

Chapter 168 If It's Not Like That, Then What Is It Like

Rayan's bathroom in his lounge was pretty spacious that he had a double massage bathtub in it.

Apparently, he was fond of refreshing himself even while in the office.

As Janessa got comfortable in the tub, she stared at the ceiling trying to figure out why she thought of Rayan at such a critical moment.

Along with that, she even cried out his name.

It seemed that Janessa briefly lost track of her position in his and the Lu family's lives for the past three years.

Knowing that she and Rayan would never end up together, Janessa was completely baffled that she had inadvertently regarded him as someone she could expect to come to her rescue.

The more she thought about what had happened just now, the more she felt that something was amiss. She wasn't sure if Corbin actually came in before anything happened, or if he had broken in a little late as though he had waited until Edison had already taken his pants off.

One more thing that Janessa found suspicious was that Corbin carried women's clothes with him. On top of that, much to her surprise, a makeup kit came with the clothes he brought.

While every piece of cosmetic in the kit was a sample, they were all name brands.

Recalling these details, Janessa wondered for a moment if these were all but a mere coincidence.

However, she had enough reason to believe that they weren't strokes of luck. Everything seemed calculated, like someone deliberately arranged them.

Executing such a plan, she thought, required a great deal of power.

Now, no one in the Lu Group could have done or pulled off something like this—except, of course, Rayan himself.

Not only was she allowed to rest up and take a shower in his office, but she was also provided with a fresh set of clothes.

It was making sense to Janessa that Rayan had set this all up just so they could catch Edison and have him give up his position as general manager. Only Rayan could have arranged the whole thing.

He must have also faked a business trip for an excuse to leave the company and make Edison feel that he could make a move.

As she slowly worked out what happened, Janessa suddenly felt so stupid for having been manipulated like this. Believing in Rayan had only left her feeling awfully upset.

The only reason why she even went to Edison's office was because she was confident that Rayan would not do anything that would hurt her.

"Rayan, you jackass!" Janessa grabbed everything she could see beside the bathtub and threw it to the ground one after another. Even so, her anger couldn't be extinguished no matter how many things she hurled to the floor.

"How could you do this to me? What if he really raped me? I know we're already divorced and I'm just your ex-wife, but..." Although Janessa was still fuming, she was at a loss for words. She didn't know how to completely relieve her anger, especially when she remembered that others might take it the wrong way and spread rumors in the company.

After her bath, she saw the set of clothes that Rayan had prepared for her. She refused to wear them, but she had no other choice but to put them on.

As she walked out of the lounge, Corbin looked at her in surprise. He had thought that Janessa would need a longer time off, so he didn't expect her to be out so soon.

"Hey, where are you going?"

Corbin was worried that Janessa would do something rash, so he hurriedly walked past her and grabbed her arm to block her way.

"Let me through."

Her voice was so cold that Corbin trembled slightly.

"Janessa, listen. It's not what you think." He could tell that Janessa had already grasped the overall situation, but there were still a lot that she didn't know.

"Yeah? Then enlighten me. What is it like?" She didn't want to lose her cool with Corbin since he wasn't actually at fault. Even if he had done something, Rayan had put him up to it.

There was no one else to blame except the man who never even looked her in the eye.

"Um, it would be better if you hear it from Mr. Lu. For now, just trust me. There won't be any rumors in the company."

"What's up about those photos? What are they for?" Janessa shot him a cold glance. Back in Edison's office earlier, she saw men at the door with a camera in their hands.

Although they were covertly taking pictures, she still saw what they were doing.

This only meant that Rayan asked them to take a snap of what has happening for evidence.

"You saw them? Those were just for documentation to prompt Edison into giving up his role in the Lu Group. You don't have to worry about your face showing up in those photos. Besides, people who have seen you walk out his office have no reason to suspect you since you got out of there gracefully."

Although what Corbin said sounded dry as dust, it was the truth. He only wanted to set Janessa's mind at rest.

"Ha, interesting."

'Are they going to blur my face out of those photos? What's the use, though? Everyone in the general manager's department saw me enter Edison's office. Even Corbin rushed in there, apparently on purpose. I don't think there's any way they can cover up this fact.'

Janessa shook Corbin's hand off her arm and headed to her desk. She then picked up some files and went back to work.

Knowing that she was clearly angry, it puzzled Corbin how she chose to continue working instead of going home.

"What's up with her?" Although he felt confused, he thought he got to know her a little better.

He then walked back to his office and immediately called Rayan discreetly.

"Mr. Lu, everything has been taken care of, but..."

Miss Qiu is not in a good mood." Corbin took a look at Janessa who was occupied with her work.

"What happened?"

"She's furious, sir. She doesn't even want to talk to me anymore. I thought it was strange that she didn't choose to go home after the incident, but now she's just... working. It's possible she's turning her resentment into motivation to work. It doesn't seem fair to her, sir."

Corbin has only worked with Janessa for months yet he felt that she had always treated others kindly. He knew that she was willing to do anything for anyone who had been good to her.

However, Corbin was aware that her relationship with Rayan was different. It wasn't anywhere close to how she was with other people.

It was undeniable that there was deep hatred between them, and it hindered them from being able to talk about anything besides work.

On rare occasions that they did talk about something else, it almost always ended up a quarrel.

"It's okay. Just let her be. Tell me if anything else comes up." Rayan hung up the phone indifferently. Corbin couldn't help but gaze at the view from the window and heave a heavy sigh as he placed the phone back on the table.

Meanwhile, in a hotel far away, Rayan checked the photo that Corbin sent him in his e-mail. As he looked closer, his eyes fell on the blurry figure.

Despite being barely perceptible, he could still make out Janessa's expression. She looked really scared.

Before he knew it, Rayan found himself attracted to her, so he irritably folded his laptop as soon as he realized it.

However, he could still see her frightened face every time he closed his eyes. He would see blood dripping down her face as she looked back at the camera, with an unwilling look that screamed, "It's all your fault."

"Excuse me, Mr. Lu. This is the invitation to a charity event that Mr. Gu sent you. He's requesting your attendance tomorrow night." A bodyguard in black handed him an envelope.

Unexpectedly, Rayan's eyes lit up when he heard him mention that it was for charity.

It was pretty usual for a company such as the Lu Group to attend parties like this, and he wanted to do something.

He remembered that Janessa once said that she wanted to bring warmth to those orphans who had lost their loved ones, so Rayan thought that this event couldn't come at a better time.

"Tell Mr. Gu that I will see him there." Rayan fanned the invitation card in his hand with a smile.

