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Chapter 108 I Have No Right To Interfere

"Miss Qiu, you are certainly gifted. It's rare for me to see a plan of this quality." Gideon continued to flatter Janessa, which created an awkward atmosphere around the dinner table.

Nolan and Rayan were more experienced in the business than Janessa, and Gideon's words belittled the men's abilities and contributions.

It seemed like Gideon had made this dinner an unpleasant experience for everyone without knowing.

Janessa glanced at Gideon before she picked up a piece of shrimp and put it on her plate.

Gideon continued, "I couldn't have thought of a better plan! Mr. Gu is pleased with the outcome."

It was true that Nolan praised the plan when he reviewed it. However, Gideon didn't have to emphasize that fact again and again.

"I also thought it was brilliant. Janessa's been working on the project ever since it started. I value her input," Rayan agreed and showed his support for Janessa's work.

"If only you could be more careful, you wouldn't have to write another one from scratch. You should really do whatever it takes to protect the confidential documents," Gideon said sarcastically.

Although it was a simple reminder for Janessa to be careful, it could also be interpreted as an attack on the Lu Group.

The comment ridiculed the Lu Group and could potentially cause conflict between the two companies.

Janessa winced at the comment. After hearing what Gideon said, Janessa retorted, "I appreciate the suggestion, Mr. Sun. And Mr. Gu, I think one should also make sure to teach their subordinates about the art of proper etiquette."

Nolan cast a cold glance at Gideon. He wouldn't have allowed Gideon to join if he wasn't the project manager. How could he be so careless?

Gideon had indirectly humiliated Nolan by insulting the other party.

"Gideon," Nolan called. He looked at his phone before he waved to Gideon and whispered in his ear.

"There seems to be a problem with one of the company's projects. You must go back to the office and take care of it. We can't

afford to have something go wrong!" Nolan instructed Gideon carefully. The coldness with which he delivered his words alarmed Gideon.

"Yes, I'll go now. Don't worry. I'll take care of everything, Mr. Gu." After a few moments, Gideon finally realized what Nolan meant by his words. 'I bet there's nothing wrong with the projects. He's just trying to drive me away!' he couldn't help but think to himself.

Although he still had no idea what he did wrong, he forced a smile on his face and excused himself from the table.

"Mr. Lu, Miss Qiu, I'm sorry, but I must excuse myself. I have some matters to attend to at the office." Gideon finished the rest of his wine before he walked out of the room.

"I apologize for his behavior." Nolan smiled before changing the topic once more.

'Nolan sent Gideon away. No wonder Gideon looked so upset.

I can't blame Nolan for what he did. Gideon deserved it!' Janessa thought to herself.

As she watched the rude man leave, Janessa's mood lightened.

She enjoyed much of the exquisite food. Nolan looked at her the entire time she ate.

Janessa ate more food than she would normally consume for they were all very delicious, but she still looked elegant as she ate. Then she suddenly realized that both the men were looking at her.

As Janessa wiped her fingers, she said awkwardly, "The food was delicious."

'The two of them watched me the entire time I was eating instead of discussing business. Was there something on my face?'

"It looks like Miss Qiu was satisfied by the food here. I assume that satisfies you, Mr. Lu?" Nolan teased.

'What is Nolan trying to imply?

That Rayan is happy when I'm happy?

He must think that even if we got divorced already, we still had a relationship with one another.

What a ridiculous thought!'

Janessa was dumbfounded at the two men. The two were clearly good friends, but they still chose to act like just acquaintances.

Aren't they tired of tiptoeing around one another?

She turned around to look at Rayan, only to find out that something had his attention. Rayan kept glancing down at the phone in his hand.

His brows furrowed as he checked his phone. There must be an emergency.

She glanced at his screen and saw Gracie's picture.

'Why wasn't he answering her calls?'

His phone had rung several times, but he still made no effort to answer.

"It seems like you have another appointment. You may leave if you want to," Nolan suggested. All of a sudden, Rayan stood up and walked to the balcony before answering his phone.

"Please excuse him. Mr. Lu has an emergency to deal with," Janessa said with an embarrassed smile.

Rayan was the least of Nolan's concerns. Ever since Nolan met him, Rayan had been an arrogant man. Nolan was more interested in other matters now.

He moved to Rayan's seat and whispered to Janessa, "Aren't you upset that he's speaking with another woman right now?"

"I don't have the right to meddle in Mr. Lu's private affairs," Janessa clarified, revealing the truth of their relationship to Nolan.

Janessa and Rayan were divorced, and they had nothing to do with one another anymore.

"Oh! Is that so? I assumed that the two of you were still a couple. If that's the case, then I guess we'll have to wait and see what happens in the future," Nolan replied in an ambiguous tone. All of a sudden, the expression on his face changed. There was a determined look in his eyes as he looked at Janessa.

"We're just..."

Before Janessa could finish her words, Rayan went back and said to the other man, "It's none of your business."

Rayan pulled a chair out and inched it closer to Janessa's before he sat down.

Now, Rayan was seated closer to her than Nolan was.

Was it true? Did the two of them still have feelings for each other?

Nolan was puzzled by how the two of them were acting.

"I was just asking a simple question. Rayan, don't take it too seriously. Are you..." Nolan looked at the both of them with a knowing look on his face.

Janessa had an uncomfortable feeling about this whole situation.

Rayan only held Nolan's gaze without answering his question. The phone on the table suddenly vibrated.

Rayan glanced at the message, then stood up with a scowl on his face before he said, "That's all for tonight. The Lu Group will find another person to discuss the implementation of the plan with you. We have to leave now."

Nolan didn't expect Rayan to change the project manager because he seemed interested in Janessa. 'Who would believe that there is nothing going on between Rayan and Janessa?'

Nolan had no choice but to agree.

"Suit yourselves."

Janessa felt like things were spiraling out of control. Before she could speak up, Rayan dragged her out of the private room.

He held her arm as he led her out of the restaurant. When they got outside, Rayan immediately got into his car and said, "Take a taxi home."

"What are you saying? Where would I find a taxi here? Are you out of your mind?" Janessa couldn't believe the way Rayan was asking. There were no taxis at this hour, so she would have to call a car to pick her up. She would've booked a car to pick her up if she knew Rayan wouldn't be driving her home.

After cursing at herself, Janessa took out her phone and called for a Uber ride. She waited ten minutes before the car arrived to pick her up.

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