face it together," Stefan persisted. He worried about how Renee saw him and

how much she cared about him. He hoped that they could face everything together. "It's because I love you, so I don't want to see

you sad. If you were in my situation, you'd probably do the same. So... I hope you can understand me," Renee explained slowly.

The reason she hid it from him was because she loved him, and didn't want to see him sad. "Okay, I understand. I won't force

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After Stefan left, Shirley quickly knocked on Renee's room door.

"What do you want?" Leia scoffed, narrowing her eyes at Shirley suspiciously like she was a ticking time bomb. When everyone

had gone to Owen, Leia had followed Shirley upstairs, and blocked her way when she knocked on Renee's door.

"It's none of your business; this is between Ms. Everheart and me. She promised to speak to me alone just now." Shirley's

expression was hostile and unfriendly, very much different from her innocent look when she was in front of Xavier. 1

"It's my business since you're looking for my bestie. She just had surgery and is blind, so she needs to be protected from wicked

people like you," Leia said firmly.

"Ms. Osborne, I don't owe you anything, and I'm not your prisoner. Why do you always object to everything I do? Do you really

have that much time on your hands?" Shirley smoothed her hair, her tone sarcastic. "If I were you, I would have spent more time

dressing up. There are plenty of women like me, and men care about appearances the most. No man wants to date a girl who

acts like a guy!" In her mind, Leia was an unattractive and noisy tomboy-the kind of woman no man would fall in love with. She

firmly believed that Xavier had not fallen in love with Leia, and was just doing all this to infuriate Shirley. 1

Leia's eyes widened in surprise, then she shook her head as if she found Shirley very pitiful. "Hmph, spoken like a true celebrity.

Clearly, you have no understanding of the love between men and women."

"Stop pretending, we're not so different. You're doing this because you love him too. Since we're alone here, I can freely admit

that I'm a cunning and vulgar woman.

Can you admit that?" Shirley lifted her chin and said righteously. 1 "I'm not you, so don't think we're the same!" Leia scoffed. She

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need to ask for a favor. I'm not a saint who doesn't ask for anything in return when I do something good," Shirley said casually.

"So, you're saying you're willing to give up your eyes to Ren?" Leia frowned suspiciously. She didn't think that Shirley was such a

generous woman.

"That depends on my negotiation with Ms. Everheart..." Shirley flipped her hair and smirked. "I don't like non-profitable deals,

and I'll only negotiate with people who can afford my price... I believe that Ms. Everheart is one of those people."

"I know you won't agree so easily.. What are you up to? You'd better tell me now. I won't go easy on you if you dare harm my

bestie!" Leia pointed at Shirley and threatened her.

"You'll know if I agreed or not after I'm done negotiating with her. If you refuse to let me talk to her, then it'll be hopeless. If you

make me desperate, I'm not afraid of going to war with all of you. If that happens, nobody wins!" Shirley shot back. She had full

control over her eyes, and if they tried to force her, she could easily ruin her eyes instead of letting them take it.

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eyes. Suddenly, she understood why Stefan and Leia were so stubborn about her eyes, and her heart skipped a beat at the

thought of losing her eyes forever.

'Ms. Everheart, I've heard so much about you. I always wanted to talk to you, but I never had the chance...' Shirley walked over

to Renee's bed and was shocked to see Renee's ruined eyes. She frowned. "I didn't expect to speak to you under such...

unfortunate circumstances." As far as she remembered, Renee had beautiful eyes that seemed like they could see through

people's hearts... but now, they were gone. Shirley's guilt made her avert her gaze timidly.

When Renee felt Shirley getting closer, she smiled. "Do you think I look pitiful?"

"No, I don't!" Shirley protested earnestly.

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of you are willing to risk your lives for each other. If I harm Ms. Osborne, you definitely won't let me off the hook."

"If you know it, then you shouldn't harbor such thoughts." Renee's voice grew cold and menacing, and it was hard to tell if she

was warning Shirley or advising her. "If you want to win over a man, you shouldn't rely on wicked schemes. If you know about my



past with Stefan, you should know that schemes will only push men away. I hope you won't try anything, or you might lose what

you want and get into unnecessary trouble." 1

But what else can I do to win Xavier back other than this?" For some reason, grief and jealousy overwhelmed Shirley the

moment she saw Renee, and all her inner thoughts came pouring out. "I'm jealous that Ms. Osborne has a nice friend like you.

You can guide her when she's in difficulty, but I don't have that. I've always been fighting alone. When I'm facing difficulties, I can

only do what I think is right to resolve it..."

"Then what do you think you should do?" Renee asked curiously.

Shirley ignored her question and said meaningfully, "I should thank you for the time when Xavier was in love with me. You were

his first love, and I got lucky because I looked like you.

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know how much Mr.

Hunt loves you. I also want to be like you... I want Xavier to love me more."

"Stefan and Xavier are different people." Renee tried her best to dissuade Shirley. After all, once it was done, she couldn't regret

it. She didn't want Shirley to be forced into this, or she wouldn't be at peace using her eyes. She might as well give up the idea.

"How is it different..." Shirley sounded agitated. "Xavier isn't worse than Mr. Hunt. His love wasn't any less than Mr. Hunt's back

then, but I got so anxious that I lost him.

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