Chapter 132 We Can Still Be Friends

The company had been preparing for the anniversary party for over a month and a half. Now, all of the preparations were finally completed. In the next week, Janessa wouldn't have as much work on her plate.

"Wow, this is certainly a rare sight. Miss Qui doesn't have to work overtime today. Did your boss finally have mercy on you?"

As soon as Alana stepped into the apartment, she found Janessa watching television in the living room. For a moment, Alana

thought she saw an illusion. Janessa never came home before she did. The Shen family had their own thriving business, but Alana was never interested in being a part of it. Instead, she decided to open

a small bakery. With her business, she was able to create the cakes and pastries she loved every day. Her life was simple but comfortable- just the way she wanted it to be.

Because Alana ran her own business, she used to come home later than Janessa in the past. However, Janessa had been working overtime for the past few weeks. She wouldn't get home until it was really late.

"Of course. There's no need for me to work overtime because I finished all of my work." Janessa watched television as she snacked on some chips. She didn't even raise her eyes to acknowledge Alana when she came home.

"Since you're home so early, why don't you have dinner with me?" Alana came up to Janessa's side and suggested to her.

"I don't want to have dinner out. I've been eating so much whenever I have to work overtime. I should lose some weight." Some of her colleagues were concerned for her, so they often brought her food to eat throughout the day. That caused Janessa to gain a few pounds over the past few weeks.

Janessa couldn't bear the thought of gaining weight. She had always been disciplined when it came to maintaining her figure.

When Janessa continued to ignore her, Alana grabbed the chips from Janessa's hand.

"Didn't you say you wanted to have dinner? How could you grab my chips like that?" Janessa exclaimed. Janessa planned to snack on the chips to curb her hunger that night.

"dinner".

So she snatched the chips back from Alana and placed them somewhere she couldn't reach. She couldn't let Alana take away her

"Why are you acting so stingy? It's just a bag of chips! I'm doing this for your own good! Stuffing yourself with greasy food isn't the best way to lose weight," Alana explained. Janessa couldn't deny that she had a point.

However, all Janessa could think about was how viciously Alana took the chips away from her.

turning back to continue watching television.

As the two continued to bicker, the phone on the tea table suddenly rang. Alana craned her neck to check the number before

When Janessa saw the number, she couldn't help but hesitate for a moment.

After the incident with Rayan at the front gates of the Lu Group, it seemed as if Gordon had given up for good. Janessa didn't see him waiting for her near the company gates again.

He didn't make any attempts to contact her either.

Why was he suddenly calling after all this time?

Janessa looked back at Alana, who was happily watching the show with her. Alana must have talked to Gordon.

Ever since Janessa could remember, Alana had always hoped that she would end up with Gordon. Why couldn't she understand that they could never be together?

"He'll hang up if you don't answer the phone," Alana reminded. All of a sudden, a pillow smacked the side of her face. Janessa had thrown it at her to retaliate.

With a helpless sigh, Janessa answered the phone and put the call on speaker. "Hi, Gordon. What's up?" she greeted.

Gordon was silent for a few moments before he replied, "I wanted to apologize about what happened last time. I didn't intend to cause troubles for you."

Gordon's words tinged with disappointment, but Janessa pretended not to notice. "It's all in the past. I'm sorry to..."

After taking a few moments to collect her thoughts, Janessa suddenly couldn't think of the right words to say.

Gordon was very important to his family. If she didn't put on an act like that, he wouldn't have given up on her and moved on.

"It's fine. It was all my fault," Gordon apologized awkwardly. He struggled to contain the disappointment he felt. That day,

She knew she could never accept Gordon's love for both her and his own good.

Gordon planned on starting over with Janessa. At the time, he believed that he wouldn't fail. He didn't expect things to turn out that way between them. Even so, he couldn't help but want to be close to Janessa.

Gordon would be satisfied with being her friend.

That way, she could still come to him whenever she needed help. However, if she didn't accept his friendship, they would have no reason to stay in each other's lives. There would be no way for him to protect her.

"Janessa, could we still be friends?" Even Gordon could hear the slight tremor in his voice when he asked her that question.

When he heard that Janessa was going to marry Rayan, Gordon tried to hold himself back from thinking about her. He didn't want

He was afraid of being rejected by her. What would he do if she refused?

urge to protect her. He didn't want Rayan to keep hurting her. In the end, Janessa and Rayan were still together.

to cause trouble in her marriage. However, when he heard about her divorce and miscarriage, all he could think about was the

Janessa was silent as she looked down at the phone. She didn't know how to answer his question. The only way Gordon would give up was if the two of them never saw each other again. The problem was, Alana was Gordon's sister. Janessa would never

to say something, Janessa began to speak.

But being friends with him still sounded...

When Janessa hadn't answered him for a few minutes, Gordon assumed that she was upset by his request. Right as he was about

abandon her friend. It seemed as if Gordon was always going to be a constant presence in her life.

"Gordon, we are friends, but I hope you understand that we... There's no way for us to go back to the way things were. You need to find a woman suited for you. Once you do, you'll get married and have children together. I'm sure you'll have a wonderful life. That's what I wish for you."

"I know that. Do you think we could have dinner together tonight? Please bring Alana with you. I can pick you up in a few

Janessa knew that she was a divorced woman, and Gordon deserved someone better.

for him. He was content with that. As long as Janessa was happy, he wouldn't mind protecting her from a distance.

minutes." Although Gordon didn't hear the answer he wanted most, becoming friends with Janessa would have to be good enough

Janessa felt like she had no choice but to accept Gordon's invitation. After agreeing, she hung up the phone.

"Alana..."

"My brother will be here soon. I have to change my clothes and look pretty since we're dining out."

"Wait a minute. What was that all about?" When Alana was about to bolt, Janessa tugged on her shirt and pulled her back towards

"Well, you heard him yourself. My brother was about to have dinner, and he asked if you would be interested in joining him."

"How did he know that I was at home right now?"

It was a terrible lie because the phone was on speaker just now.

"Maybe... Maybe it was a coincidence!"

"A coincidence? I can't believe I have to tell you this again. The both of us can't be together. I don't want you meddling like this again."

Janessa had told Alana this numerous times. Her relationship with Gordon had to be severed.

"Okay, I understand."

the sofa.

Alana turned around and went into her room.

She instantly regretted not running away fast enough. The look in Janessa's eyes terrified her.

Alana sighed helplessly as she thought of what Janessa told her just now.