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Leia broke out in a cold sweat and hurriedly typed out, "I heard that people will do bizarre things when they wake up from general anesthesia. How did I embarrass myself that day? I can't remember a thing." "Do you really want to know?" Santiago smiled and asked.

Leia quickly nodded.

"Forget it. I'm worried you'll get embarrassed if you know." Santiago had recorded Leia's reaction with his phone that day because he found it very memorable. After meeting so many insincere people, he found a simple and honest woman like Leia to be rare. Even if her cuteness was not because of him, he wanted to keep it as a memory for the rest of his life.

"No, tell me how crazy I was!" Leia put her hands together and pleaded with Santiago, hoping he would tell her. She had watched such a video before and found it very funny. Maybe she'd learn about her inner self.

"Okay, I'll show you." Santiago fished out his phone and showed Leia the video he took that day.

Eagerly, Leia clicked on the video. She saw both Xavier and Santiago hovering beside the gurney as she was pushed out of the surgery room. After that, she behaved like a crazy woman and grabbed Xavier's hand.

Crying and laughing, she hugged his neck and kissed him endlessly. Then, she hugged him and started sobbing while digging in his hair for something.

"I… What was I looking for?" Leia immediately turned off the video and covered her face awkwardly as she typed.

"The doctor said people will look for the people they rely on the most when they're muddle-headed after waking up from anesthesia. I guess you must have imagined yourself as a female chimpanzee looking for a mate, and Xavier was the male chimpanzee for you. You're looking for… Haha! You're looking for fleas for him." At that point, Santiago burst out laughing, unable to hold himself back any longer. As Leia's admirer, it was rather heartbreaking to see her depend on another man, but her actions were really funny, and he'd laugh every time he thought about it.

"Oh gosh! Hurry up and delete it!" Her cheeks turned bright red in embarrassment, and she desperately wanted to delete the video.

"No, you were so cute! I'll keep it as a memory." Santiago snatched the phone back, stopping her from deleting it.

"You… aren't bothered by it?" Leia bit her lip and typed out, peeking at him guiltily.

"Of course I'm bothered by it, but it just means that I've got to try my best to replace him as the number one person in your heart," Santiago said amiably.

Chapter 1542

Leia left the hospital after she had recovered a week later, and the first person she wanted to see was Renee. She still couldn't speak because her throat was recovering, so she had been texting Renee, but Renee hadn't replied to any of her texts. This worried Leia, so she wanted to go to Renee's house the instant she was discharged. As Leia left the hospital, Santiago and Xavier were right by her side. "Let's go. I want to go to Renee's house too. It's on the way." Xavier immediately took Leia's luggage as if he were her boyfriend, but Leia snatched it back, typed something on her phone, then showed it to Xavier angrily. "Didn't I ask you to stay away from me? I don't want to see you."

"Just close your eyes if you don't want to see me." After that, Xavier shot a snide look at Santiago. "You don't have to go since they're our friends; it'll only be awkward if you go."

"Leia should be the one who decides that. It's not up to you, Mr. Stuart." Santiago ignored Xavier and looked at Leia pointedly.

Leia rubbed her temples as the two men sized each other up, then typed, "I'll go alone." After that, she took her luggage and strode out of the hospital. She wanted to meet Renee so they could catch up, and it would be awkward if those two came along and constantly bickered with each other. It was easier to go alone. Leia tried to hail a cab, but it was tough since there were a lot of people in front of the hospital.

"Miss Osborne, is that you?"

Leia turned toward the voice and saw two college students staring at her excitedly. "Ah, it really is Miss Osborne! We're your fans, and we love watching you on The Choice of Love! Here-this is for you!" The two women rushed over and shoved a bouquet into Leia's hands.

Leia stared at the flowers in bewilderment. In just a few months, so many things had changed. How had someone like her managed to get fans?

"Miss Osborne, can we get a photo with you? You're okay with it, right?" Without waiting for Leia's response, the two students excitedly stood beside Leia and made peace signs, taking selfies with their phones. After they took their photos, one of the women turned to Leia and asked her curiously." By the way, who did you pick finally? We're very curious."

