

Chapter 204 Rayan Got Mad

"Mr. Lu, I am off work. That said, I don't think I am currently obliged to concern myself with what you eat. Besides, I don't need to introduce the menu for you as there are waiters and waitresses here who would be happy to serve you."

Janessa glared at Rayan for being so unreasonable. She was certain that he was here simply to make trouble for her.

"It doesn't matter. You're still my assistant, no matter if you're in the office or not. And right now, I need you to tell me which dish tastes good in this restaurant," Rayan replied calmly, then leisurely took a sip of his tea that the waiter had served earlier.

For a pretty common tea, it still tasted decent.

Gracie had been sitting next to him, but it wasn't until now that she realized the reason why he called her out in a hurry. Apparently, he was trying to keep Janessa from coming into contact with other men.

Of course, this made her wonder when Rayan had started wanting something to do with Janessa. 'How could he use me like this?'

She could only stare at Rayan in silence before she cast her eyes on Janessa.

'This is all your fault. If it weren't for you, Rayan would have waited for my return, and we would've been happy since then.

We'll get married, you'll see. And when that happens, I'll make sure you'll be out of the picture.'

Although she didn't hear anything, Janessa sensed that someone was glaring at her with utter hatred. She didn't need to take a look to know it was coming from Gracie.

In spite of this, she had no interest in deciphering what was on Gracie's mind. She only needed to focus on leaving this place as soon as possible.

"Again, your assistant is not on duty." Janessa then turned to the waiter and said, "Would you be so kind as to get this man the same dishes I ordered just now? The very same ones please." Janessa shot the waiter a look as she talked to the waiter, implicitly suggesting to give Rayan a dish filled with extra peppers just as she ordered for herself.

The waiter quickly understood what she meant and left with the menu.

Fortunately, Janessa distinctly remembered that Rayan never ate chili peppers. 'You came here only to mess with me, huh? Ha! We'll see about that.'

She wanted to burst into laughter because of her little plan. However, she tried her best to keep a straight face since Rayan was still in front of her.

'Let's see if you'd still dare to mess with me next time.'

Janessa had ordered for Rayan all the "yummiest" dishes she knew. "Well, there you go. May I get off work now, Mr. Lu?"

There was sarcasm in her tone that was hard to miss. She had just shown Rayan that she could play his game.

"I couldn't find the document regarding our collaboration with Mr. Li. I need it tonight for the negotiation. Go back to the office and get it for me." Having seen through her tricks, Rayan ordered her flatly. He believed that he had so many other ways he could keep Janessa occupied.

Unfortunately, this ruse didn't work on Janessa. She was aware of his work schedule, and no negotiation was going to happen tonight. It was clear that he did it on purpose.

"All right. Where will you meet the client? Send me the location and I'll bring the contract over to you." After dryly responding to Rayan, Janessa then grabbed Rylan's hand. "Come on."

They walked and walked until they were far away from the restaurant, and then Janessa let go of Rylan's hand.

"Sorry about that." Janessa felt a little guilty since she intentionally held his hand when she left. Rylan must have been annoyed, but she couldn't come up with a better way.

On the contrary, Rylan enjoyed holding her hand. However, she had already loosened her grip.

"No, it's my pleasure. Anyway, you don't really want to see a movie, do you?" Rylan already knew the answer, but he didn't give up until he heard it from Janessa.

Naturally, Janessa felt embarrassed. She had used Rylan just now as an excuse to leave in a hurry. She managed to exploit him twice in just one night, but Rylan didn't mind.

"It's getting late. Maybe next time." However, a little voice in her head reminded her to pay him back for having used him.

"Would you like to see a movie with me?" It hadn't been a minute since Janessa refused him firmly, but her guilt brought her to change her mind. Rylan didn't expect this, so he was really surprised.

"Don't get me wrong. It's just... I have used you to get out of awkward situations twice today, but it doesn't feel like you're mad at all. You seem like a really nice person, so I want to be friends with you."

Although Janessa friend-zoned him, it was a good start. Rylan believed that with his charm, he could make his way into her heart one day.

"Well, then. Can I have the honor of giving you a ride home, my good friend?"

The two of them laughed and chatted as they got in the car. Meanwhile, Rayan stood at the door with piercing eyes and clenched jaws. Apparently, he saw them talking and laughing together just now.

Janessa was never like that with him, much less be so relaxed in front of him. In the past three years of their marriage, he had never seen Janessa smile. They had never even talked so merrily.

"Let's go home, Rayan." Gracie caught sight of his every reaction, no matter how discreet he was, but she pretended not to notice and didn't say anything.

Hearing the woman beside him, Rayan came back to his senses. He turned away and replied coldly, "Alright."

Gracie looked at Janessa's receding figure once more, then bit her lip as she got in Rayan's car.

The following day, Janessa saw Corbin pacing back and forth around the office as soon as she arrived.

"What's happening? It's so early morning, why do you look so restless?" Seeing Corbin acting like this reminded Janiya of when she saw a donkey back when she was still a child. It would usually spin around, pulling the millstone.

Janessa had a headache just looking at Corbin being so fidgety.

"Hey, don't laugh at me! Don't you know that Mr. Lu was so angry when he came earlier? He asked me to let you know that he wants you to go to his office as soon as you arrive. I should be the one asking you what happened!" Corbin looked at Janessa with great concern. The moment he saw Rayan's furious expression, he couldn't help but be worried for Janessa. However, Janessa wasn't really concerned at all.

Corbin had worked for Rayan for a long time, but he had never seen Rayan this angry. Hence, he knew that this wasn't something trivial.

He was concerned that if Janessa went to Rayan's office with her carefree attitude, she might really get in huge trouble.

"Why are you so worried? Even if he is exasperated, do you think that he will skin me alive? It's okay. I'm telling you." In fact, it was clear to Janessa why Rayan was so angry.

"You don't know what you're saying! This is my first time seeing Mr. Lu with that kind of expression. He is going ballistic. I don't know how you can still be calm... But be careful in there." At the back of Corbin's mind, he was afraid that Rayan might suddenly fire Janessa because of this. When that happened, of course, his workload would be doubled.

He had finally dated his goddess, but if things turned out for the worst, he might instantly lose her because he couldn't give her his time. Corbin believed that if this woman dumped him, he would become single throughout his life.

For the sake of his own happiness, he could only pray that Janessa would not provoke Rayan deliberately.

"I told you. It's going to be okay. Don't be such a worrywart. I know you're afraid that I might be gone. That's not going to happen. Trust me." Janessa was still confident that Rayan wouldn't fire her just because of this. He just wanted to make a fuss, and she would not be threatened by him. Over the years, she had seen a lot of times that Rayan got angry, and she had already cultivated the ability to ignore his screaming. She thought that it was the only way to adapt to his temperament.

Not afraid to face Rayan one bit, Janessa put down her bag and went into his office afterward.