

Chapter 142 Gracie, He Wants To Talk To You

Since there was no response from the other end of the line after quite a while, Janessa couldn't help but ask, "Hey Corbin, are you listening to me?"

"Yes. I know that photo was just edited in Photoshop. All you need to do right now is wait at home. Let me handle this issue, and I'll just tell you later what we can do next. Be sure not to talk about it to anyone else." Corbin was actually breaking in cold sweat as he looked at Rayan while talking with Janessa.

'If it weren't for Mr. Rayan's acquiescence, I wouldn't dare answer her call!

What am I thinking talking with Janessa like that in front of Mr. Rayan? It's like I'm digging my own grave, ' Corbin thought to himself as he felt a cold shiver down his spine.

"I see. Just call me if you need anything else." Although Janessa had her own ideas to deal with the matter at hand, she also knew that Rayan must have a plan of his own. Hence, she had no choice but to do as told. Of course, it also meant that she would have to endure the whole fiasco that was being shown in her television at home.

Meanwhile, in the office on the top floor of the Lu Group, Corbin had just put down the phone. After letting out a sigh, he looked at Rayan with a nervous expression on his face.

"Sir, about this matter... Since Janessa is being framed, what should we do next? Obviously, we have to do something about it, right?"

Corbin asked, swallowing hard. As he saw the news on his way to the company, he couldn't believe at what was being broadcasted. With his quick thinking, he immediately asked Janessa to stay at home. Nonetheless, the whole thing was spreading like wildfire, and every single person was discussing about it.

At the same time, the netizens' opinions varied. Some concluded that Janessa helped the Gu Group while she was working in the Lu Group, while some just took it casually. They felt that Nolan and Janessa were just friends, so their meeting shouldn't really mean anything.

Naturally, in this age, the people in the social media had greater influence in directing the development of this kind of matter. Therefore, it was really hard to tell right now which side of public opinion would have the upper hand in the end.

As Rayan averted his eyes from the screen of his computer, he crossed his arms on his chest, realizing that the public's opinions had developed faster than he thought.

"Of course, but we cannot be too hasty. More importantly, we should put the minds of the employees of the company at ease. Don't let them cause any internal damage to Janessa. At the same time, keep a close eye on her. It'll be better if she doesn't go out for a couple of days," Rayan gave a firm yet calm order.

But based on what he just said, he also believed that Janessa wouldn't do anything to betray the company.

Hearing this, Corbin just shot a meaningful glance at Rayan before he walked out of the office.

Rayan was on point at giving Corbin the instruction to appease the employees in the company. After all, everyone was agitated. They kept commenting on what Janessa had done, and many people didn't even hesitate to slander her.

However, even as a leader, he couldn't really control what his subordinates would like to say. Although he could easily tell them that Janessa had nothing to do with it, the employees would always have their own opinions about it. Of course, even if they were encouraged not to make a big deal out of it, they would still discuss it in secret because this wasn't an insignificant topic.

At this moment, Rayan was standing by the window, looking at the scenery in the distance. Then, he decided to call Nolan, intending to settle some things.

Surprisingly, the phone was quickly answered. It was as if the person on the other end of the line had been expecting that Rayan would call him.

"Wow, I didn't know that Mr. Lu has a lot of time to spare. To what do I owe the pleasure? Did you call me to talk about the good old days?" Nolan's lazy voice instantly came through the phone. At the same time, the sounds of the strong breeze and waves could be heard in the background.

'Is this guy on vacation?' Rayan wondered.

"I take it that Mr. Gu is unaware of what's happening right now. To put it bluntly, the photo of you meeting my subordinate in private has been exposed. People are currently feasting on it in social media. Because you are deeply involved in this, I think you should at least have the decency to explain." Although Rayan's tone sounded calm on the surface, the content was rather aggressive. After all, he was forcing Nolan to give a reasonable explanation.