Leia pointed at her throat and shook her head. For the first time, she was grateful that she couldn't talk.

"I think you'll pick Mr. Dalton. He suits you better, and you both are like the protagonists in a college romance."

"No, Mr. Stuart suits her better. People will only reveal their true selves around the people they love, and Miss Osborne is only herself in front of Mr. Stuart. I'm taking Mr. Stuart's side."

Leia could only watch helplessly as the two women started to argue about who suited her better.

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Leia couldn't understand what was going on. She felt as if she was in a world where she had to choose between Xavier and Santiago, and everyone had an opinion on her choice. When the cab arrived, she hurried into it and closed the door, breathing a sigh of relief.

The driver was a young man. He stared at Leia in the rearview mirror for a while before he asked calmly, "Aren't you Miss Osborne from The Choice of Love? The show is pretty good, so why did they stop it? Didn't a sea snake bite you? Are you discharged now?"

Leia smiled politely even though she felt like jumping out of the car. How had a typical reality show like theirs become so popular? It felt like everyone had watched it at this point.

"I like Xavier best. It was hilarious watching him help that pig deliver her babies; he really is talented! But who do you like the best? Who did you pick in the end? I think Xavier suits you better. Maybe he can even help you give birth in the future. Haha!" The driver laughed heartily as spoke, his eyes gleaming fondly in remembrance. It looked like he was a huge fan of reality shows.

Once again, Leia was glad she couldn't speak. She just wanted to reach Renee's house as soon as possible, and once she reached, she practically jumped out of the cab.

Adie and Abby were at school, Margaret had gone out to shop, and Stefan had left for Hunt Enterprise in the morning.

Renee and Tess were the only ones in the large manor.

Tess was making Renee's coffee, and she added something to it before handing it to Renee. "Your coffee, Miss Everheart."

"Thank you." Renee was sitting in the yard, listening to music and basking in the sun, enjoying her slow-paced life. Her life was comfortable, but for some reason, she always felt sleepy and fatigued.

Suddenly, just as she was about to drink her coffee, someone held her neck.

"Lei?" Renee recognized Leia's scent and quickly put the cup of coffee down, her face lit up in joy.

Leia was happy too, but she could only type a message on her phone and show it to Renee since she couldn't speak." I've missed you so much! Why didn't you reply to my texts? I've been worried sick about you!"

Naturally, Renee couldn't read Leia's texts. When she didn't hear Leia's voice, Renee started to doubt it was her.

Frowning, Renee asked, "Lei… is that you? Say something."

Leia finally realized something was wrong with Renee. She was wearing sunglasses as if she couldn't see. "Mm, mm!" Leia made some noises to reassure Renee that it was her.

"Lei, what's the matter with you? Did you hurt your throat" Renee asked sharply.

After a brief pause, an idea came to Leia. She took her phone out and turned her text into a voice message. "It's

Leia. I hurt my throat, so I can't speak. What's wrong with you, bestie?"

After listening to the voice message, Renee burst out laughing. "Oh, it's hilarious. I hurt my eyes, so I can't see."

Leia was shocked. "What? Your eyes are hurt? Is it temporary?"

"I guess it's temporary." Renee was blind, and Leia couldn't speak, but they could still have good conversations with each other that made them both feel loved and supported.

Chapter 1544

After spending some time together, both of them started to feel a little bored.

"Ren, do you want to walk around the nearby garden? A lot of things have changed around here. At first, there were plans to build a factory here, but the residents protested and decided to make it a habitable neighborhood. They even built a wetland park nearby, and it's really pretty..." After typing those words, Leia suddenly realized that Renee couldn't see. Feeling sad, she changed the words and turned her text into a voice message. "Ren, let's take a walk at the wetland park nearby. The weather is nice."

"Sure!" Renee quickly agreed. She found it rather boring staying at home all day, and had wanted someone to accompany her outside.

