

Pursuing My Ex-Wife Isn't Easy chapter 676

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It turned out the child in Luna's womb was his all along.

She had not slept with Theo at all!

Joshua could not believe that Alice had managed to trick him into believing the father of Luna's baby was Theo.

Joshua would never forgive himself if he ended up losing his unborn child!

It was already late at night, so the streets were empty, apart from Joshua's car. He whizzed through the open roads, heading straight toward the airport, with Luke following closely behind.

Luke was worried about Joshua, so he immediately followed as soon as he saw him leaving the hospital.

"This man has gone crazy! " Luke flung his cigarette away and stepped on the gas pedal, trying to catch up with Joshua.

However, no matter how fast his car went, he could not keep up with Joshua at all.

Suddenly, Joshua's phone rang.

It was Lucas.

Joshua slowed his car down slightly and picked up the phone. "How's Neil and Nellie?"

Lucas lowered his voice, "I managed to get in touch with Zach and Yuri. It... doesn't seem good."

Joshua immediately furrowed his brows. "What do you mean, 'it doesn't seem good'? Are Neil and Nellie safe?"

"Nellie... is safe and sound. " Joshua could tell that Lucas was mincing his words as though there was something he wanted to say yet, at the same time, did not dare to.

Finally, Lucas let out an exhale and said, "Theo was there with them. Initially, he wanted to bring Neil and Nellie away, but he discovered that their bodyguards were Alice's men, so they decided to split up instead. Zach and Yuri took Nellie along with them and pretended to leave the country, but in reality, they had been hiding in a house across from Neil and Nellie's summer camp all this while.

"Alice's men found Theo and Neil, but... They couldn't escape and instead got trapped inside the summer house. They... "

Lucas paused for a moment, then continued in a choked voice, "They poured gasoline all over the house and set it on fire. The fire caused a gigantic explosion... The firefighters couldn't even get in at all. Theo and Neil... don't have much of a fighting chance.

"Just now, Zach and Yuri told me that the firefighters have sealed off the scene entirely. Since none of them could get into the house, they're forbidding anyone else to enter either. Nellie... watched everything unfold with her own eyes, and she was so traumatized that she passed out. Zach and Yuri are sending her to the hospital right now... "

Lucas finished his sentence and waited but did not hear any response from the other end of the line. " Sir?"

The next moment, a deafening crash rang out through the phone. The next thing Lucas could hear was Luke's worried voice calling out, "Joshua!

Joshua! "

Fortunately, because there were not many vehicles on the street at this hour, Joshua's car only collided with the road divider, even though he lost control of the steering wheel.

He regained consciousness after a short while.

Joshua opened his bloodshot eyes and muttered in a hoarse voice, "Neil... Luna..."

"They've found Luna." Luke closed his eyes and sighed. "She passed out at the airport, and one of the cleaning staff found her. She's already in the hospital."

Joshua opened his mouth slightly. "What about the baby..."

"She miscarried."

The glimmer of hope in Joshua's eyes dimmed when he heard this. "Then, Neil..."

"The firefighters managed to put out the fire. They couldn't find Theo or Neil's bodies, but they discovered some human remains at the scene.

Unfortunately, the DNA from the remains was so badly damaged that the scientists can't even confirm if the remains belong to them.

"But they've confirmed that the blood at the crime scene belongs to Theo and Neil. The police suspect that when the fire started, Theo and Neil didn't want to stay put and burn to death, so they opened the window to

escape. However, someone planted explosives outside the window, and as soon as they opened it, the bomb went off— ”

Joshua leaned against his headboard, his usually towering silhouette looking small and frail. He closed his eyes, and tears trickled out of the corner of his eyes. “Then, what about Nellie?”

“Nellie’s traumatized by everything that has happened, and she’s receiving counseling right now.” Luke let out an exhale. “But, Joshua, now’s not the time to be sad. You...”

He tried to keep his voice steady as he delivered the most shocking news, “You have another son, but he’s been diagnosed with leukemia. His condition worsened today, and the doctors managed to save him, although just barely.

“You can’t give up.”

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Luna was unconscious for a long time.

During this period, her condition did not stabilize at all. Instead, she ran a high fever recurrently and dreamed all sorts of nightmares.

There was a huge fire in her dream, and she could see Neil and Theo trapped in it. They were shouting at her for help, but she could not go in to save them at all. No matter how hard she tried, she could not get closer to them at all. It was as though there was a layer of transparent glass separating her from them.

Luna could only watch helplessly as the fire and explosion blew Neil and Theo apart.

Finally, she sat down in front of the burning house, crying and crying.

