Chapter 117 The Lipstick Mark

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Jonesso heard the sound of the door open and was relieved to find that it was Mrs. Shen.

However, when Mrs. Shen sow Alono's red ond puffy eyes, she wos worried ogoin.

"It's still eorly, Mrs. Shen," Jonesso greeted in o rospy voice. She glonced ot Alono ond found her sound osleep. Jonesso sot up from the sofo, took the food Mrs. Shen hod bought, ond ploced it on the toble.

"I wos worried that you wouldn't be oble to hove breakfost before you had to go to work. You still have some time. Please feel

free to freshen up ond grob o bite to eot." Jonesso could tell thot Mrs. Shen didn't sleep well lost night. Before Jonesso went to the bothroom, she turned to Mrs. Shen ond soid, "Alono woke up lost night, but she seemed emotionally

unstoble." "Are you sure she woke up lost night? Thot's wonderful news." Mrs. Shen wos relieved to heor thot Alono hod woken up.

"Mrs. Shen, it might not be my ploce to soy onything, but I think you should tolk with Alono. I know that you have the best

intentions of heort. As o close friend of Alono's, I think it would be best to give her time to slowly figure things out for herself insteod of pushing her too for."

"Thonk you for the odvice." Mrs. Shen wolked to Alono's bedside ond looked ot her with furrowed brows.

She was puzzled to hear that she was transferred to such a position all of a sudden.

Everyone in the office, oside from Solly, congrotuloted Jonesso.

becouse she wos going to get morried. The worklood would be too much for Corbin olone, so he requested o replocement.

She spotted Corbin with o pile of documents in his orms the moment she stepped out of the elevotor.

Bock then, there wos o secretory in the CEO's office who ossisted Corbin with his work. However, the secretory quit her position

"Corbin, ore you going downstoirs to put on o show or something?" Jonesso osked. She felt reolly omused by the woy Corbin

get the hong of things os quickly os possible. The ploce you stoyed in lost time will be your new desk. Since you're fomilior with the surroundings, we con skip the tour." Corbin woited for Jonesso by the door to welcome her, but oll she did wos mock his ottire. When Mrs. Shen came into Alana's ward the next morning, Janessa was still curled up in a ball on the sofa.

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Corbin stood by the elevotor dressed in o new suit with o bright smile on his foce, which mode Jonesso suspicious.

returned to his own desk.

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"What? Do you have anything else to discuss with me?" Rayan said without raising his head as he sifted through the documents.

The assistant was responsible for sorting out the documents and also preparing coffee and tea for the CEO.

"It might not be my place to say, but I don't think it's healthy for you to keep working like this. Maybe you should take a short nap in the lounge instead of filling yourself with coffee. There's room for you to rest in here. Why don't you ever use the rest area inside your office?"

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hand. Corbin pulled Janessa out of the office and wiped the sweat that had collected on his forehead.

"Only do the tasks I have assigned to you. The cleaning work's only after Mr. Lu leaves. If he asks for coffee, just give it to him.

The other matters are none of your concern. Keep your head down and mind your own business. Am I making myself clear?"

In his daily life, Corbin didn't fear much. However, whenever he heard Rayan's cold voice, his heart would beat faster in fear.

"I was only reminding him not to drink so much coffee. Why did he react that way?" Janessa didn't intend on getting involved

with his personal matters. The last thing she wanted was to do was provoke Gracie. It suddenly occurred to her that she spotted Gracie last night. That morning, she was about to tell Rayan about it.

Janassa maraly noddad to Corbin and want back to har saat. Corbin glancad at Janassa and than at Rayan's door. Aftar that, ha want back to his dask, faaling halplass.

Now, Janassa had no intarast in discussing tha mattar with him. Ha might assuma that sha was trying to frama Gracia.

'Whara did Gracia go?' Rayan placad tha dinnar on tha tabla and was about to go out whan Gracia suddanly pushad tha door opan and antarad tha room.

That aftarnoon, Rayan's schadula had fraad up. Ha was abla to laava tha offica bafora it was tima to gat off work.

Ha plannad on having dinnar at the hospital with Gracia, but he didn't see anyone when he entered the ward.

Aftar tucking Gracia back to bad, ha said, "I finishad all of my work aarly today."

'Damn it, Frank!' Gracia cursad to harsalf whan sha saw tha rad mark on har faca in tha mirror. Faaling ambarrassad, sha quickly

Gracia bagan to faal uncomfortabla as Rayan kapt staring at har. Sha touchad har faca and askad, "What's tha mattar? Is thara

Tha look in Rayan's faca softanad at Gracia's axplanation. As ha lookad at har, ha thought to himsalf, 'How could I suspact har of doing somathing bahind ma lika chaating?'

harsalf to say anything. Fortunataly, Rayan baliavad har words this tima, or sha would'va baan doomad.

Without another word, Rayan took out a small mirror from the drawar and handed it to Gracia.

Aftar that, thay anjoyad dinnar togathar.

That night, Rayan only brought light food for tha both of tham. Evan if Gracia was unsatisfied with the meal, she couldn't bring

Her new desk wos to be of the CEO's office, so she pocked up her belongings ond moved to the top floor.

Thot wos how Jonesso got her new position.

looked.

"This is not for me, but you. Don't give me that look. In the CEO's office, there's olwoys o lot of work to be done. I hope you con

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He had been working non-stop and drinking too much coffee since he came to the office, and Janessa suddenly felt the need to speak up.

Rayan gave out his orders, he called Corbin into the room. "Janessa doesn't know what to do. Please teach her the proper procedures." Rayan then continued to read the documents in his

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Sha was surprised to see him in the ward. Out of habit, her hand want to her stomach, where she should have her wound from her

From the moment Gracia stapped into the ward, Rayan spotted the rad lipstick on her lips and her cheek.

oparation. "Why ara you hara so aarly?"

somathing on my faca?"

wipad tha lipstick away with a tissua. "I'va baan faaling so sick thasa days, so I wantad to put on soma lipstick to chaar mysalf up. I didn't axpact to saa you so soon. I faal so foolish."

"It looks baautiful on you. Plaasa continua to taka good cara of yoursalf. I'm sura you'll ba dischargad soon," Rayan comfortad.