Hence, Leia took Renee to the nearby wetland park. There was a large man-made lake in the center of the park with reeds around it, and many popular streamers went there to take photos. Both Renee and Leia didn't like crowded places, so they picked an isolated spot at a boulder facing the center of the lake to relax at. The air was fresh and the sight of the lake glistening under the sunlight was beautiful to see.

"Ren, can you tell me what's the matter with your eyes?" Leia couldn't contain her curiosity any longer, and asked through a voice message as she peeled an orange.

"I'm paying off a debt," Renee said lightly, but her tone was firm.

"What kind of debt was it? Why did you have to give up your eyes?"

"It was a favor I owed someone."

"A favor? For whom?" Leia was unhappy with Renee's explanation, and wanted to seek justice for her best friend. *

It's usually someone else owing you something. Could there have been a mistake?"

"Jovan..." A long sigh escaped Renee. "He gave up his eyes to Stefan because of me. He was a smart and sensible person, but he became pessimistic and depressed after that incident. I felt bad for ruining his bright future, and I would've felt guilty if I didn't repay him."

"What do you mean? Did you give up your eyes to that scumbag Jovan?" Leia crushed the orange in her hand out of anger. After that, she started typing manically on her phone. "Ren, isn't that dumb? You gave that demon a way out by giving your eyes to him! I'm sure he's gone crazy after suffering so much, and he'll definitely come back to create chaos."

"That's not the point. Although I've lost my eyes, I feel more relaxed. It's nice to not owe anyone anything." Renee sounded calm as she faced the lake and breathed in the fresh air. She said sincerely, "I'm not lying. It's been a long time since I've felt so relaxed."

Leia's anger ebbed a little at Renee's honesty, but she was still unhappy with the way things were. "But it's Stefan who owed him something, isn't it? He did nothing, but you're here suffering on his behalf. I feel sorry for you!"

"Isn't it better for him to owe it to me instead of the other way around?" Renee faked a smile.

"What do you mean? Do you want Stefan to owe you something? You haven't given up on him, have you? Are you trying to get back with him again?" Leia didn't know that

Renee and Stefan had gotten back together, and hated Stefan for abandoning Renee.

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Leia had only been there for twenty minutes, but she had already cursed Stefan and all his family members.

After sensing Leia's anger, Renee lost the courage to tell her that she had reconciled with Stefan. Quickly, she changed the topic. "How about you? How's it going with your reality show? Who did you fall for in the end?"

"Ugh, why did you have to bring that up?" Leia sniffed and picked up another orange to peel.

"I only watched one or two episodes, but it's obvious that Xavier and Santiago have feelings for you. Are you not sure who to pick?" Renee was also curious about Leia's choice.

"Everyone's asking me the same thing. I must be cursed..."

Leia sighed unhappily, unable to escape the question.

Unconsciously, she began to wonder who she liked more.

"Ren, who do you think... I should choose?" Leia always listened to Renee, and hoped Renee would give her the right answer. "Tell me who I should choose. I'll listen to you."

"Stop messing around. This is a big deal, so why are you asking me? You're supposed to know the answer."

"But I don't know. Logically, I should pick Santiago because we're more compatible, but... Santiago showed me a video of how I woke up after anesthesia, and that's when I learned that I subconsciously liked Xavier more. I kissed and hugged him, and was acting like a crazy person."

"I get it. You like Santiago as a soulmate, but you like Xavier physically. Well, it's undoubtedly a tough choice, and my answer is..."

"What is it? Tell me!" Leia looked at Renee eagerly. In her mind, Renee's answer would be Leia's choice.

"You can have them both!" Renee declared. Leia's jaw dropped, and she crushed the peeled orange in her hand angrily. "How dare you tease me!"

"No, just think about it! Why not have them both since you like both of them? These are modern times. Back then, men could have more than one wife, so why can't women have more than one husband now? We should be open-minded!"

"Fine then, since you're so open-minded, why don't you have Jovan and Mr. Baldwin as well? Oh, and my brother too. He's been thinking about you all the time, and I'm sure he'll be overjoyed to be one of your lovers."