Obviously, Nolan was already expecting that something like this would happen. He then let out a soft chuckle and said, "Aren't they too ignorant? They released a news like that when I'm actually on a trip abroad. However, if Mr. Lu is calling me, I take it that you already found a solution to this matter."

"It's none of your business how I will deal with it. Let me just reiterate that you met with my employee in private, and that meeting was somehow exposed. What I just need is an explanation. Moreover, if the journalist can take that photo successfully and safely despite how well-protected you are, don't you think all your bodyguards need to be replaced? In fact, I can refer you to a professional bodyguard company if you want," Rayan remarked in a slightly condescending tone.

'That photo wasn't taken recently. Why did the person who took it need to wait a long time before releasing it? What is their purpose?'

Since Rayan had been very straightforward, Nolan deemed that there was no need to feign ignorance.

Then, he suddenly laughed on the other side of the line and replied, "It seems that nothing can be hidden from Mr. Lu. Do you really want to know why I did it?"

"Mr. Gu, I'm not interested in your charades. Just out with it already." Though Rayan wanted to hear it from Nolan's own mouth, he actually already had an idea. He was reminded that there was only one reason for Nolan to do such a thing.

But of course, it didn't necessarily mean that Rayan would give in to whatever Nolan wished in return.

"Rayan, you have an ambiguous relationship with Janessa in the company, don't you? Then, why are you still with Gracie? If you don't love Gracie at all, then let her go. Stop playing with her feelings." Out of nowhere, Nolan's tone became serious.

It turned out that all of this was Nolan's plan to make Rayan give up his relationship with Gracie. For so many times, he had seen how Gracie was left alone in their big house while Rayan worked overtime with Janessa.

Apparently, Nolan wanted Rayan to let go of Gracie so that he could be the one to protect her instead.

"Gracie loves me, and I love her. I don't know where you're getting these ideas. Let me just remind you that I'm already with her, and you don't stand a chance," Rayan retorted with a cold snort.

"Fine. Then, I guess we'll just let the whole thing continue to spread. I'm aware that the share price of the Lu Group have dropped by zero point five this morning. I'm curious at how things will look like at noon."

Janessa was an employee of the Lu Group, and she had once been the ex-wife of the CEO, Rayan. Many people knew about their relationship, and thus they regarded her as an integral part of the Lu Group. However, with the sudden rise of the issue involving her and Nolan, many people lost their trust in the Lu Group. Thus, they began selling their shares before their values dropped.

Just as Nolan threatened, the stock price of the Lu Group would only be getting worse if nothing was done regarding the spread of the news.

It turned out that Nolan was secretly plotting against the stock of the Lu Group in order for him to possess a bargaining chip. At this point, someone could just buy the shares at a very cheap price.

Therefore, Nolan assumed that if the share price of the Lu Group kept falling at a drastic rate, Rayan would have no choice but to give in to his demands.

"Are you really that stubborn, Rayan? I know you don't love Gracie anymore. All I need you to do is let her go. I won't hinder you and Janessa from being together once I am with Gracie. It's a win-win situation. What's the point of being so stubborn?"

Indeed, Nolan had gone crazy for Gracie. In fact, he had cooperated with the Lu Group before for Gracie's sake. However, at that time, Janessa was able to come up with a completely different plan to save the day. This, in turn, left him not to be able to make any trouble even if he wanted to.

This just proved Janessa's brilliance in terms of what she could do for the company.

"Why are you forcing me to make a move? I think you should ask the other person involved for her opinion on this matter." At this moment, Rayan shifted his gaze at the person who was coming into his office now. Originally, he already wanted to hang up the phone, but he deemed that he should let Gracie make her own choice since it was all about her.

Gracie heard what Rayan just said when she came in. Although she actually had no idea who he was talking with, she still sat on the sofa and patiently waited for him to end the call.

That was when Rayan walked over from the window and approached her. Then, he handed the phone, saying, "Gracie, he wants to talk to you."

