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## **Chapter 184 They Were Together**

Janessa didn't have to accompany Rayan to the event that evening. She simply went home after work.

When she arrived, Janessa noticed that none of the lights were on in the house. With a frown, she wondered, 'No one is home? Where could they have possibly gone?'

Reaching for her phone she dialed both their numbers without a response from either one of them.

"Where did they go?" Janessa shrugged her shoulders and decided to go upstairs.

As she opened the door, Janessa was bombarded with colorful ribbons and confetti.

"Ah!"

What is going on?

Janessa managed to see through the cascade of colorful bits and make out Leona, Gordon, and Alana. They were each pointing several confetti bottles at her and laughing.

"What is all this about?"

Janessa was speechless. They almost ruin her outfit.

"Congratulations. Every single post of you has been scrubbed off the Internet. You finally have a fresh start." Alana was overjoyed with the news.

The atmosphere had been tense between them for the last few days. Alana had been doing her best to keep Janessa seeing those comments. She didn't enjoy keeping anything from her and it was not easy.

To avoid facing Janessa, Alana went out early every day.

Now that everything was settled, she could share the news with Janessa.

"We are all so relieved. You have no idea just how much we were worried about you." Leona was equally happy but tearful when she gently held Janessa.

The comments on the Internet were harsh. Leona couldn't stand it at all.

Janessa comforted her friends as best as she could. When she looked around she realized, Gordon was not standing far away.

"I'm surprised that you have nothing to say."

"I do, but it is not as important as knowing you are okay." Truth was, he had plenty to say to Janessa. Unfortunately, it probably wasn't what Janessa wanted to hear. She'd been clear that she didn't want to be with him. He was better off saying nothing.

There was no longer any tension between them and they were on good terms.

"Of course I'm fine. I appreciate this but you all worry too much. Let's go out for dinner to celebrate. It's the least I can do for you, for all of this." Hand in hand, Janessa and Alana walked out happily towards the door. Then suddenly Leona pulled her back.

"No need to leave the house for dinner. We have already taken care of it. Of course, we will take you up on your invitation another time." Leona took Janessa to the dining room. Every dish they had prepared was on the table.

Most of them were Janessa's favorite dishes.

She still couldn't believe her friends had done all of this for her.

"Wait a minute. My idol's award ceremony is airing tonight. We have to watch it." Alana turned on the TV and passed around glasses of champagne.

"A toast, to the safety and happiness of our friend Janessa. Cheers!" Everyone raised their glasses and responded 'Cheers!' They sat and enjoyed their meal without incident. Time really flew when you were having fun.

"Quiet down, shhh! The show is starting." Alana was excited and kept interrupting them to keep quiet. She wanted everyone's attention on the TV.

It wasn't long before the other three had been quiet and intently watching the TV.

The host said excitedly, "I am happy to announce to the entire world this evening, some exciting news. The winner of the Best Actress Award this year is... None other than... Courtney! Please help me welcome the CEO of the leading enterprise, the Lu Group. Mr. Lu will be presenting the Best Actress Award to Courtney."

"Isn't she extraordinary? A true goddess. She is beautiful and a talented actress. Simply perfect!" Alana poured a glass of wine to celebrate. Janessa smiled knowingly when a familiar face appeared on TV.

Courtney was exceptional.

Her beauty and talent were a formidable combination.

It was expected that she receive the prestigious Best Actress Award.

Just as Janessa was getting back to her dinner, Courtney's acceptance speech came on the TV.

"I'm truly honored to receive this award. I wasn't expecting this. Thank you for your love and support. No one knows this, but I have pushed myself to the limits on every project. My motivation for all my hard work is for a man I love. When we first met, his first impression of me was that I was timid and fragile. He must have thought I was a spoilt little rich girl not willing to go the extra mile. I am here today to tell him I am force to be reckoned. Today I am crowned a queen."

Courtney paused briefly and stared into the audience. After a deep breath, she continued, "Rayan, my love for you has been my motivation for all these years. Are you willing to give me a chance to prove that we are a perfect match?"

The audience burst into an uproar. The last thing anyone expected was a love confession from their favorite actress. Courtney had loved Rayan from the first day they met ten years ago.

It was apparent the audience was in support of their relationship.

They truly were a perfect match.

"Rayan, will you take a chance on me?" Courtney never broke eye contact with Rayan in the audience.

The award ceremony was live and the producer of the show switched the cameras back and forth between Janessa and Rayan.

The crowd waited anxiously for Rayan's response.

Curiously eyeing the woman he first knew as a girl, Rayan made his way to the stage. Speaking into the microphone he said, "Courtney, how can you say that?"

Courtney was embarrassed when she heard Rayan. It was a risk she had taken, expecting him to respond spontaneously, without giving him a tip-off in advance. She couldn't contain her feelings anymore and this was her release.

Her wish was for Rayan to accept her love wholeheartedly. The uncertainty was killing her and she needed a definitive response.

The entire audience was at the edge of their seats in anticipation of Rayan's response. Everyone was expecting the happy ending in fairy tales for the couple.

The audience began to jeer, pushing Rayan for a response. It was clear they all wanted them to be together.

"Haven't we been together all these years?" Rayan took Courtney's hand and placed a ring on her finger. He even encouraged Courtney to show it to everyone.

The audience was disappointed and felt cheated. If they have been together all of this time then what was that just now? Their public display of affection?

Although the public had been deceived, Rayan and Courtney still received numerous blessings.

Watching the entire scene on TV, Janessa was sad to find out they were together.

Janessa then thought of Gracie. Maybe it was not that easy for Courtney to be with Rayan.

"It's a beautiful night for a stroll; the moon is full and bright. How about a short walk? I'm stuffed from dinner."

Janessa was puzzled by Gordon's abrupt offer for an evening stroll. She had an epiphany at that moment.

Gordon must have something to tell her.

"Okay, just let me get out of these clothes." Her clothes was stained by the colorful ribbons and confetti.

It was ruined and it was such a shame.

Alana and Leona stayed behind when Gordon and Janessa went out for their walk.

They believed maybe the two of them just wanted some time alone.

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