"Haha! Okay, you got me." Renee held up her hands in defeat, giggling. After a while, she confessed, "Either way, my case is different from yours."

"How is it different?" Leia looked at Renee in confusion.

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"Of course, it's different!" Renee said seriously, "It's different because Stefan is the only man I love. No matter who likes me, I'll only pick Stefan... but you're different. You're moved by Santiago, but you're addicted to Xavier. Seems to me like you want them both!"

"Haha! You're right. You saw through me!" Leia couldn't deny it, and smiled awkwardly. She had never known why she couldn't choose, but now it just seemed like she was being fickle and greedy.

"So, face your heart. Don't run from it. Isn't it nice to have both of them? If I could love more than one man, I would have many lovers by now," Renee said jokingly.

"You're right—I should be more open-minded. Well, I'm not conflicted anymore." Enlightened, Leia started typing on her phone. "Well, men always have the advantage in relationships because it's women who have to give birth and suffer through periods. We even have to take care of our in-laws and kids, work well, and be cautious of homewreckers.

Women suffer a lot, but men just get to enjoy the perks of being in a relationship. Logically speaking, isn't it reasonable for women to have more husbands then?"

"Yes! I think both Santiago and Xavier are good. One can take care of the kids at home while you go out and have fun with the other. How nice that'll be!"

"Haha! That's a nice thought." Leia started fantasizing about a life with two lovers, a dreamy smile on her face. Suddenly, she realized something. "Wait a minute, Ren. You said Stefan is the only man you love. Do you still miss him?"

"Umm, how do I put this..." Renee didn't know how to explain it to Leia. If Leia found out that Renee had gotten entangled with Stefan again, she would be furious.

"I know that you still think about him. He's such a scumbag! He got into a relationship with another woman despite all your sacrifices for him, and even wanted to marry her! If you forgive him, I'll go mad..."

"Well, people change, and so do their thoughts and feelings," Renee said casually, trying to keep it light.

"Oh, you're doomed. You're never going to escape him. How can I save a lovestruck fool like you?" Leia looked to the sky and sighed.

Suddenly, several women came over and pointed at them.

Leia waved at them, thinking they were her fans.

"It's her! How shameless! How dare she steal Shirley's man?"

"She even pushed Shirley down and hurt her back..."

"How can such a wicked woman exist? We can't let her off the hook!"

Unfortunately, the women were not Leia's fans, but Shirley's.

"Wicked woman! How dare you steal Shirley's man? This is perfect for a homewrecker like you!" One of the women was holding a bottle of liquid, and she angrily splashed it on Leia and Renee.

"Ugh!" Leia could only grunt angrily since she couldn't speak.

"What's the matter, Lei?" Since Renee was blind, the woman managed to splash quite a lot of the liquid on her. Frowning, Renee asked, "Do you know these people? What is this liquid? Why does it smell so bad?"

The women surrounding Renee and Leia laughed and one of them sneered, "Of course it stinks—it's manure! It suits people like you!"

"Heh, karma's really got them good. One of them is mute while the other is blind..."

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"Hmph! How dare they steal others' men!" Those women took photos and videos of Renee and Leia, humiliating and ridiculing them.

"Mm!" Leia's face was red with anger, and she stood up. She fought the women, trying her best to protect Renee. Both of them looked very pitiful.

"Get lost!" A cold voice bellowed, and Stefan appeared, pushing away the malicious women. "Renee!" When Stefan saw Renee's dirty face and helpless look, his heart ached.

He pushed past Leia and pulled Renee into his arms.

"Stefan!" Renee felt around for Stefan's hand, and squeezed it tightly. Then, she tried to distance herself. "Don't come near me... I'm dirty."

"I don't care about that." Stefan embraced Renee again, regret filling him. "I'm sorry I'm late. I shouldn't have left you at home alone... I'm so sorry."