The dream played out the same way many times after that. However, each time, the people trapped in the fire were different. Sometimes it was Nellie, and sometimes Nigel...

Luna was stuck in her nightmares and could not wake up from them.

By the time she finally regained consciousness, a month had passed.

When she opened her eyes and found herself staring up at the hospital's white ceiling, Luna no longer recognized the world she was in.

Why did she have to wake up?

Her baby was gone, and she could not save Nigel either.

Luna would rather die herself than go through the pain of watching Nigel die before her.

Gwen sat by her bedside, her eyes red and swollen from all her crying.

"Luna." Gwen could not stop the tears from rolling down her face when she saw Luna wake up. She reached out to hold Luna's hand. "You're finally awake. I thought... I thought you had gone to heaven with Neil..."

Luna's entire body stiffened when she heard this. She struggled to prop herself up before frowning at Gwen. "What are you talking about? What do you mean, 'go to heaven with Neil'? Did you make a mistake? Neil is my second son. The baby that Joshua got rid of doesn't even have a name yet."

Luna still recalled all the dreams she had while she was still unconscious. She glared at Gwen and snapped, "Don't you dare curse my son! I know you're my friend, but that doesn't mean you can spout nonsense like this!"

Gwen must have been mistaken!

Neil was the healthiest, happiest child of the three. He was Nigel and Nellie's happy pill. How could he possibly have...

Gwen lowered her head and wiped her tears away. "

Luna..." she sobbed in a choked voice. "Everyone said we shouldn't tell you the truth, but I don't want to keep it from you anymore."

She lifted her head to gaze at Luna, her eyes as red and swollen as ripe peaches. "Luna, Neil is...gone."

Luna felt as though someone had hit her right in the back of her head. There was a buzzing in her ear, and she could no longer hear what Gwen was saying.

The only thing in her mind right now was the three syllables Gwen had uttered.

Neil was gone. Neil...was gone. Impossible!

How could such a healthy, cheerful, and intelligent child be gone?

"You're lying to me! You're lying to me!" Luna covered her ears and howled, "That's impossible! Impossible!"

She ripped the IV line out of her hand and crawled out of her bed, not caring that blood was trickling down from her hand and staining her gown bright red.

She leaped off her bed and stormed out of the room like a crazy woman, shrieking, "Neil is still at summer camp abroad! I 'm going to find him! I 'm going to find him and prove you wrong ! Gwennie, you haven't seen my Neil before, have you? He's such a handsome little boy! "

"Luna..." Gwen tore out of the room after Luna, trying to catch up with her.

However, to her surprise, she could not keep up with Luna at all. How could a well-rested woman like her be unable to keep up with someone who had been unconscious for a month?

Luna made her way to the elevators.

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Luna pressed the elevator buttons furiously, gritting her teeth at the same time. "Come on, elevator, come on. I want to see Neil, my Neil..."

She continued to mutter Neil's name over and over again as if besieged by a spell.

Finally, the elevator arrived.

As soon as the doors slid open, Joshua caught sight of a deranged-looking Luna standing outside the elevator.

She stormed into the elevator and grabbed Joshua's arm. "Where's Neil? Where did he go? You must know where he is, right? You must know he isn't dead. You hid him! Where did you hide him?"

"Joshua Lynch!" she yelled like a lunatic and could not stop her tears from falling anymore. "Neil..."

Joshua's expression darkened. After a moment, he let out a sigh and pulled her into his arms.

His embrace felt warm and protective, with a hint of his distinctive scent lingering about.

Luna froze at the sudden turn of events, then immediately furrowed her brows. She struggled against his grip, screaming, "Let go of me! What are you doing, hugging me like that? I want to find Neil! Let me go, so I can go find Neil!"

Joshua closed his eyes and clung to her even tighter. No matter how hard she struggled, he refused to let go of her at all.

After a long while, he let out another sigh and said in a low voice, "Go get yourself ready. I'll bring you to see Neil."

Luna lifted her head to gaze at him, a glimmer of anticipation and excitement in her eyes. She removed herself from his embrace and asked, "So that means Neil isn't dead, right?"

She added in a choked voice, "Gwen was lying to me, wasn't she?"

Joshua paused for a moment when he met her fragile yet somehow determined gaze, then finally said, "You'll know when you see him."

“Okay! ” Luna nodded obediently like a child who had gotten herself into trouble. “I ‘ll go get ready right now. Please tell Neil to wait for me. Tell him to wait for me! ”

With that, she wiped her tears and ran out of the elevator.

Gwen, who had been standing outside all this while, first shot Joshua a quizzical look, then glanced at Luna. “Luna...”

