

Chapter 309 Have You Forgotten What Day It Is Today

Sunlight entered the room as the woman slowly opened her eyes. When her eyes opened fully, bright orbs that looked more beautiful in the sunshine welcomed the scenery before her. The woman stretched her arms while still lying on the bed.

She blinked her eyes several times. Then, the pleasant smell of the room enveloped her. "It smells so good!" Janessa lazily sat up and sniffed a bit. She felt that the smell was much stronger than before.

'Who on earth made such delicious food so early in the morning?' Janessa followed the smell and found herself in her kitchen.

Janessa saw Alana who was busy cutting some vegetables. "Alana, what are you cooking? The delicious smell woke me up." Janessa leaned against the door frame and looked at Alana.

Instead of answering, Alana put the noodles into a bowl and then added chopped green onion and coriander. Finally, she poured hot oil in the bowl.

After adding the finishing touch, Alana smiled and walked out with the bowl in her hand. When Alana passed by Janessa, she turned to her and said, "Of course, this is for you."

Alana walked to the dining room with the bowl of noodles in her hands. Janessa followed her from behind and peeked at the noodles.

"Why did you cook this for me?" Curious of Alana's intentions, Janessa asked casually while looking at Alana. However, Janessa cared more about the noodles. The delicious smell of newly cooked noodles filled her nose.

Janessa quickly went to the kitchen and took the chopsticks. Then, she sat at the table and started eating.

"Don't tell me you forget your own birthday?" Dumbfounded, Alana looked at Janessa in disbelief. Who would forget their own birthday?

Did the injury affect Janessa's memory?

Janessa just continued eating, as if she was uninterested. With a mouthful of noodles in her mouth, she asked Alana, "My birthday?" Janessa tilted her head slightly, confused.

She stopped chewing and thought for a while. Then, it hit her. It was indeed her birthday today. Truthfully, Janessa stopped celebrating her birthday after her parents had passed away one after another.

For her, one's birthday would only be a joyous feast if many people would gather together to celebrate. However, now, there were only a few friends in her life, such as Alana and Gordon. She had no family to celebrate with.

Hence, Janessa was not in the mood to celebrate her birthday. Remembering her parents, Janessa put down the chopsticks. The noodles in her mouth also felt tasteless suddenly.

"Seriously? It's your birthday today. Did you really forget it?" Alana picked up her phone and pointed at the date on the screen.

"Oh. It's really my birthday." Realizing how soulless her words were, Janessa looked at Alana, who was quietly looking at her with tender eyes. Alana's expression prompted Janessa to open up. "You see, since my mother had passed away, I had never wanted to celebrate my birthday. But thank you, Alana. For remembering my birthday. ...These noodles are delicious." Janessa tried hard to force a smile. However, she couldn't do it. So, her smile looked pained instead.

Alana grabbed Janessa's hand to comfort her. "Janessa, I know your mother's death is a big blow to you. However, you need to move on. I believe your parents don't want to see you so sad that you can't even celebrate your birthday. I'm sure they would be happy to see you living your life even without them. Your parents who are watching you in heaven would be so happy to see you happy, Janessa. That's for sure." Alana smiled as she tried to persuade Janessa. However, her words only made Janessa sadder.

"Thank you, Alana. But I'm okay! I'm very happy now. However, I'm not going to celebrate my birthday this year. Although I have you with me, I don't know how Leona is doing. So, I'll just act as if today is just another day," Janessa said helplessly. She could only hope that this day would pass faster.

Alana wanted to say something. However, she didn't know how to say it. So, she just looked at Janessa awkwardly without saying anything.

Seeing Alana's hesitation, Janessa turned to her and asked, "Is something wrong? If you have something to say, don't fret by yourself like that and just say it." Janessa picked up the chopsticks and continued eating the noodles. Although she was in a bad mood just now, she didn't want to let Alana down and ignore her hard work.

In fact, she knew that Alana was getting better at cooking. Compared with the rubbish they ate last time, the noodles Alana made today were almost perfect.

