

Chapter 164 It's Just Self-deception

Since Rayan was gone on a business trip, Janessa became even more swamped than usual.

These days, she had to work overtime until eight or nine o'clock in the evening.

She was just about to get off work one day when she saw an unexpected guest waiting for her downstairs.

As soon as Janessa walked out of the building, she saw Gracie sitting on the wheelchair. From the looks of it, she had been waiting there for quite some time.

As the saying went, "The best defense is a good offense." Janessa didn't mind going on the offensive every once in a while.

"It's a beautiful moonlit night, and the cold wind is blowing. Looks like Miss Mo is enjoying the scenery at the gate of the Lu Group. I think it's a pleasant idea." Janessa walked over towards Gracie's side. Although she was sitting on a wheelchair, Gracie still wore an arrogant expression on her face, much like a queen, with a murderous glare written all over her eyes as she looked at Janessa.

"Let's cut to the chase. Miss Qiu, you should know that I'm here to see you." Now that she was here, Gracie had no intention of beating around the bush with Janessa.

She had been living in fear for so long. So, she wanted to have a word with this woman while Rayan was on a business trip.

"You came to see me as soon as Mr. Lu went on the business trip. Miss Mo, don't you think you're being a little too impatient? Or are you worried that the ghost of my son will come back to haunt you and get some payback?" Seeing this woman's face always reminded Janessa of the time she spent in the hospital. The second she closed her eyes, it was as if she could feel the smell of soup wafting through her nose.

With her hands in her pockets and the pain from her nails piercing into the palm of her hands, she managed to keep her composure in front of Gracie.

She had to restrain herself. She already lost her precious son because of Gracie. There was no way in hell she would let Gracie get the one she loved so easily as well.

"I wouldn't get too complacent if I were you, Janessa. If I were in your shoes, I probably would have left the Lu Group and gone far away already. Why don't you go back to being the daughter of the Qiu Group? Wouldn't that be a great idea? Why do you keep staying in the Lu Group anyway? Are you hoping that Rayan is gonna come back to you or something? Or are you planning something else?" Gracie looked Janessa straight in the eye. She was aware that Janessa cared about money so much. Was she against the idea of having a divorce because she still wanted to be with Rayan?

It wasn't like she could come to the Lu Group every day. And there was really nothing much she could do to help herself. It would be bad for her if Janessa were to succeed in seducing Rayan.

However, if she could find a way to get Janessa to leave the Lu Group before Rayan came back, then everything should be all right.

Janessa looked down at Gracie with a sly smile and asked, "What do you think? I come in and out of Rayan's office every single day. I spend eight hours with him every day, sometimes even more than that. Miss Mo can't really do that, can you? Oh, silly me. I forgot that you're just a doctor. Someone like you shouldn't have any business being in the Lu Group."

Janessa gave Gracie a pat on the shoulder, as if pitying her. In fact, she seemed to be taking pleasure in her misfortune.

When it came to the time they spent with Rayan every single day, Gracie couldn't possibly win against her. She didn't even have to really have a relationship with Rayan at all. Just by being around him, she could easily annoy and get on this woman's nerves.

At this point, Gracie was as cross as two sticks and her chest was heaving violently. Knowing that Janessa could stay by Rayan's side all day long and there was nothing she could do about it made her even more furious.

She must do whatever it took to get this woman away from Rayan.

"You shouldn't be too full of yourself. No matter how much time you have spent with him at work, at the end of the day, he still has to go back to our home, and you don't even have the right to go there." Gracie had a smug look on her face, as if she had already won.

Unfortunately for her, the confidence that she had felt like nothing but a joke in Janessa's eyes.

If she hadn't taken Rayan back to the Lu family's villa last time, she might have fallen for this woman's bullshit.

What a pity...

Janessa's face turned red as she tried her best to hold back her laughter. However, the smile in her eyes gave her away.

"What the hell are you smiling for?" Gracie asked in confusion.

She probably would have kept it to herself if Gracie didn't ask. However, after she asked, Janessa couldn't hold back anymore and burst into laughter.

"Ha, ha, ha, Gracie, do you really enjoy lying to yourself that much?" In fact, the two of them didn't even sleep in the same room, let alone in the same bed, and even their clothes were in separate rooms. In spite of this, Gracie always tried to make it look like she had the upper hand, as if she was the real Mrs. Lu.

Didn't she ever get tired of trying to fool herself like that?

"Janessa, what's so funny?" The more Gracie thought about it, the worse it made her feel. 'Does Janessa know anything?'

"The most important thing for people is to have self-awareness. Sad to say, I don't think Miss Mo has such a thing. No wonder Mr. and Mrs. Lu don't want you to be with Rayan." This was probably the first time Janessa had ever called Rayan's name so intimately.

In their three years of marriage, Janessa had never said his name like this. Today, when she deliberately tried get under Gracie's skin, she realized that she could actually say his name so tenderly.

"Janessa, you..." Gracie was usually a very patient person, but whenever she was with Janessa, she would always end up thinking of the time when Janessa and Rayan were still together. The lingering fear of the things she held dear being taken away from her left her unable to keep calm around Janessa every single time.

"Perhaps I should drop by some time at the Lu family's villa to get back my clothes in the master's bedroom. After all, Rayan bought those clothes for me. Oh, since you live in the villa, would you mind looking after them for me? Make sure no one touches them. After all, those clothes are very expensive, and not just everyone can afford them."

After saying this, Janessa turned around and walked away before Gracie could even get a chance to respond.

"Janessa, mark my words. I'm gonna make you pay for this." Gracie shouted at Janessa's back. Although it was already nine o'clock in the evening, the Lu Group's building was located in a busy area, so there were still people around.

After Janessa left, Gracie put on a mask and called the driver. "Where the hell are you? Come here and pick me up. I'm going home."

Feeling so tired after taking a taxi home, Janessa lay on the sofa and didn't want to move a muscle. Leona fetched her a glass of water and sat beside her. "Did something happen? You came back so late today."

"It's nothing. I just got a little overwhelmed with work. You're pregnant, so you should be getting enough rest. I can get myself some water."

Janessa scolded Leona and couldn't resist putting her hand on her belly. A hint of sadness flashed across her eyes. If her child was still alive, her belly would have been even bigger than Leona's!

"Relax. I'm only on my eighth week. I don't really have much to do here. Besides, I just brought you a glass of water. How can I get tired?" Leona was a very straightforward person, and she had been living on her own hump for so many years. So, she would have a hard time getting used to being taken care of by someone else without doing anything else.

"You, promise me you'll take good care of my godson... No, my goddaughter, or you're gonna get it." The baby that Janessa lost was a boy, and she was worried that carrying a son in Leona's womb could be kind of ominous, so she wished it was a girl instead.

"Of course, I will protect my child. You just keep doing your best at work, okay? Being a godmother is not a walk in the park."

Hearing this, Janessa looked at her fiend with a pleasant smile on her face. After a long day, she realized home was the only place where she could be at ease.

