Chapter 104 Blind Date

"Let's go downstairs," Alana said with a bright smile. She couldn't believe how beautiful Janessa looked right now. If she were a man, she would be enthralled by her!

Alana couldn't wait to see the expression on Gracie's face when she saw how amazing Janessa looked.

The guests were scattered across the hall. Some were dancing, while the others were busy catching up with one another.

Out of curiosity, some of the guests would look upstairs to see what would happen when Alana came back downstairs.

As Gracie stood amongst the other well-dressed women, she looked haughtily at the women as if she were already Rayan's wife.

"I don't think Janessa has any clothes here. If she did, it wouldn't have taken her forever to put them on and come downstairs."

"You bet! Maybe she left because she was so humiliated!"

Gracie couldn't help but smile when she overheard the insults that were thrown Janessa's way.

That was exactly what she wanted to happen.

If she humiliated Janessa in public, it would keep Janessa from coming anywhere near Rayan.

All of a sudden, someone from the crowd cried out. Soon enough, everyone's eyes looked upstairs.

Janessa was wearing a white chiffon full-length gown. The off-shoulder cut of the dress accentuated the delicate line of her neck. She looked exquisite! The dress hugged her body perfectly and showed off her graceful figure.

Janessa was normally dressed in loose casual clothing that concealed her curves. When she came out in a well-tailored dress, she looked stunning.

Rayan's brows furrowed as he stood on the side. The style of the dress he chose was conservative. How could Janessa look seductive in a dress like that?

The men in the room couldn't keep their eyes off of her.

A man next to him exclaimed, "What a beautiful woman!"

Rayan finished his wine in one gulp before he turned around and left in a fit of anger.

"I'm sorry to keep you waiting, Miss Mo. Is my dress good enough for this party now?" Janessa asked demurely.

Everyone could tell that Janessa was goading to Gracie, but no one dared to step in. They watched in anticipation to see what would happen.

Gracie's face fell when she saw Janessa. Her plan to humiliate Janessa had backfired.

Moreover, Gracie was familiar with the dress Janessa was wearing. She initially wanted the dress for herself, but someone had already purchased it. And now Janessa was wearing it!

Who was helping Janessa? Why would someone send such expensive clothes and jewelry for her to wear?

"You're speaking to the wrong person. I think you should ask Miss Shen. If Miss Shen thinks you look alright, then that's all that matters."

Gracie couldn't forget that she was in the Shen family's home. It would be beneficial for her to maintain a good relationship with the Shen family for Rayan's sake.

"Janessa can wear whatever she pleases to my party. It was none of your business, to begin with," Alana retorted. She grabbed Janessa's hand and left happily with her, leaving Gracie flushing in embarrassment.

Alana brought Janessa to a quiet corner so they could enjoy the cake Janessa brought with her.

"Have a taste! I remembered that this was your favorite cake," Janessa said.

"I can't believe you remembered! You're the best! Were it not for the fact that I already have someone special in my heart, I would've fallen in love with you by now," Alana joked. When Eric's face popped up in her mind, Alana couldn't help but lower her head in disappointment.

Janessa could tell that Alana was thinking about Eric at that moment. Sadly, no one knew where Eric was.

"Don't worry. Maybe Eric didn't leave and he is just smoking in a corner somewhere," Janessa said.

"Eric doesn't smoke," Alana said as she rolled her eyes. For a brief moment, she was thrilled to know something about Eric that Janessa didn't know.

In the past few weeks, the two of them had been spending more time together. By now, Alana knew Eric well.

"Well, if he's not outside smoking, then maybe he's chatting with a nice girl somewhere!" Janessa guessed.

Alana immediately stood up when she heard Janessa, but when she realized that Janessa was joking, she sat back down. "Don't play with me like that!" Alana wailed.

"There are so many handsome men in this party for you to pick. If you still want to flirt with me so badly, you'll have to wait until the party is over," Janessa teased.

"Get away from me! I'm not interested in you!" Alana shot back.

The two girls sat in a quiet corner and happily chatted with one another as they enjoyed the cake.

A man came over with a glass of wine. He glanced at the two of them before he asked, "Miss Shen, may I buy you a drink?"

Alana looked up at the stranger and said, "Thank you, but I'll have to decline your offer. I hope you enjoy the party."

She couldn't understand what the man was thinking. 'Why would you buy me a drink inside my house where I offer all the beverages? This is ridiculous!' Alana thought to herself.

The man looked down at the drink in his hand in disappointment. He placed the wine on the table before he pulled a chair next to Alana and sat down. "Miss Shen, I'm sorry to disturb you, but I would like to introduce myself. My name is Jake Zhao. I'm thirty-two years old and single. I love playing sports, reading books, and listening to classical music. May I know some of your interests, Miss Shen?"

The man then gave Janessa a polite nod before he turned his attention back to Alana.

Alana was so stunned by this man's boldness that she almost choked on her cake.

'What's going on? Is this man here for a blind date with me?

I never agreed to go on a blind date!' Alana began to cough and reached for a cup of water. It took her a few moments to collect herself.

"Mr. Zhao, the truth is, I have no interest in sports, reading, or music. I'm sorry to disappoint you. We probably have very different interests. As you can see, I'm chatting with my friend right now, so..."

"Miss Shen, your birthday celebration was supposed to be a blind date for you, am I right? Even though there are many beautiful women present..." Jake glanced at Janessa. Although she caught every man's attention, Jake didn't feel safe with her kind of beauty.

Alana was more of his type. She seemed like a tender and loving woman. He believed that she was a potential match for him, Alana was speechless. Initially, she thought that her party was an excuse for her father to strengthen his business relationships. She didn't expect her party to be a ploy for her family to marry her off.

The man in front of her had furtive eyes and a sulky face. He seemed like a terrible guy! Alana wasn't interested in marrying a man like him.

"Yes, you're right. There are a lot of beautiful women here tonight. I hope you can find someone suitable for you out there," Alana replied with a smile. 'You can date whoever you want, for all I care. It will never be me!' Alana thought to herself. When she looked back at Janessa, she saw a sympathetic look on her friend's face.

"None of the women here are as beautiful as you are! You caught my attention the moment I saw you. I believe we would be a great match." Jake moved to touch Alana's hand, and she quickly snatched it away.

"Please excuse me. Janessa, let's go."

Alana didn't know this man at all, and she would never go on a date with him. How could she have gotten herself in this situation? She had no interest in marrying any of the men present.

She grabbed Janessa's hand and left without looking back. Jake sat back in his chair as he watched them walk away. "Damn it!" he cursed to himself.

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