

Chapter 318 Not On Speaking Terms

"Rayan! Do you really think I would do such a thing? Do I seem like that kind of person to you? Ugh! I can't believe we're even arguing about this!" Despite having the urge to storm out of Rayan's office, Janessa didn't want to cause a scene at work. So instead, she sat down on the sofa and tried her best to calm down.

'I was just clearing things up with Rylan, so we could go on with our relationship in peace! Don't you understand? I did it for you! If I'd known I'd end up getting an earful from you, I would've just stayed back and let you handle this mess all by yourself!'

While Janessa was busy sorting out her feelings, Rayan sat quietly on the other end of the sofa, glancing at her from time to time.

Needless to say, they were really upset with each other. But instead of patching things up quickly, they just ignored each other, as if they were children.

After ten minutes of deafening silence, somebody came knocking on the door.

With a hint of panic, Rayan quickly scooted over and wrapped his arm around Janessa's shoulder. After a deep breath, he calmly said, "Come in."

Corbin, who was just handing over documents, as usual, opened the door and was greeted by an awkward scene.

As he expected, the newfound couple were sitting right beside each other. But he found it odd that Janessa had a disgruntled look on her face and her gaze steered clear from Rayan's face.

'They're already a couple, but why are they still acting so strange?' Corbin wondered.

Unsure of what to do, Corbin approached Rayan cautiously, making sure to avoid eye contact. Next, he presented the documents, cleared his throat, and meekly asked, "Mr. Lu, could you please sign these?"

"Alright, give me a second." Rayan's response was surprisingly calm. He even smiled at Janessa before taking his arm off her shoulder.

"While I sort this out, how about you start thinking of where we're going to eat later?" He started speaking to Janessa as if nothing happened between them.

Fearing things would get swept under the rug, Janessa made sure to keep acting as standoffish as she could. He started the war. And there was no way she was going to let him end it without a proper apology.

Left without a response, Rayan couldn't help but feel embarrassed in front of Corbin. So in order to send him away, he skimmed over the documents and signed them as fast as he could. When he handed them back over, he gave Corbin a look, signaling him to go away. Unfortunately, Corbin didn't get it right away.

"Mr. Lu? Why are you looking at me like that?" Even though he hadn't done anything wrong, Rayan's menacing glare made Corbin think that he was in deep trouble. 'What's going on? It looked like they were having an argument when I came in. And Mr. Lu used my arrival to break the ice.

Why is he suddenly giving me the stink eye? Shouldn't he be thanking me instead?

Heck! I don't know what to do!

Realizing that Corbin couldn't take the hint, Rayan gave up trying to be polite and just shouted at him. "Ah, forget it! Get out already!" 'God, why is he so slow today?'

Startled, Corbin fumbled around, trying to gather the paperwork as fast as he could before running away at full speed.

The couple finally had the room to themselves once again. However, Janessa was still giving Rayan the cold shoulder. 'I can't believe him! Why is being so jealous? Does he think I'm a man-eater or something? Ugh! Is he going to be like this every time we fight?'

With no sign of the situation getting better anytime soon, Janessa took out her phone and started fiddling with it.

A few minutes later, from the corner of her eye, she noticed that Rayan was walking towards her.

"Are you planning on ignoring me forever?" Rayan tried his best to speak calmly. But no matter how hard he tried, there was still a hint of displeasure in his voice.

"Weren't you the one who kept insisting that I ignored you to meet another man? Isn't this what you wanted?" Janessa's response was frigid. She didn't even turn around to face him. That said, it seemed like she was a lot less angry compared to before.

"Stop complicating things. You went out and met up with another man without even telling me. Isn't that enough of a reason for me to get upset?" Even though Rayan was acting like an extremely jealous boyfriend, he knew in his heart that Janessa didn't really love Rylan. Because if she did, then she wouldn't have declined to be Rylan's girlfriend back when they were in Y Country.

The real reason he was causing such a fuss was that he had an irrational fear that the love of his life would leave him for another man.

Sometimes, his fears would get to him so bad that thoughts of Janessa being taken advantage of other men would flood his mind. It was like a bad dream. But he couldn't just wake up to end it.

