

## Chapter 219 What Are You Doing

"What do you mean?" Gracie couldn't shake the feeling that Janessa was implying something, causing her to feel a little nervous.

'If she finds out about the truth, I'll definitely be in a heaping pile of trouble. What's worse, I can't even stop her from babbling to Rayan because she works with him every day,' thought Gracie.

"Don't worry. It's nothing. By the way, Gracie, you look like you just saw a ghost. Why are you so tense? Are you hiding something from me?" In the past, Janessa had seen someone who looked like Gracie with another man. But since she wasn't sure if it was her, and honestly she didn't really care, she didn't put much thought into it.

But after seeing Gracie's reaction just now, things seemed to become quite interesting.

"Nonsense! I'm perfectly normal, Janessa. If you keep talking nonsense like that to me, I'll make sure you regret it." At that moment, Gracie stopped caring about what Janessa knew. All that mattered was driving her out of the Lu Group before she could expose the truth.

'I need to figure out a way to destroy Rayan's trust in this woman. I can't keep letting them see each other on a daily basis.

But what should I do?' Unfortunately for Gracie, all her underlings working for the Lu Group had already resigned.

If she really wanted to make Janessa disappear from her life forever, she had to be creative.

At first, it seemed easy. But after giving it some thought, Gracie realized that getting rid of her was going to be a lot harder than expected.

Since Gracie was obviously pissed off, Janessa couldn't help but feel delighted. She got up extra early that morning and came to the hospital to deliver soup for Leona. And the effort was worth it because of the valuable information she just received.

"What's going on here?" Rayan warily asked while walking towards the two women. Janessa immediately noticed that he was carrying a bottle of medicine. When he got nearer, he stood in front of Gracie and looked at Janessa menacingly.

Although Rayan's question wasn't directed at anyone, it was abundantly clear that he was referring to Janessa.

He gazed at her with scorching eyes, like a detective squeezing out the truth from a suspect.

Despite his demeanor, Rayan was quite fond of children.

One of his greatest wishes was to have a child of his own.

When Janessa lost her baby back then, Rayan almost went insane from the pain. But now that he had another chance, he was willing to do anything to keep Gracie's baby safe, hence his current overprotective nature.

But with all of that buried deep within the past, Janessa didn't bother to open up old wounds.

"Nothing to worry about, Mr. Lu. I just wanted to congratulate you two." Right after responding, she turned around and left.

Subconsciously, Rayan watched her walk away. Even when she went out of sight, he kept looking in her direction with a heavy heart.

"Hey, Rayan, my stomach hurts." Gracie spoke up to snap him out of his trance. From the way he looked at his ex-wife, she knew that Janessa was still the sole woman in his heart. But for some reason, he hadn't realized just how much he still loved her.

At that moment, Gracie decided to use her unborn child to force Rayan to marry her. It wasn't the most foolproof plan. She might have to face a few problems in the future. But despite that, she had no other option left.

With her mind made up, Gracie continued acting like she had a stomachache so that Rayan would look after her.

"What's wrong, Gracie? Do you feel nauseous? You were fine just now," Rayan asked with a concerned look on his face.

Although he was worried about her, Gracie was still a little upset. She knew that the only reason they were together now was for the sake of their child.

It was like their years-long relationship never happened. The only thing Rayan cared about now was the baby in her belly.

"I don't think it's anything serious. I probably just ate something bad. Other than that, I feel fine. By the way, what did the doctor tell you?" Since she lied to Rayan about how long she had been pregnant, Gracie was deeply concerned about what the doctor shared with him.

"Relax, he said that there's nothing to worry about. I already told the hospital that you're taking maternity leave. Instead of working, I want you to stay at home and take good care of our child. When you finally give birth, I promise to give you the whole world."

After hearing such fatherly words, Gracie blissfully leaned against Rayan's chest. With her plan slowly coming to fruition, she couldn't help but smile a little cunningly.

Meanwhile, Janessa was on her way to the office. Rayan's actions left her feeling a little rattled. Luckily, there was always a bouquet of flowers waiting at her desk to cheer her up.

The only person left in her life to brighten her day was Rylan.

Unfortunately, he wasn't really her type.

"Janessa! Ask Mr. Lu to sign these documents as soon as he arrives and bring them back to me, okay?" Corbin haphazardly placed a folder containing the documents on Janessa's table before heading back to his office.

For the past few days, he had been busy as a bee. But it was quite odd that she still had the same amount of work as usual.

That said, she was in no mood to work after what just happened with Rayan. After setting the folder aside, she stared blankly at the wall while trying her best to regain her composure.

"Clang! Clang! Clang!"

Someone started banging on the table.

Startled, Janessa immediately came back to her senses. When she looked around to investigate the noise, she saw Rayan standing nearby with a disgruntled look on his face.

"Janessa! Do you need a reminder about this office's rules?" Rayan smacked the table again and spoke word by word.

"No need, my bad." Janessa wasn't the type of person to daydream at work. But after running into Gracie in the hospital and being reminded of the child she lost, she just couldn't help it.

"Make sure this never happens again! I don't care if you go out drinking with friends or stay up late watching movies with your boyfriend. Just make sure that when it's time to work, you'll have enough energy to focus on your job! If you can't, then resign!" After shouting with all his might at Janessa, Rayan immediately turned around and headed for his office.

Back at the hospital, Rayan told his driver to take Gracie home to make her comfortable. But since he didn't want to be late for work, he took a dingy taxi to the company.

To make matters worse, something was bothering him the entire car ride. Seeing Janessa goofing off at work was the final straw, causing him to go on a fit of rage.

Rylan's recent attempts to win over Janessa's heart probably also played a part in Rayan's sudden outburst.

"Mr. Lu, I need your signature on these two documents." With a meek look on her face, Janessa handed over the folder without looking at Rayan. She made sure to keep her eyes on the paper, so she could take it away as soon as Rayan signed them.

"Did something happen to your family?" Rayan asked while holding onto the documents firmly, forcing Janessa to face him.

While trying her best not to rip the paper, Janessa pulled on the documents but inevitably failed.

"You don't have to worry about me, Mr. Lu. Corbin said that those documents are urgent so please hand them over already. I need to get back to work as well. Let's not waste each other's time." Despite uttering quite the rebuttal, Janessa still kept her head down.

As the CEO, Rayan knew that it was inappropriate to ask his employees personal questions. That said, he wanted to help Janessa so she wouldn't think of her personal life during work hours.

"This is important. Look at me!"

Reluctantly, she slowly raised her head. When their eyes met, they could both see anger in one another's eyes.

"My family's fine, Mr. Lu. What else do you want to chat about?"

"Fine, now that everything is fine, just stop working with a desolate frown on your face! If the other employees see how miserable you look, it might lower their morale."

"I see. Thanks for telling me, Mr. Lu. I'll head back to my desk now." Janessa responded with a forced smile. And as soon as she turned around, her expression went back to looking gloomy.

"Tsk! You!" Rayan angrily murmured to himself. But with Janessa back at her desk and with no one else to vent his anger on, he had no choice but to calm down and rub his aching temples.

"Things are starting to get out of hand. What should I do?"