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Chapter 107 They Were Friends

Janessa and Rayan followed the waiter, who led them to the door of the private room.

Two muscular men with dark sunglasses stood by the door, and they looked intimidating enough to drive most people away.

"Is this supposed to be a gangsters' gathering or a business dinner?"

Janessa muttered quietly, but still loud enough for Rayan to hear. He gave her a warning look before entering the private room.

The room was large enough to house a dinner table, a sofa, and television for lounging.

Nolan stood up the moment Rayan entered the room and ushered him to the sofa.

"Mr. Lu has graced us with his presence tonight! It's not easy to get him out of the house!" Nolan said to his men and then looked at Rayan with a smile.

After greeting Rayan, Nolan turned around and spotted Janessa. His smile widened at the sight of her.

"Miss Qiu, it's lovely to see you again."

Nolan politely reached out to shake her hand. Janessa took his hand with a small smile.

"Mr. Gu, long time no see."

She hadn't seen him since the meeting with his company in S City. Whenever Janessa held meetings with the Gu Group, she often spoke to Gideon Sun, the project director of the Gu Group.

"Mr. Sun!" Janessa withdrew her hand from Nolan and spotted Gideon standing aside. She greeted him as well. Gideon was one of the most capable employees of the Gu Group, but he was notorious for having a sharp tongue. Many viewed him as obnoxious and arrogant.

Janessa wasn't looking forward to having dinner with the man tonight.

"Miss Qiu, you look radiant today." Janessa's mouth twitched when she heard the words from his mouth.

Could he keep his mouth shut for a few moments? He claimed that she looked beautiful today. Did that mean that she looked horrible all those times she met with people from the Gu Group?

Janessa gave him a polite smile in acknowledgment and kept her opinions to herself.

"Please take a seat," Nolan said. Rayan and Nolan smiled at one another as they took their seats.

Janessa couldn't help but feel uneasy when she saw how friendly the two were acting. Were they good friends?

Why did they look so comfortable with one another?

As Janessa took her seat, she reminded herself to keep a close eye on the two men tonight. Although the two tried to remain professional, she could tell that they had a good relationship with one another. Anyone could tell that they were friends.

If they were friends, then why did the Gu Group ask them to travel so far to sign the contract back then? Rayan must have known that the project was a done deal, but he still made her go on the trip with him.

Why would he go through all that trouble?

"Miss Qiu, what would you like to eat tonight? Please order whatever you like. It's my treat." Nolan beckoned for the waiter to hand Janessa a menu.

"Don't worry about me. I'll try whatever you order," Janessa refused politely. There was something suspicious about the situation, but Janessa couldn't figure out what made her feel uncomfortable.

Tonight, she attended the dinner as Rayan's employee. Nolan should've asked Rayan what he wanted first. Why did Nolan address Janessa first?

Many people were aware that Janessa and Rayan were married in the past. Was Nolan trying to figure out what their current relationship was?

"Mr. Lu, here's the menu. Order whatever you please," Nolan said as he gave Rayan a thoughtful look.

"I'd like to try all the specialties of the restaurant. Let's have a feast tonight." Rayan proceeded to list all the dishes he wanted. Since they were dining at a five-star hotel, all of the food must have been exquisite and expensive.

Nolan was about to spend a large sum of money tonight.

"You picked great dishes," Nolan replied with a forced smile. Tonight, he wanted to confirm if Janessa and Rayan did get divorced.

If they weren't divorced, then why were the two still working together? Nolan hoped to get an idea of what their relationship was, based on how they ordered.

However, Janessa ended up not ordering, while Rayan ordered practically everything on the menu.

As a result, Nolan still couldn't tell what their relationship was at the moment.

Were they still married, or did someone inform them to prepare for his test?

"Mr. Gu, are you concerned about the bill tonight?" Rayan knew precisely what was on Nolan's mind. He couldn't stand the sight of other men ogling Janessa.

Even if he had no intention of being with her, no man would be allowed to covet her.

"Are you trying to insult me? Miss Qiu, please order something as well. Your dinner is on me!" Nolan offered generously as he leaned back in his chair.

It was obvious that Nolan was trying to flaunt his wealth to Janessa, but it wasn't enough to impress her.

Rayan glared at his friend. Nolan's eyes were focused on Janessa.

"Tonight is a private party. I have no interest in discussing business! Miss Qiu, what does your boyfriend do?" Nolan asked as he tried to fish for information.

This question alone suggested that he was aware that she was a divorced woman.

"I..." Janessa glanced at Rayan before she continued, "I don't have a boyfriend."

Before arriving, Rayan warned Janessa to be extra careful when she answered Nolan's questions. He didn't expect her to answer them so honestly and without hesitation.

Although it was made public, Rayan didn't want Nolan to know that they had divorced.

If Nolan found out that Janessa was single and pursued her...

Just the thought of it was enough to upset Rayan, and it hadn't even happened yet!

"Oh! Does that mean that a lucky man out there will snatch you up one day? Mr. Lu, you should be more concerned about your

employees' wellbeing. It's something one should always pay more attention to," Nolan said.

"I appreciate the concern, Mr. Gu. However, my employees' personal affairs are none of my business." Rayan was beginning to grow impatient with all of Nolan's prodding questions.

Nolan noticed the unsettled look on Rayan's face, but he was determined to get answers tonight. He decided it would be best to change the topic in the meantime.

"Miss Qiu, we appreciate your work on this project. You are a capable employee of the Lu Group. If Rayan isn't paying you enough, you can come work for me. I'm willing to pay you twice as much as he does," Nolan offered.

Rayan couldn't believe that Nolan was trying to bribe Janessa to leave his company in front of him!

According to Nolan, the Gu Group treated their employees better than the Lu Group did. It was enough to tempt most people, but not Janessa.

She raised her glass and said with a smile, "Yes, my position is tough on some days, but I will never betray Mr. Lu. After all, if I walk away from the Lu Group that easily, wouldn't that make you hesitant to trust me?"

Janessa knew that a person who started as a cheater would always be one.

She knew that this position was a trap in the long run. There was no chance she would sell herself out just for money.

"It seems like you're loyal to the L u Group. Oh well, at least I tried. It seems like you're a virtuous person. If you need anything in the future, please don't hesitate to approach me." Nolan handed a gold-stamped business card to Janessa.

As the CEO of the Gu Group, Nolan was known to be an extravagant man. Even his business card was this flashy.

Janessa took the business card from him and placed it in her bag. "Thank you, Mr. Gu," she said as she raised her glass to toast him.

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