"Well, you have a point. But if I'd asked for your permission to go out with Rylan right in front of him, wouldn't that embarrass him? Heck, I'm sure it'll also hurt his feelings." Janessa's explanation was simple. In her mind, it made perfect sense. But after saying it loud, she started realizing that it was somewhat flawed.

'If Rayan met up with Gracie behind my back, I would probably act crazier than he did earlier. I might even start throwing things around,' she thought. It was at that point that she accepted the fact that no matter how good her intentions were, she shouldn't have gone out with Rylan without telling Rayan.

All of a sudden, all her anger turned into guilt. She was so disappointed with herself that she couldn't help but turn around and start begging for forgiveness.

Sometime during their argument, Rayan crept forward in order to stop Janessa in case she decided to run away. When she finally admitted her mistake, he was standing right behind her, causing her to fall right into his arms when she turned around.

When Janessa's face hit his muscular chest, her arms instinctively wrapped around his waist, like a little girl begging to be comforted.

"I'm sorry. I didn't mean to make you angry. I just didn't want Rylan to keep thinking that there was still a future for us to be together. He's helped me so much in the past. Telling him the truth is the least I can do. But I knew that ending things between us would break his heart. That's why I wanted to meet him in private and give him a proper explanation. There's nothing wrong with falling in love. But accepting that we weren't meant for each other is a bitter pill to swallow. I swear I just wanted to make it easier for him. I hope that you can forgive me."

Janessa apologized from the bottom of her heart. When she agreed to start a relationship with Rayan, she also swore not to let anybody get in the way of their happiness. If it was for a brighter future with Rayan, then she didn't mind being a little more selfish.

No matter what anyone said, she promised herself to always side with the love of her life.

After her heartfelt explanation, Rayan's anger disappeared in a flash. The bitter expression on his face was turned into a jolly smile. And when the couple locked eyes, Rayan suddenly burst into laughter.

"Hahaha! Now that you've admitted you were wrong, shouldn't I get some sort of compensation?" After asking that question, Rayan started staring at her with lustful eyes.

"What? But I've already apologized! What else could you possibly want?" Even though she knew exactly what he wanted, she tried acting clueless at first just to see what he would do. Back then, Janessa always knew that Rayan was a little rough when it came to sex. But the true extent of his desires far exceeded her expectations. Anytime they found themselves alone in a room, he would always say something that made her blush.

For the past few days, he'd been obsessed with finding out ways to get Janessa to kiss him. He resorted to using all kinds of tricks on Janessa. In the beginning, she would always fall for them. But now that she'd gotten used to his seemingly endless desire, it made a lot harder for Rayan to outwit her.

"What do you think? You left me here all alone. Isn't it just fair that you do something to make it up to me?" All of a sudden, Rayan placed his hands on Janessa's hips and pulled her closer. Next, he touched the base of her chin and forced her to look him in the eyes.

Judging from the look on Janessa's face, she was obviously figuring out a way to escape his grasp. Unfortunately for her, Rayan wouldn't allow it. No matter what, he was never going to let go of her anymore.

If she ever needed to take care of anything, no matter how arduous the task, he vowed in his heart to do it for her. Because at the end of the day, all he wanted was for Janessa to enjoy their life together without having to worry about anything.

"Okay, I get it. How about I treat you to a luxurious meal? Would that be enough to make it up to you?" While waiting for a response, Janessa managed to get loose from Rayan's embrace. But before she could walk back far enough from his arm's reach, he grabbed her hand and pulled her back.

Just like a princess in movies, she twirled around and fell right into his chest.

She looked up and locked eyes with Rayan. Finally, she gave in to her urges, placing her hands behind his neck before going in for a kiss.

Even though Rayan was a little startled by her uncharacteristic boldness, he managed to reciprocate quickly. In a warm embrace, the couple shared a passionate kiss.

"Uh... Rayan? Where are your hands going? We're still in the office!"

"Don't think about it. Just follow your heart!" Janessa's luscious lips, tender body, and sweet smell awakened something in Rayan. All of a sudden, he bent down to pick her up and carried her to the lounge.