“He’s bringing me to see Neil! ” Luna sniffed and grabbed hold of Gwen’s arm with her bony hand. “ Come on, help me get ready and do my makeup! Neil wouldn’t want to see me like this. I look horrible! ”

Gwen wiped her tears away and nodded. “Alright !”

Luna had been unconscious for a month, and the only nutritional support she got was through her IV line, causing her to lose a ton of weight. She was so skinny at this point that even a gust of wind could sweep her off her feet.

Gwen had to use half a bottle of foundation to cover up Luna’s dark circles and the weariness on her face. She also helped Luna draw her eyebrows, put on eyeliner and lipstick.

An hour later, when Luna reappeared in front of Joshua, she was wearing a beautiful white dress. There was a glimmer of anticipation in her eyes. “ Come on, let’s go visit Neil. He must’ve missed me so much! ”

Neil must have been waiting for her all this while. He must still be alive.

Everything that happened in her dream... was just a dream!

Joshua sighed, then approached Luna and picked her up in his arms.

Luna furrowed her brows and struggled against his grip, but Gwen stopped her. "You're weak now, so you can't walk very far. Let him carry you. It's not like he's a stranger."

Luna paused, then nodded obediently. "Okay." Gwen was right. She was indeed too weak.

It was nice having Joshua carry her, too.

Maybe this would let her see Neil sooner.

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Joshua carried Luna into the car.

Luna sat in the back seat in silence throughout the car ride, gazing at the scenery outside the window.

The car pulled further and further away from the city center, heading toward the outskirts.

Luna could not help frowning as she watched the trees go past. "Why would Neil be at such a faraway place?"

Gwen gave her a meaningful look, then closed her eyes, unwilling to be the one to burst Luna's bubble.

Joshua reached out to hold her hand but paused. His hand hung mid-air for a moment, then finally drew it back.

He let out a sigh and said, "So that he can be at peace, with no one disturbing him."

Luna nodded, thinking that Joshua's explanation did not seem right yet made sense at the same time. " Hmm, I guess you're right! Neil definitely needs some alone time by himself. This child is far too talkative... Even though he's only six, he acts like a grown-up. Sometimes, I even think he might be older than me.

"He'd always tell me not to stay up too late and forbid me from pulling an all-nighter, like a nagging grown-up. He'd always tell Nellie not to disturb me and ask us all to sleep in and get plenty of rest, but he'd always wake up early to make us breakfast.

"He constantly nags us to take care of our bodies... Nellie always teased him and told him he was acting like an old man. He's only six, but he's so talkative all the time. It's like he's afraid if he doesn't talk, he won't have a chance to do so in the future..."

As soon as she realized what she had said, Luna pursed her lips and did not say anything more.

Everyone grew silent.

The atmosphere in the car was so quiet that you could hear a pin drop.

Lucas, who was driving the car, stifled his tears and focused on the road ahead.

Throughout the entire car ride, Luna was bubbling with anticipation and excitement. She was looking forward to seeing Neil again. She believed that everything was like Joshua had described—that the reason Neil was so far away from the city center was that he needed some alone time.

When the car finally pulled up next to a cemetery, Luna could no longer keep herself together anymore.

As soon as she stepped out of the car, her legs gave out beneath her, and she slumped onto the ground.

She could not accept this.

Lucas took out a wheelchair from the trunk and assembled it. Then, Joshua and Gwen helped Luna into the wheelchair.

Luna closed her eyes, her entire body trembling. " Why? Why? Joshua Lynch, I entrusted Neil in your care. You told me you'd take good care of Neil and

Nellie. You promised me you'd fulfill your responsibility as a father! Why... Why did my Neil..."

At this point, Luna was so choked up by tears that she could not say another word.

Sorrow and despair engulfed her entire being like an invisible net. She had no way of escaping.

Tears streamed down her face, and Luna clung to the hem of her shirt desperately. She was so overcome by grief that she had trouble breathing.

It was her fault.

She should not have put her hope on Joshua. She should not have thought Joshua would be able to save Nigel.

It was her fault for being stupid.

She should have listened to Nigel and stayed with him. She should not have brought Neil and Nellie along with her when she returned to Banyan City.

With her baby gone and Nigel could not be saved, even Neil was...

Luna sniffed and sobbed but could not say a single word.

Gwen walked slowly into the cemetery, pushing Luna's wheelchair before her.

Joshua walked next to them and said in a low voice, " It's all my fault."

If only he had discovered Alice's true identity earlier.

If only he had trusted Luna and believed she and Theo were never together, things would not have turned out like this.

"What use is it for you to admit your mistake now?" Luna could not stop her tears from falling.

At the same time, it started drizzling, as though even the skies were weeping for her loss, weeping for Neil.

