Chapter 173 Help!

As the night grew darker, the bidding war intensified. In less than a minute, the item currently being auctioned off was already priced at ten million.

A ludicrous amount of money for a pair of jade bracelets, wouldn't you agree?

Janessa wasn't the kind of woman who enjoyed auctions, especially when none of the items being sold piqued her interest.

She was so bored that she didn't even bother to watch what was happening on stage. Deep down, she would much rather be in her bed sleeping, than in a place where people threw money away like it was nothing.

With the utmost excitement, the auctioneer suddenly shouted, "No. 26 has just raised the price by fifty thousand! Does anyone else want to bid? Going once for ten million and fifty thousand!

Going twice!

So—"

Just when the auctioneer was about to announce the winner, someone in the crowd casually uttered an exorbitant bid that left everyone in shock.

"Fifteen million."

The crowd fell silent while they looked for the person willing to spend such a ridiculous amount of money.

When everyone finally figured out who it was, they instantly lowered their bidding cards out of respect.

A pair of jade bracelets was definitely worth ten million to the right buyer. But to go way above and beyond it for no reason was

Of course, the man with seemingly infinite wealth was none other than Rayan.

Janessa looked at him and thought, 'He really has too much money for his own good.'

To go to such lengths for a pair of bracelets probably meant that Rayan really wanted to get them as a gift for Gracie.

him think that she was jealous.

"Going once for fifteen million! Going twice! Sold!" The auctioneer excitedly struck his hammer while the audience burst into

With that in mind, Janessa quickly looked away and went back to focusing on her phone. The last thing she wanted was to make

thunderous applause.

With the auction about to wrap up, Rayan felt quite satisfied with his purchase despite it costing an arm and a leg.

At that moment, Rayan was seen as nothing less than a king.

The crowd started leaving one by one. Seeing this, Janessa stood up and said, "Now that my mission's over, I'll be heading home."

After spending hours sitting down in some silly banquet, she couldn't wait to leave anymore. What's worse, she didn't even know

why she was needed there in the first place.

"Stay right there! Your task isn't over yet!"

Rayan quickly replied with disdain in his eyes. Was it really that bothersome to stay with him for a little longer? For three years, she accompanied him as his date without a single complaint. But now, she was raring to leave at the first chance she could.

ex-wife?"

"But everyone's leaving already! Mr. Lu, do you really want to keep your beautiful girlfriend on the sidelines to be with me, your

The view outside the banquet was breathtaking, to say the least. But Janessa dreaded bringing Rayan with her just to see it. If she couldn't enjoy it by herself, she would much rather go home early and sleep.

Stuck in an unfavorable situation, Janessa rolled her eyes at Rayan before turning around to stare at the door with her arms crossed.

"Just wait here a little while longer. I'll introduce you to someone later." After speaking, Rayan quickly turned around and left her all alone without batting an eye. It was faint, but it sounded like he snorted in displeasure while walking away.

Her main concern was that if she stayed too late, she might have trouble getting a taxi home.

It was quite odd for him to suddenly turn angry, so Janessa just thought she had misheard him. That being said, it was hard to

Left staring at his back, Janessa pondered whether she should stay or not.

a business matter regarding the Lu Group.

deny that Rayan was acting a little strange the whole day.

Sure enough, she fell right for his trick once again.

waiting for her to come home before going to bed.

of putting on some clothes.

phone call.

After a bit more thinking, she finally decided to meet the person.

If it was just a casual meeting, Janessa wouldn't hesitate to head home. But since Rayan was the one who set it up, it was probably

Since there weren't as many people anymore, tracking him down became a relatively easy task. Additionally, Rayan was like a

She headed off to the bathroom to fix her make-up. Once done, she went back to the hall to look for Rayan.

crowd blocking her view, she quickly realized that the man Rayan was going to introduce was just Nolan.

After such a miserable experience, spending time under the moon and stars was the perfect way to relax.

scolding from Alana. Her friend spoke so loudly that she had to move away the phone from her ear.

Being reminded of having such wonderful and caring friends left Janessa at a loss for words.

flame to a moth that night. Wherever he went, a small crowd would always be following him.

