

Chapter 199 An Encounter

Wanting to clear things up, Janessa headed downstairs with the documents in hand to ask the product manager some questions. After their brief conversation, she remembered that a package was waiting for her at the front desk.

She casually made her way to the first floor to retrieve the package. When she turned around to head back upstairs, she accidentally bumped into someone, causing her to drop everything she was carrying.

Causing a commotion was embarrassing enough for Janessa. But what made it worse was that all the snacks she bought online inside that box were scattered on the floor for everyone to see. She worried that some people might start thinking that she was a glutton or something.

Janessa started picking up the snacks near her. When she turned around to gather the rest, the man she bumped into had already placed her things back into the box and was waiting to hand it over.

"I'm so sorry for causing you trouble, miss. I was in such a hurry that I didn't notice you were turning around." The man didn't hesitate to apologize first. Janessa had never met him before, but he seemed like a well-mannered man. Because of that, she had no problem apologizing as well.

"Oh no, it's my fault. I shouldn't have turned around so quickly without looking behind me. I'm sorry."

After that, Janessa gave the man a brief smile before turning around to leave.

But before she could take a single step forward, the man grabbed her by the arm and asked, "Before you go, miss, could you please tell me how to get to the CEO's office? It's my first time here at the company. I'm having trouble finding the elevator."

'Is he one of Rayan's clients?' Janessa wondered.

Since the man was kind enough to help her earlier, Janessa had no qualms about returning the favor. After nodding, she led him to the CEO's exclusive elevator.

That said, Janessa still kept a safe distance from the man along the way.

The man didn't look like he was in a hurry to meet Rayan. In fact, he seemed more interested in getting to know the pretty lady beside him. He kept sneaking glances at Janessa's face through her reflection on a glass pane in the elevator.

'This woman is so fascinating.

She's like a kitten, longing to explore yet so afraid of the unknown.' The man couldn't stop himself from smiling at the thought of this.

'I wonder what kind of work she does for the company. If she's just an assistant, then maybe Rayan wouldn't mind if I try getting to know her.'

"By the way, my name is Rylan Feng. Would you mind telling me yours?" Ever since they got on the elevator, Rylan had noticed that Janessa didn't want to get too close to him. So when he started chatting with her, he made sure to lean on his side of the elevator to keep her comfortable.

Janessa noticed he was trying his best to keep her at ease. Such a simple act improved her impression of Rylan very much.

Nowadays, a man thoughtful enough to make a woman feel safe in his presence was rare to come by. However, it was still a trait desired by many.

"My name is Janessa Qiu. I'm Mr. Lu's assistant." Because of his considerate nature, Janessa didn't mind introducing herself and being friendly with him.

"Oh, so you're the CEO's assistant! No wonder you're so amazing!" After that, Rylan's fascination with Janessa skyrocketed. He suddenly became eager to see Rayan. Because unlike before, he now had something other than business to discuss.

Of course, it was going to be about the woman in front of him right now.

When the elevator arrived at the top floor, Janessa led Rylan to a sofa and told him to wait for her there. Next, she went back to her desk to drop off the box before reporting to Rayan.

As soon as Rayan heard Rylan's name, he ordered Janessa to bring him to his office.

She headed back to fetch Rylan. On their way to Rayan's office, Rylan suddenly asked, "Hey, Janessa. Can we be friends?"

Friends? Would it even be appropriate for Rayan's assistant to be friends with one of his business clients?

Instead of answering, Janessa just smiled at Rylan. When they were about to enter Rayan's office, she casually asked, "What would you like to drink? Black coffee? Or cappuccino?"

Rylan was pleasantly surprised that Janessa asked for his preference. Most assistants he had met before only cared about their boss, not the guest.

For him, it was enough proof that he had good taste in women.

At that moment, he was ready to go the extra mile just to get Janessa.

It didn't matter to him whether Rayan would agree or not. He knew he had the right to pursue other women.

The only reason that would make him stop chasing after her was that if she was already married to one of his friends. Luckily, that wasn't the case.

Knowing there was still plenty of time to get to know each other in the future, Rylan didn't force her to answer his question. Additionally, he didn't want her to think that he was upset about it, so he replied with a sincere smile, "I would like a cappuccino, please." Upon entering Rayan's office, Rylan looked around while walking towards him.

"How are you, Rayan? It's been a while, but you seem to be doing well." Instead of a nearby chair, Rylan sat at the edge of Rayan's desk. Then, he continued looking around like a curious child.

"Just so-so," Rayan timidly replied.

Once the coffee was ready to be served, Janessa made her way to Rayan's office and knocked on the door. After being let in, she placed a cup of strong black coffee in front of Rayan and carefully handed the cappuccino to Rylan.

"Please enjoy," she said before leaving.

While she was walking away, she felt shivers down her spine. She just came in to bring some coffee, but why did it feel like someone was watching her every move?

When she briefly turned around to close the door on her way out, she caught a glimpse of an intense gaze.

It was Rylan, watching her like a hawk.

'Rylan seems to...'

Rayan saw the way Rylan was looking at Janessa, and to say the least, he wasn't pleased about it.

Anytime someone showed interest in something he owned, he would always end up feeling uncomfortable. Wanting to avoid the topic completely, Rayan tapped on his desk and said, "I'm sure Mr. Feng wouldn't visit me just for a cup of cappuccino, right? So tell me, what did you want to talk about?" Rayan spoke casually, yet he had a frigid glare on his face.

Even though Janessa and Rayan had divorced a long time ago, he still refused to let go of her. He wouldn't even let anyone have a crush on his woman.

"Of course, I came here to talk about business, but I changed my mind. I know how important work is to you, but I can't wait to talk about this other thing anymore." After thinking for a while, Rylan still had no clue how to start the topic. The only thing in his mind was Janessa. The moment he bumped into her, all the way to watching her walk away after handing him his drink just kept repeating in his head like a movie.

Rylan clearly fell in love at first sight.

When Rayan saw his friend grinning from ear to ear, he felt as if a boulder was weighing down his heart.

'He probably wants to talk about... Janessa.'

"What do you want? Just tell me," Rayan eagerly asked with a smile on his face. If his guess was on point, he knew it was better to confirm it sooner than later. That way, he would have enough time to come up with a solution.

Rylan wasn't expecting Rayan to be so direct. But since he asked in such an enthusiastic way, Rylan finally gave in. "Okay, okay, I have a crush on one of your employees. I hope you don't mind."

Wanting to be sure he had Rayan's support, Rylan stared right at Rayan's eyes to see if there was any animosity in them.

"If it's just an employee, then go ahead. Do whatever you want." To his surprise, Rayan got the answer he wanted.

After giving him his blessing, Rayan felt like his world was crumbling to pieces.

"If that's the case, then I'll go after her with all my might. But if that doesn't work, I hope you, as my friend, will be willing to help me out!"

"You're chasing after my assistant, and you even had the guts to ask for my help. Aren't you being a little too greedy?" After all this time, Rylan was still better at scheming than Rayan.

Because of that, Rayan couldn't help but worry. What if Janessa really ended up with Rylan?

"If it's for love, I don't mind being a little greedy! By the way, do you know what kind of food your assistant likes? I think I'll ask her out to dinner tonight."

"Forget it. She doesn't have time to go to a restaurant with you. There's still a lot of work to do in the evening." Rayan was well aware that he couldn't stop Janessa from going out with Rylan. However, giving her mountains upon mountains of work could easily solve everything.

