

Chapter 266 The Secret Of Miss Qiu

Janessa walked out of the shop with the comb in her hand, seemingly still in a daze.

"Why did she give it to me? Why didn't she accept the money?" Looking at the comb, Janessa didn't think there was anything special about it. She just seemed to have really taken a liking to it.

Even so, she was no longer a little girl who had to get whatever she wanted.

At the thought of this, Janessa found it a bit strange that the owner of the shop decided to give it to her just like that.

"The fact that she has given it to you could mean that it was meant to be yours. You don't have to think too much about it. Don't you like it? If you do, then you should just be thankful," Rylan said to her in a soft voice. In fact, when he noticed that Janessa seemed to like the comb, he thought of buying it for her. But, who would have thought that the shop owner would actually give it to Janessa?

He couldn't get the opportunity to make Janessa happy by gifting her.

"I guess you're right. Okay, I'll take good care of it." Finally, a long-lost smile appeared on Janessa's face again.

Rylan suddenly felt like it didn't matter anymore. As long as Janessa was happy, he couldn't care less whether it was him or someone else who had given it to her. Besides, there were still many chances for him to give gifts to Janessa. It didn't really have to be right now.

As the two of them continued to walk forward, they passed by a food stall at the sidewalk.

"Would you like to try some of the local food from a sidewalk stall?" Rylan was just trying to make small talk, but he didn't expect that Janessa would take it seriously.

After thinking for a while, Janessa walked straight towards the stall.

Rylan followed her closely behind.

The two of them chose a few local specialties to have for dinner. The ingredients might be the same, but different places had different ways of preparing food.

"Hmm, not bad. Not bad at all." After eating the last piece of potato on the plate, Janessa leaned back against the chair.

Rylan had finished eating for a while and had already put down his chopsticks, and he just watched silently as Janessa finished her food.

Janessa noticed it, but she didn't seem to mind.

"I'm full. Time to go back!" Janessa suddenly said. Rylan's eyes were still glued to Janessa.

"Let's go!" After Rylan paid for the food, the two of them were just about to leave.

However, the owner of the stall suddenly ran out from behind the counter and handed over a rose to Rylan. With a charming smile on her face, she said, "Here. Give this to your girlfriend. Today is actually my wedding anniversary with my husband. I hope every customer who comes to our shop can also have a happy marriage someday."

Hearing this, an awkward smile appeared on Janessa's face. When she was about to clear up the misunderstanding and explain that they weren't actually in a relationship, Rylan stopped her.

"You know, when you're in a foreign country, it would be better for you to have a man like me accompanying you. After all, bad guys usually target women who are alone." What he said was actually just half true. In fact, being mistaken by others as a couple made him feel so good. It wasn't every day that Rylan would get the chance to act as her boyfriend, so he wanted to make the most of it, even if it was just for a couple of days.

Janessa thought that Rylan was just making it up, but she remembered that a random stranger had indeed tried to hit on her on the street earlier. This made Janessa hesitate for a moment.

"My husband and I have been married for thirty years now, and we have never gotten into a fight, not even once. I feel blessed to have such a happy married life. Although I'm busy all the time, my heart is always full. I sincerely hope that my happiness can be passed on to you." When Janessa and Rylan seemed hesitant to accept the rose, the owner of the stall was worried that they thought she was just trying to sweet talk her customers, so she decided to explain herself.

"Okay, thank you, Ma'am! I wish you and your husband a lifetime of happiness!" Rylan accepted the lady's kind gesture and gave the flower to Janessa.

Thinking of what Rylan had said, Janessa accepted the rose with a smile.

"Thank you, but I'm only accepting this as your friend." Needless to be said, Janessa didn't want Rylan to get his hopes up. She still didn't want to accept him, and she probably never would.

"You don't have to tell me that," Rylan flatly replied. A hint of disappointment flashed across his eyes. After saying goodbye to the owner of the stall, the two of them went back to the hotel together.

Meanwhile, in the CEO's office of the Lu Group.

Foaming at the mouth, Rayan slammed his hand against the desk and glared at Leena and Anita.

"Don't you know how to prepare a report? Or how to sort out a document? Hasn't Janessa taught you anything?"

Facing Rayan's cold face, even these women who wanted to seduce him were too terrified to say anything.

Mustering her courage, Anita made eyes at Rayan and said in a sweet voice, "Miss Qiu didn't really teach us anything. She would usually just assign tasks to us and then go back to doing her own job."

Anita was already on the verge of tears when she said that. She seemed to be implying that it was not that she hadn't learned anything, it was just that Janessa hadn't taught her at all.

This way, she could put the blame on Janessa.

Leena couldn't help but frown. Truth be told, Janessa was more than willing to teach them, but they didn't really pay attention to her whenever she was saying something to them.

Should she tell Rylan the truth?

Leena glanced at Anita next to her. Samantha had been set up by Anita and ended up being fired. If Anita hadn't whispered something to Samantha's ear that day, Samantha wouldn't have screwed up in front of Rayan, and she would probably still be here.

Leena really enjoyed working for Rayan, so she didn't want to lose her job, because that would mean she wouldn't be able to get close to him in the future anymore.

She wasn't really asking for too much. As long as she could see Rayan every once in a while, she would be contented.

Leena contemplated for a while and didn't say anything in the end. After all, she wasn't sure when Janessa would come back. If Janessa wouldn't be coming back anytime soon, Anita might set her up and cause her to get fired from the company as well.

After thinking about it for a while, Leena decided that it would probably be best for her to keep her mouth shut for now.

"What about you? She didn't teach you anything either?" Rayan's voice was very terrifying when he was angry, so much so that people wouldn't dare to lie to his face.

"She..." Before she could continue, Anita gently touched Leena's hand. Leena knew that Anita was warning her to be careful about what she was about to say.

"That's right, Miss Qiu didn't teach us anything." After saying this, Leena closed her eyes and thought to herself, 'Miss Qiu, I hope you understand that I don't have much of a choice. It's not my fault that you're not in the company right now.'

"Well, why didn't Janessa teach you anything?" At a glance, Rayan could tell that Anita wasn't telling the truth. However, he didn't expect Leena, who was supposed to be the smart one, to lie to him.

"Mr. Lu, I'm not sure if it's my place to say this, but..." Anita deliberately paused at an important point to pique Rayan's curiosity. She was pretending to be apprehensive, but she clearly wanted to say something more.

At this moment, Rayan suddenly calmed down and said in an enchanting voice, "What is it? Tell me. I'm listening."

Anita had never heard Rayan speak in such a tone, so she was over the moon. Not wanting to waste a second, she quickly took a step forward, and slightly pulled her collar in a very subtle way.

Anita wasn't a fool like Samantha. Samantha was a little too forward. However, men didn't like women who came on to them too aggressively.

"To tell you the truth, when Miss Qiu was in the company, all she did was order us around. Then, she'd go on and fiddle with her phone. From time to time, I would hear a man's voice coming from her phone. They seemed to be talking about something, and Miss Qiu looked so happy." After saying that, Anita looked at Rayan's reaction.