After pausing to think, Alana cautiously asked, "I just want to ask you a question, Janessa." If Janessa truly didn't like Rayan, then Alana could still stop her.

Janessa leaned in the chair. "Ahhh, I'm so full. Your cooking skill really got better than before! I'm not kidding." Janessa adjusted her sitting position to find the best posture. Then, she continued, "What's your question? Go ahead and ask."

"Do you still have feelings for Rayan?"

As Alana finished her question, she observed how Janessa would react. She looked at Janessa's face intently and continued, "Janessa, I'm asking you because if you don't love him, then you should leave the Lu Group as soon as possible. I know the suffering you experienced by his side in the past three years. As your friend, I don't want to see you get hurt again." Alana still had something to say. However, she stopped herself from saying everything that was on her mind. If Janessa was destined to be with Rayan, then it might be a good opportunity.

She just couldn't decide.

Alana's face was full of worry. Seeing Alana's sincere concern, Janessa felt relieved.

She was lucky to have Leona and Alana as her good friends. Just having them in her life was enough. Her life was already perfect as long as her friends were with her. Although there were many bad people in the world, Janessa still had two good friends that she could rely on.

Having them was enough for her.

Janessa smiled at Alana. "You worry too much, Alana. I just work in the Lu Group for a period of time. After that, I will leave the company. As for Rayan..."

A hint of hesitation flashed across Janessa's eyes at the mention of Rayan. To hide it, Janessa looked out of the window. "I'm just a subordinate to him. That's all there is between us. Don't worry."

Although Alana noticed Janessa's hesitation, she didn't say anything. They sat like that without a word for a while.

Alana thought that Rayan may be the one for Janessa. Although she wanted to say that to Janessa, she knew that it might backfire.

Rayan and Janessa spent time together for quite some time. The two also work side by side all the time. Alana hoped that the two would work out.

Alana then thought of Eric who was far away. She didn't even know how he was doing now. She wanted to find him. However, she didn't know where he was now.

"Well, you should go to work now. You might be late to work. As for me, I'll go shopping later. Then, I'll eat and sleep." Janessa explained her arrangement with a grin. Since she was not going to throw a party to celebrate her birthday, she wanted to just buy something for herself. It sounded better than staying at home.

Alana looked at Janessa and shrugged. Janessa was resolute in not celebrating her birthday. Nothing she would say could change her mind. Then, Alana removed the apron and put it on the table. "Okay. I can join you later since I don't have much work to do today. I will call you when I finish. Then, let's go shopping together." Alana hadn't gone shopping for a long time. So she wanted to go shopping with Janessa before the Spring Festival.

"Got it. I'll set out later. Let's go shopping together then," Janessa answered as she stretched her arms.

Alana didn't have time to eat and rushed to work. After cleaning the table, Janessa sat in front of the TV for a while before going out.

As soon as she went out, the cold breeze welcomed her. Janessa hugged herself as she walked toward the shopping mall.

When she arrived at the shopping mall, Janessa entered a cafe to rest and wait for Alana while listening to music and sipping coffee.

Alana arrived after Janessa finished her second cup of coffee.

"Hey... Didn't you say that you would be here soon? You have such little sense of time..." Janessa pouted and teased Alana on purpose. For some reason, she just wanted to tease Alana today. Looking at Alana's angry face, Janessa felt happy for no reason.

"I came here as soon as possible, alright? How could you say that to me? Then, I'll just go. I was going to take you to the newly opened shop nearby. Now, I just want to go home." Alana was about to sit down. However, she left her seat disappointedly.

"Hey! Alana! Don't be angry. I was just teasing you. See? I even ordered this coffee for you." Janessa tried to appease Alana who was about to leave her.

Alana, who looked sullen, suddenly smiled brightly and pinched her side. "I was also kidding, you silly."

The two women looked at each other and laughed before ending the farce.

They both thought that it was a blessing to have such good friends.