Chapter 252 The Engagement Banque

Imani's engagement party was only three days away, and Janessa still hadn't decided what she was going to wear.

If she chose something too flashy, Imani might feel insecure. But, if she didn't wear something decent, Aydin and his family might mock her.

Janessa had been mulling over this for a while now, but she just wasn't sure what kind of dress she should choose.

Although she didn't want to make it a competition, she couldn't stop others from making it seem like it was.

To make sure that Imani and her family wouldn't make a big deal out of it, Janessa finally decided to just wear a plain but elegant dress.

Three days later, Janessa went to the store and put on the dress she had ordered. Although it was just a simple sky blue dress with a shoulder cut design, not only did it expose her fair shoulders, but it also made her look so alluring.

If it were someone else wearing it, the dress would probably look cute on them. However, when Janessa put on the dress, she pulled it off so well and actually looked so captivating.

She didn't want to be late for the party, so Janessa had no choice but to wear this when she left the store.

As soon as she went out, she stumbled upon a magnificent Land Rover parked at the roadside.

'This is Rayan's car. Why is it here?

Didn't he say that he had to take care of something and was going out? Why did he park the car by the road?

'I may be overthinking a bit. This could be someone else's car.'

Just as Janessa was about to walk away, the window of the Land Rover was rolled down. Rayan's handsome side profile appeared.

In a word, Rayan was a very attractive man in every angle.

Any woman could fall head over heels for him.

"Get in the car," Rayan said in a cold tone, pressing his lips.

"I'm on my way an engagement party. It must be out of your way. I don't want to bother you, Mr. Lu." After casting a glance at

Rayan, Janessa turned around and walked away.

The car she had called just got there. There was no need for her to waste her time talking nonsense with him here.

"Get in the car," Rayan's voice came from behind her again. Janessa asked the chauffeur to wait for a moment and then walked to the Land Rover again.

Looking at Rayan, who was sitting on the back seat of the car, she leaned against the car door and said, "I'm going to attend the engagement party arranged by the Qiu Group. You're not going to attend the party anyway, so please stop wasting my time, okay? I still have work to do."

Three days ago, when Janessa received the invitation, she took the one for Rayan to his office.

However, Rayan didn't so much as look at her at that moment, and he simply continued to read the document in his hands.

"Mr. Lu, this is the invitation to the engagement party of Miss Imani of the Qiu family. Are you going to attend it?" It was up to Rayan.

Putting down the pen in his hand, he looked Janessa straight in the eye. After a while, he flat out replied, "No!"

Janessa had expected that Rayan wouldn't come to the party, but she decided to just put the invitation on his desk nonetheless.

After placing the invitation on Rayan's desk, Janessa left his office without saying anything else.

Rayan didn't seem like he was interested.

For this reason, Janessa came to pick up the dress herself today. Having said that, Rayan seemed to be dressed formally right now as well.

Rayan looked really good even in casual clothes. If Janessa hadn't been paying attention to him, she probably wouldn't have noticed it.

'Is he going to attend the engagement party after all?'

About to lose his patience, Rayan turned his head to look at Janessa directly and said again, "I said get in the car!"

There was a saying that important things must be said three times. Janessa had heard Rayan say the words "Get in the car" three times already in just a short while.

"Mr. Lu, I've already told you that we're not going in the same direction. Goodbye." As soon as she was done talking, Janessa walked away. However, she was suddenly pulled hard. This caught her completely off guard, which almost caused her to lose her balance. In the end, she was dragged into the car against her will.

When Janessa came to her senses, she found herself sitting in the backseat of the Land Rover. Everything happened so fast. She was pulled into the car before she could even react.

If it weren't for the dress she was wearing, Janessa would have tried to run away.

"What the hell do you want? Where are you taking me?" Janessa moved away from Rayan and put her guard up, giving him an intense glare.

"You'll find out soon."

Rayan said that and didn't say another word. Janessa also didn't open her mouth until the car pulled over.

The moment the car arrived, the paparazzi surrounded it in the blink of an eye and started taking pictures.

Rayan's car was heavily tinted, so they wouldn't be able to take any stolen shots. No matter what happened inside, no one would be able to see it.

As soon as Rayan got out of the car, he was swarmed by the paparazzi. They immediately bombarded him with sharp questions.

"Mr. Lu, rumors say that your ex-wife still accompanies you on important gatherings even after your divorce. Will Miss Qiu accompany you this time?"

It was public knowledge that Rayan had divorced. So, the reporters focused on this when they started asking questions.

As soon as the first reporter was done speaking, another reporter quickly asked, "You and Miss Qiu seem to be getting along well even though you're already divorced. Do you think there's a chance for you to get back together?"

"Mr. Lu, is the divorce just a cover-up?"

Janessa assumed that these people would be asking about Gracie, but none of them even brought her up.

Had they been paid off by Rayan?

Little did Janessa know that the reporters who liked asking those kinds of questions had already been taken care of. So, the only ones left here right now are the ones who knew what was okay to ask and what was not okay to ask.

This way, no one would ask any sensitive questions.

Glancing around nonchalantly, Rayan ignored them completely and didn't humor their questions. Instead, he turned to the rear car door of the Land Rover and opened the door slowly.

Under the watchful eyes of the public, Janessa put her hand on Rayan's hand and slowly got out of the car.

The camera flashes blinded her for a moment. It made Janessa feel disoriented.

Fortunately, there were a handful of bodyguards who accompanied her all the way, so she managed to make her way through the crowd with ease. After entering the hall, the huge poster on the wall caught Janessa's eye.

The woman on the poster was smiling from ear to ear and leaning against the man. It seemed like a picture of perfect couple. However, Janessa could tell that Imani didn't really love her fiance at all.

In fact, Janessa was afraid that the engagement was just for show.

"Shall we go inside? The engagement party is about to begin." Rayan didn't say anything until Janessa was ready to move.

The two entered the banquet hall.

The banquet was about to begin, so no one noticed the two of them when they walked in.

Janessa wasn't sure if Rayan had chosen the suit he was wearing on purpose or not. She was wearing a blue dress today, and he was wearing a matching blue suit. The hall was filled with blue roses, which made it seem as if this venue had been prepared for the two of them.

Janessa found a random seat and sat down. She kept looking around for Hancock.

Unfortunately, the lights were turned off at the beginning to make sure all eyes were on Imani and her fiance.