The cemetery was a large one, but they soon made their way to the end of it.

At the end of the cemetery was a small, fenced -in yard standing all by itself. The yard was covered with all kinds of plants, flourishing and blooming beautifully, as though symbolizing Neil's short but prosperous life.

At the center of the yard was a big tombstone. Joshua pushed the gate open while Gwen wheeled Luna into the yard.

This was where Neil laid.

In the black-and-white photo on the tombstone, Neil was grinning at the camera, as if the next moment, he was going to pop out and nag Luna about not taking care of herself.

“Neil...” Luna stood up from her wheelchair, stumbling. It was as though every cell in her body was trembling and shaking in grief.

Despite that, Luna still made her way toward Neil’s tombstone and wrapped her arms around it. “Mommy is sorry...”

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“Mommy is sorry! It’s all my fault. I shouldn’t have brought you back to Banyan City with me...” Luna’s weeps echoed through the cemetery.

Staring at Luna’s scrawny build, Gwen helplessly sniffed and turned around to wipe away her tears.

To present such bad news to Luna as soon as she woke up from her coma was too cruel.

However... Gwen knew that if they did not tell her, it would complicate things in the future, since...

After all, Nigel and Nellie were not doing too well either.

The rain started to grow heavier, so Joshua opened his umbrella and held it above Luna’s head, continuing to watch her weep in silence.

Luna cried from afternoon till evening until she eventually got tired, her voice hoarse in the aftermath. She finally slumped onto the ground, totally and utterly exhausted.

Despite that, however, she still clung to Neil's tombstone in desperation, as though holding onto it would prevent Neil from actually leaving this world.

"Luna." Joshua sighed and threw his umbrella aside. He squatted and pulled Luna into his arms.

She was so skinny that he could feel her bones pressing against his body.

"Listen to me," said Joshua in a slightly hoarse but gentle voice. "Neil was a hero. He used the last of his strength to protect his sister. Listen."

Joshua let out an exhale and took out a necklace from his shirt pocket.

Luna lifted her head and fixated her gaze on the necklace.

She recognized it. This necklace belonged to Neil.

When they returned to Banyan City, Nigel had prepared three necklaces for each of them so that they could communicate with each other. The necklaces even had a voice recording function.

However, all three necklaces looked distinct from each other, so Luna could recognize that the one Joshua was holding was Neil's.

"The police found this a distance away from the explosion site. Although it's a little damaged, it didn't get burned. What I'm guessing is that Neil used the last of his strength to toss it out of the fire." Joshua let out another sigh, then pressed the small button on the necklace.

After a small click, Neil's voice rang out of the necklace, "Mommy, Nigel, Nellie. By the time you hear this recording, Uncle Theo and I are probably gone now. If by the time you hear this, you've already received news of my death, please don't be too sad—this is what Uncle Theo and I wanted."

Neil let out an exhale and continued with a hint of a smile in his voice as if he had already braced himself for the worst, "Zach and Yuri took Nellie with them and pretended to escape, but in reality, they hid themselves. We know that whoever's coming after us won't be fooled by the empty car, so if Uncle Theo and I left as well, they'd shift their target and search the nearby houses to find Nellie."

"Uncle Theo and I are willing to wait for them to come after us so that they won't hurt Nellie. If we manage to escape, then hopefully, they'll chase us, and we can lead them away from Nellie. If we don't manage to get out of here... then it's not our fault either. It's not that Uncle Theo and I were too weak to fight them back; it's simply because there were too many of them."

Finally, Neil let out a sigh and said, "Mommy, I know that you'll be devastated, but if I really died, there's no turning back time either. I can't come back to life anymore, so can you promise me you'll take good care of yourself?"

"Don't stay up too late for work all the time, and always remember to take your meals on time. If there's some way to save Nigel, please try your best, but if there's not, please know that you've already done enough."

"In the future... you have to take good care of Nellie. Nigel and I have spoiled her, so Mommy, you have to be more patient with her and look after her well..."

"I don't want you to forget me."

Neil's voice started to choke as he said, "But if it's too hard, then please forget about me. I'll be okay with that."

The recording ended after that.

Luna sobbed so fiercely throughout the entire recording that she passed out right in Joshua's arms.

Joshua sighed, then picked her up, walked slowly out of the cemetery, and got into the car.

The heavens still wept.

After Joshua's car pulled away, a woman holding a transparent umbrella strode into the cemetery.

She stared at the intricate, beautiful little yard and curled her lips into a smirk.

All of a sudden, her phone rang.

"Miss, what are we supposed to do with the man and the little boy?"

The woman curled her red lips into a sneer and replied, "I'll take care of them."

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