The women quickly fled, but still posted the videos on the Internet with all kinds of edits and criticisms. Many people saw the videos, and some said that Leia and Renee deserved punishment, while others condemned Shirley's fans for going overboard. The video was also the reason why many people found out about Renee's blindness.

Meanwhile, Jovan was scrolling through his phone, feeling bored. Yes, he had gained the upper hand in the company, but he still felt empty for some reason. Suddenly, he came across the video of Renee and Iela, and when he noticed

Renee wearing sunglasses, anxiety gripped him.

"Her eyes..." At that moment, Jovan realized what had happened. So his guess was right—Renee did give up her eyes to him. Gripping the phone in his hand, he said coldly, *Callum, turn around. We're going to Everheart Manor."

Back at Everheart Manor, Stefan gently carried Renee to the bathroom on the second floor. "Don't be scared. I'm here."

After filling the bathtub with warm water, Stefan apologized to Renee. "I'm sorry. I've been too busy lately and I made you suffer again. Well, I've made up my mind. I'm going to take you with me wherever I go, and I'll never let anyone bully you.

"Hey, it's no big deal—it's just manure. People threw knives at me in the past, and I didn't even flinch. Stop treating me like a baby." Renee wasn't used to being taken care of like this, and it made her feel awkward.

"Things are different now, so just let it be."

"Yeah, I was healthy before this, but I'm blind now."

"No, that's not it." Holding Renee's hand, Stefan explained, "I was a fool back then, but I love you very much now. I want to keep you close to me."

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 "Oh, stop it. You're too much." Back then, Renee would feel shy if she heard such romantic words, but now she was getting used to it. She was slowly realising that the aloof, overbearing, and reserved Stefan was just a show for the outsiders. Around his loved ones, he was actually quite warm and romantic.

After testing the water temperature, Stefan said to Renee," I've filled the bathtub. Just enjoy it and relax a little."

"Sure, but can you please give me some privacy?" Renee ducked her head and mumbled awkwardly.

"No, I have to watch you. What if you fall, need a towel, or want to put on your clothes?"

"I can figure it out myself, so go. How can I enjoy my bath with you here?" Renee felt embarrassed at naked in front of Stefan. The thought of him watching her take a bath made her cheeks warm.

"Okay, I'll just help you into the bathtub then. Call me when you're done, okay?" Stefan compromised and placed the phone on a table near the bathtub. "I've put the phone on the table. You can find it if you reach for it."

"Fine, now go!" Renee nodded and urged him.

After a while, Renee heard the door close and figured that Stefan had left. She started taking off her clothes, revealing an attractive hourglass figure. She had fair skin and nice curves, creating a tempting silhouette. Halfway through taking off her clothes, she heard ragged breathing. Enraged, she stamped her feet and yelled, "Stefan, you pervert!"

"Shoot, you found me." Stefan sounded hoarse as he looked at Renee reluctantly and sighed. "How cruel! You arouse me, but don't do anything about it. Fine, I'll go." He finally left the bathroom, fearing

that Renee might punch him if he didn't. He found it so strange that despite meeting many women who were prettier than Renee, his body only reacted to her. He had seen and touched her body endless times, but he never got tired of its beauty.

When Stefan went downstairs, Leia had just finished her bath and had changed into casual clothes. She exited the guest room and met Stefan's gaze awkwardly, but soon, her hostility towards him returned. She dug her phone out and started typing on it angrily. "You ungrateful scumbag! Why are you pestering Ren again? What are you up to?"

Stefan realized that Leia could not speak, and smiled in amusement. Instead of answering her, he said teasingly," Well, it seems like even God got tired of your talking and decided to shut you up."

"You jerk! How dare you say that about me! You're done for!" After typing that, Leia put her phone aside and pounced on Stefan like a tiger. She grabbed him and started beating him up fiercely.

"Don't push your luck, Leia! I only go easy on you because of Ren," Stefan growled threateningly as Leia landed a few punches on him.

Since Leia couldn't speak, she just kept on punching Stefan. As Renee's best friend, she knew how Renee had suffered because of Stefan. Renee had finally left that grief behind, but now he had come back into her life.

