

## Chapter 220 Open The Door

Three days later, Janessa fetched Leona from the hospital. But instead of taking her home, they headed straight to the train station.

"I left some cash for you in this bag. You shouldn't use your credit card for now. He might use it to track you down. If you need more money, use my card instead." Janessa handed over the bag containing everything her friend would need to live by herself for a few days.

Leona had no clue what the future had in store for her. But on the bright side, she was finally following the path she chose in life.

Hopefully, her journey to freedom wasn't too hard.

"Thank you so much, Janessa. I'm so lucky to have such a kind friend like you. Meeting you was one of the best things that happened to my life." Leona gave her dear friend a big warm hug. She made sure to cherish that moment because she didn't know when they would meet again. Or worse, if they ever would.

"Don't forget that no matter what happens, I'll always be here for you. Just give me a call, and I'll help you as fast as I can." At that moment, tears started running down Janessa's eyes. Bidding farewell to a loved one was the last thing she wanted to happen.

"Alright, Janessa. The train is about to leave. I should go now." Reluctantly, Leona let go of her friend, gathered her luggage, and walked away.

Janessa stood still and watched Leona leave in silence. When she couldn't see her anymore, she closed her eyes and wished for Leona to finally have a wonderful life.

When she arrived home, Alana was busy looking for food in the fridge. Upon noticing Janessa, Alana glanced at her, looked back inside the fridge, and asked, "Welcome home. Where's Leona? Weren't you supposed to take her home today?"

Before answering, Janessa laid down and rested her weary head on the sofa. "Leona won't be living here anymore. You can move back to your old room if you want."

After picking up an apple, Alana placed it in her mouth and walked over to the sofa to sit beside Janessa. "What did you just say? She left? What happened to her? Where is she going to stay? Don't tell me she's living with that jerk again? Why didn't you stop her?"

"Calm down, Alana. Let me explain everything to you first." Before continuing, Janessa pulled Alana right beside her.

"She left us to follow her own path. I'm sure she's going to have a wonderful life, one where she won't be bothered by that jerk. And besides, she deserves to live in peace, don't you agree? Let's just be happy for her, okay?"

"That sounds good, but what about her babies? She's pregnant and all alone. I can't help but feel worried!"

Despite Janessa's optimism, she was also concerned about Leona. However, she knew it was better to have faith in her friend succeeding than getting worried.

For the longest time, their modest house had three people living in it. Although it was a little cramped and noisy, Janessa loved how cozy it felt. But now that they were down to two, the house didn't feel the same anymore.

"All this worrying is making me hungry. Let's go out for dinner." Even though she had just eaten an apple, Alana was still starving. On the other hand, Janessa had no appetite.

"I don't really feel like going out tonight. Just order some food online and have it delivered here. Anyway, I'm going to take a bath now and head to bed after. I'm too tired to eat."

Janessa didn't bother to wait for a response and headed straight to the bathroom.

Once there, she locked the door and scattered rose petals all over the bathtub.

Soaking her body in warm, fragrant water was so comfortable that she lost track of time.

"Janessa! Come out, I need you!" Janessa heard Alana shouting from the living room. She sounded scared and desperate, something she'd never done at home before. 'Is there something wrong with the food delivery guy?' she thought.

After putting on some clothes, Janessa stormed out of the bathroom with a razor. She was in so much of a hurry that she didn't even dry herself properly.

"What's wrong, Alana?"

When Janessa entered the living room, she was surprised to see a scene that seemed straight out of an action movie. Roughly ten intimidating men wearing matching black suits and sunglasses were standing in front of her.

"What the hell is going on, Alana?" Janessa asked in a meek voice. 'I told you to order food, not a bunch of scary-looking men!' she thought while trembling in fear.

"I don't know! Someone knocked on the door. I thought it was just the delivery guy, so I didn't bother looking through the peephole. When I opened the door, they forced their way in like they owned the house!"

Janessa started looking around to figure out a way to escape. When she saw a man sitting on the sofa, she quickly realized what was going on.

It didn't matter whether Alana opened the door for them or not. They would have still forced their way inside.

"Alana, go to my room right now and lock the door. If you hear me scream, call the police and try to escape through the window." Despite having to face quite the dilemma, Janessa really didn't want Alana to get involved.

That girl had more than enough problems to worry about.

Janessa handed Alana her phone and nudged her to go to the bedroom. After hearing the door close behind her, she walked towards the kitchen calmly, as if she didn't care that there were strangers inside her home. When she was about to open the fridge, one of the men placed his hand on the door, stopping her from opening it.

"Do I need your permission to get a drink in my own house?" She was looking at the man in front of her. But her snarky question was obviously directed at Nolan.

Nolan nodded at the bodyguard blocking Janessa, causing him to step aside. She grabbed a can of coke before sitting on the sofa.

"Mr. Gu, why did you visit me with an entourage of bodyguards? Were you afraid that I would run away?" Even though she was stuck in a scary situation, Janessa was completely unfazed. She knew why Nolan was there, but she wasn't going to give him what he wanted.

"Tell me, where's Leona right now?" Nolan didn't beat around the bush. He didn't intend to cause a ruckus because he was sure that Leona would come back to him as soon as she calmed down.

When he saw Janessa come home alone while she was supposed to pick up Leona from hospital, he knew something wasn't right. He checked with the hospital and was informed that Leona had already been discharged.

"Why should I tell you? What does it have to do with you?" Janessa retorted.

If it was in the past, she probably would've just kept quiet in front of Nolan. But after seeing firsthand how much pain and suffering Leona had to go through because of him, she couldn't resist lashing out. Who wouldn't be angry?

Even though he was a jerk, Leona loved him with all her heart. Not only did she put up with him for years, but she also gave up her dream of getting married just to please him. On top of that, she was still willing to give birth to their child.

"I'll ask you one last time. Where did she go?" It was the first time that Leona seemed determined to get away from him. She vanished like a ghost. If Nolan didn't hurry up, he knew the chances of seeing her again were slim to none.

'I'll find you wherever you go. You can't escape from me,' he peevishly thought.

"Aren't you being a little selfish, Nolan? For so many years, you've enjoyed the company of countless women. But no matter how much a scumbag you were, she always forgave you. For some reason, she couldn't stop loving you. But when was the last time you heard her laugh? She ignored her own feelings just for you! She's an empty shell now, all worn out and with nothing left to give. Just let her go already! And besides, you don't even need her. Just forget about Leona, pick one of your girlfriends, and live a happy life without Leona. Stop breaking her heart. She can't handle it anymore."

"Stop meddling in our business." All of a sudden, Nolan stood up and turned around to leave. But before he could walk out the door, Janessa grabbed onto his arm.

"Nolan, if you really love Leona, let her go so she can live a happy life. If the two of you were destined to be together, I'm sure you'll see each other again someday. Please, just leave her be for now. For ten years, she's suffered because of you. It's about time you set her free."

Janessa knew that she wouldn't even last a year if she was in Leona's shoes. Heck, she felt miserable just thinking about it.

After standing up for Leona, Janessa blanked out. She didn't even notice that Nolan had left.

She just sat silently on the ground without moving an inch. The only time she came back to her senses was when Alana called out to her.

Alana helped her up without uttering a single word. After that, she went back to the guestroom and locked the door.

A few seconds later, Janessa timidly followed her. She knocked a few times. But when she didn't get a response, she headed back to her room to get some much-needed rest. When she opened the door, she noticed a box that fell from her bookshelf. Seconds later, her eyes widened in shock.

She ran as fast as she could back to Alana's room and banged on the door.

"Alana, open the door right now! We need to talk!"