Chapter 179 Let's Go Out For Lunch

Janessa's feet were much better, and feeling that she could move freely, she went back to work.

When she arrived at the company, she got many accusing stares from her coworkers. She ignored them and walked with her head held high.

After all, she had nothing to hide.

The elevator took her straight to the top floor and when Corbin saw her, he shot up immediately. He looked at her up and down and asked worriedly, "How is your feet? Not much to do today, so you can go home and rest some more, if you want."

'Not much work to do? Really?'

Although she had only been working in the top floor for a few months, she knew how busy it always was here.

Even though they all worked 9 hours per day, they often had to put in overtime to catch up with everything.

girl that would crumble after a small injury. At the worst, she would have to hand some of her work-running errands at least- to Corbin. She was certain she could handle only short-distance walks, like going to Rayan.

Janessa knew that Corbin only said that because he cared about her well-being, but it wasn't necessary. She wasn't some delicate

"I'm fine. If there's any paperwork for today, just leave it to me," she said as she limped to her desk and put down her purse. She was ready to get down to work.

She waited for a while but Corbin didn't assign her any tasks. She looked around, but she didn't see Corbin anywhere.

She checked his office and found him there, talking on the phone as if giving a report to someone. He stole nervous glances at her from time to time.

Janessa's phone chimed, indicating that she had received a new WeChat message. It was from Shelby.

"I know you are not that kind of person, but if you don't defend yourself, things will only get worse. So what's going on exactly?"

"Everything's fine," Janessa replied simply.

She browsed the web and found the video of Sally. It was still one of the most viewed and the comments underneath were all pretty disturbing.

Everyone believed Janessa was the bad guy, and some people even revealed the details of her divorce with Rayan.

It was getting out of hand and it seemed that Sally had somehow convinced everyone that she was the victim.

The woman was so skilled at acting that it was a waste of talent, really. She should make a profession out of it and conquer Hollywood!

A new request came up to her WeChat from a familiar name and she clicked the "accept" button warily.

"Let's go out for lunch later together, shall we?"

The voice message had come through moments after she had accepted the request.

"Okay, you pick the place. My treat." Looking at Courtney's profile picture, Janessa could not help but feel a little confused.

How come Courtney came to her rescue every time she was in trouble?

The woman was like a guardian angel! Janessa had won last time because of her.

And this time... Janessa really believed that Courtney showing up meant her luck had just changed for the better.

Janessa didn't have any work to do and Rayan hadn't shown up either, so when it was approaching lunch hour, she left the office early to meet Courtney.

When she got to the private room they had agreed to meet, she saw Courtney waving her over.

"It's so good to see you! Thanks for watching the award ceremony!" Courtney was finding it hard to believe that Janessa would

"Hey, you! Congratulations for the award!"

care about some silly award and was pleasantly surprised to find out that she had watched it.

"So, tell me, Courtney. What is it you want from me?" Janessa wasn't naive. Since Courtney had asked her out for lunch, she must

Courtney somehow felt happy, feeling praised and appreciated from Janessa.

need something.

Courtney loved that about Janessa. She never beat around the bush and she seemed not to care that she had been brought here for

a favor. It was really refreshing, having a friend like her. For the time being, at least...

Only time would tell if their friendship was a lasting one.

"Your... antics have been the hottest topic these days. The whole thing stole the spotlight from the award ceremony, which I won!" Although Courtney hated that she had to care for such a thing, this was the sad reality.

all the tension seemed to have slipped off her shoulders.

told her that the woman's hatred was completely real.

It wasn't every day that she was getting an award of such magnitude, only to be overshadowed by a hot piece of gossip.

Janessa's incident had all eyes turned on her, making people forget everything else.

"I'm so sorry. But I'll make it up to you. Lunch is on me." Janessa ordered a bottle of wine and poured two glasses for them. It was the first time she got to drink a glass of wine during lunch on workdays.

She really had a blast!

"An apology that involves food and drinks! Girl, you are on the right track here!" Courtney was also enjoying herself so much that

"What do you mean?"

"So tell me, movie queen... Now that you have seen the video, what do you think?"

"Sally accused me of being the bully. The thing is, I don't recall ever having hurt her in any way. I literally have no idea why she

hates me so much. And I don't think she is faking it either, you know, just to gain some publicity,"

Janessa said. It felt great getting all that off her chest. All logic said that Sally was only pretending to hate her, but Janessa's gut

But why?

"There are two kinds of people with great acting skills. The first one is those that have witnessed someone close to them going

through a situation, so they use that memory to be convincing while acting." "What about the other?"

"Well, there are people who experienced something first-hand. They know exactly how to depict an emotion, because they had to

Courtney's words had Janessa lost in thought.

from Janessa.

go through it themselves."

All evidence pointed that Sally wasn't lying about that part of her story. If that was true, then someone once really did something horrible to her...

"I'm fine. I know my limits and I am not even close to them."

"Hey, slow down. That's not the way it's done... You're wasting some fine wine," Courtney said indignantly, taking the bottle away

"Well, fine then. I was just about to give you my gift, but if you don't want it, you can go back to drinking," Courtney shrugged and pushed wine towards her friend.

Back then, Courtney had been even haughtier than now.

Janessa was impressed by how much her friend's acting had improved in just a few months.

"Gift? What gift?" Courtney's trap was set and Janessa had fallen right into it. She was so curious to see what her friend had gotten her. Her gut told her that it was something important.

Janessa's eyes lit up as she suddenly remembered that time she saw Courtney at home.

Although their chances of solving the problem were slim, Janessa could feel Courtney's optimism. She was the one that had sent her the investigation results last time, which turned out to be a big help.

Had she put together an investigation again?

what it was.

She took it in her hands and looked back at Courtney with excitement.

"You will love it," Courtney said confidently, producing a document from her purse. As soon as Janessa looked at it, she knew

This really was a big deal. She opened the file right there in front of Courtney and felt even more incredible after seeing its contents.

This little piece of paper contained the whole truth. Looking at Courtney's steady gaze, Janessa believed that that information was the solution to all her problems.