"That's enough!"

Chapter 1549

Stefan had been silent for a while, but could no longer take it. Gripping Leia's wrists, he scolded, "You don't know anything. Outsiders like you can't understand our relationship. We're very happy now, so just leave if it bothers you that much."

Leia glared at Stefan. Unable to move her hands, she kicked him instead.

Even though Stefan was tall, he still got kicked by Leia. Frustrated, he just gripped her tightly, stopping her from moving.

"Stefan, what are you doing?" Xavier had just arrived, and his face went pale when he saw his friend hugging his beloved.

At that moment, both Stefan and Leia were struck dumb.

"It's not what you think." Stefan cleared his throat and let go of Leia awkwardly.

Angry, Leia stepped on Stefan.

"How dare you! Are you done?" Stefan hissed in pain. He wanted to do the same to Leia but held himself back at the thought of Renee. It was true that birds of a feather flock together-Renee was violent, but Leia was even more so. He gazed at Xavier sympathetically and suggested, "You should get insurance."

"What do you mean?" Xavier blinked, looking confused.

"What do you think? She's such a fierce woman. Aren't you afraid of getting attacked?" Stefan rubbed his aching body and said grumpily.

"No, Lei is gentle and loving. She won't beat people up for no reason, so you must have done something to cause this." At that moment, Xavier chose to take Leia's side. In the past, he and Leia always fought because of their differing opinions. Leia condemned Stefan as a scumbag while Xavier claimed that Renee was too pretentious, and then they'd argue. However, Xavier had learned his lesson—it was always Stefan's fault.

"Hmph, you got that right." Leia rarely saw Xavier being sensible, and her anger towards him quickly subsided.

"So… there's really nothing between the both of you, right?" Xavier asked hesitantly.

"Are you out of your mind? I would rather kill myself than have anything to do with him!" Leia rolled her eyes in disgust as she typed.

"But you once said that he was your Prince Charming!" That statement she had once made had bothered Xavier for ages, and he finally brought it up out of jealousy.

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 "That's different! I even said that you were my Prince Charming but you're just charming on the outside and rotten on the inside!" Leia typed out furiously. "You two are the same, and Ren and I should just distance ourselves from you both. You were the reason for my bad luck today!"

"Why me?" Xavier shrugged helplessly, wondering why he was being blamed when he wasn't even there.

"Do you know who threw manure on Ren and I today?"

"Ugh, who?" Xavier asked, wrinkling his nose in disgust. He wondered who would do something so vulgar to the blind Renee and mute Leia.

"Your fans and Shirley's fans, that's who! Shirley is only offended by me because of you, and that's the reason her fans bully me! Your fans were just as bad, so I'm guessing they all learned it from the both of you!" Leia typed out her complaint and shot Xavier a glare.

Xavier read the message and looked at her incredulously. "Why are you blaming me? The fans did that to you, so what does it have to do with me? They're all different people, so how could I possibly control their actions?"

"You're just making excuses! Don't you know that idols are always their fans' role models? Your fans and Shirley's fans are such fanatics because you both spoiled them. Look at my fans and Mr. Dalton's fans— they're very gentle. Two people helped Ren and I today; one was my fan and the other was Mr. Dalton's fan. Don't you see a difference between the fans?"

"I..." Xavier was usually eloquent, but he found it hard to argue with Leia's logic. Different stars would have fans with different characteristics and actions. Most of Shirley's fans were hardcore fans, and they

seemed to be emulating Shirley. They felt triumphant when they saw how Shirley became a popular actress from being a nobody, but if her status disappeared, her fans would surely be outraged. It would be as if the child they raised with much effort had died, and naturally, they would go berserk.

In comparison, Santiago's fans were more refined because of his prominent background and famous family. He had always been exceptional even after he joined the entertainment circle. Every part of his life was perfect, and there was almost nothing bad about him. If people saw him as their idol, they would feel much more secure and superior. In short, they were more refined and rational.

Xavier understood it, but he couldn't figure out why his fans were such fanatics.