Having met him before, she immediately came to the conclusion that Rayan was just making her stay there to toy with her.

After trying her best to put on a sincere smile, Janessa started walking towards Rayan to be by his side. When she passed by the

Absolutely furious, Janessa turned around, grabbed her coat, and stomped out of the banquet.

wrong. Even on her way out, she couldn't help but feel nervous.

But as soon as she stepped outside, her worries flew away with the evening breeze.

The entire night at the banquet left her feeling utterly stressed. Being surrounded by bigwigs made her fearful of saying something

"How could I let myself fall in love with someone like him? Why did I ever think that I could start a family with him? I gave you everything I could. But at the end of it all, you don't even care about me." Janessa recently changed her ringtone to a heartfelt love song.

At that moment, she sympathized with it so much that she couldn't resist singing along. About half a minute later, she realized that the music was coming from her phone.

After scrambling to find her phone, she answered the call then placed it right next to her ear. What came next was an ear splitting

hour?"

"I'm fine, Alana. You don't have to worry about me. Isn't it way past your bedtime? Why aren't you sleeping yet?" After

responding, Janessa looked at the time on her phone. When she saw that it was already past midnight, she thought that Alana was

"Hey, why did you take so long to answer? Is everything fine, Janessa? Don't you realize how dangerous it is to be outside at this

"It's fine, don't worry about me. How's your work? Shouldn't you be done already? Did Rayan force you to stay there?" While Alana was talking, Janessa heard some rumbling noises from the other end of the line. It sounded like her friend was in the middle

"I'm alright; I just got out a few minutes ago. I'm waiting for a taxi right now. I should be home shortly." Janessa walked closer to the road to make it easier for her to hail a taxi. However, wearing such a formal dress in the middle of the night at an empty road made her stand out quite a lot.

"Okay. You should call me as soon as you get in the car. There have been a few accidents involving taxis in the past few days. It's

better to be safe than sorry. Be careful, alright?" Alana's concern for her friend was quite apparent despite only talking through a

Most people would probably get annoyed by her overly cautious behavior. But it was exactly what Janessa needed to hear at that moment. After everything she had been through that night, a loving friend was exactly what she needed to soothe her aching heart.

For the longest time, Rayan was either making her look like a fool, or forcing her to do things she didn't want to. The only people

Having such good friends was truly a blessing in life!

After ending the call, Janessa placed her phone inside her bag. She waited patiently at the side of the road for a taxi to pass by.

Almost half an hour later, her patience was at its limit. Calling a taxi to pick her up was definitely pricier. But if it was her only

way of getting home that night, then she didn't mind paying a little extra. That being said, if she was to attend a banquet similar to

today, she promised herself to just drive her own car.

was reasonable to think that it was made out of metal.

in her life who truly cared about her well-being were Leona and Alana.

Having to wait for a taxi every time was definitely a massive waste of time.

Hiding behind a dark corner, a pair of eyes sneaked a glance at the beautiful woman standing all alone by the road. To make

matters worse, the unknown person stalking Janessa was carrying a baseball bat. Judging from the light reflecting off the bat, it

After looking around, the shadowy figure put on a hat and a mask. For some reason, his eyes were filled with nothing but hatred.

Janessa was too busy looking for a taxi to notice him. Despite being in the middle of summer, the temperature that night was quite chilly.

Finally, he started sneaking up on the unsuspecting woman. Each step he took towards her was as silent as the wind.

Her dress looked fabulous, but it offered very little protection from the cool night breeze.

Despite wearing high heels, Janessa started shuffling her feet. Even though she couldn't move around too much, it managed to

"I'm freezing right now. I hope I don't catch a cold."

warm her up a little bit.

After some time, there were still no signs of the taxi she called for. In fact, there wasn't a single car that passed by the entire time

Even though she was wearing a coat, she couldn't stop herself from shivering.

she stood by the road. Although she had called for a taxi, she wasn't sure when the driver would come fetch her.

Accepting defeat, she thought maybe she should head back and see if anybody could give her a ride. But as soon as she turned

around, she was suddenly ambushed by a masked man wielding a baseball bat.

"Help! Help!"