## **Chapter 327 You Are Not Allowed To Go To The Orphanage**

On the morning of New Year's Eve, Janessa woke up in Rayan's arms. For the past few days, there wasn't a single night that they didn't cuddle each other to sleep. So whenever the couple woke up, they always had a warm and fuzzy feeling in their heart.

"You're gawking at me again, aren't you?" Rayan asked before tightening his embrace.

"How did you know? Your eyes aren't even open!" Janessa was surprised that Rayan knew what she was doing without even looking at her.

'Does he have a third eye or something? Oh no! What if he can read my thoughts?' she worriedly thought.

"Silly girl! You keep looking at me with such an intense gaze. How could you possibly think that I wouldn't notice?" After teasing her, he gave her a gentle kiss on the top of her head.

"Wow! Someone's being sweet so early in the morning. Did you eat some honey before sleeping last night?"

"Ha-ha! No. But I did lick some sweet, sweet nectar last night!" Rayan cheekily replied, accompanied by a suggestive stare.

When Janessa saw the look on his face, she couldn't help recalling last night's events, causing her to blush.

"You! It's way too early for you to run that dirty mouth of yours!" In one swift motion, Janessa took out her hand from under the quilt and used it to keep Rayan's mouth shut.

'I can't believe this man! It's like he doesn't have any shame.

Honestly, if it weren't for his gorgeous lips, he would be better off without a mouth,' she thought.

In some places, it'd been said that someone who had thin lips, also had a sharp tongue. But if such a person ever found true love, they would start spouting nothing but the sweetest words.

It seemed like the profile was perfectly made for Rayan.

Back then, it was rare for them not to quarrel whenever they saw each other. But somehow, someway, they ended up being the right person for each other. And now, instead of arguing, they couldn't stop admiring each other.

Janessa was grateful for how things turned out, wishing that their happy days could go on forever.

Unfortunately, despite her wonderful life now, there was still one thing bothering her.

Her past involvement with Larry never left the back of her mind. To make matters worse, she couldn't speak a word of it to Rayan. 'I definitely can't let that man ruin Rayan's career.

What should I do?'

Noticing Janessa hadn't said anything in a while, Rayan lowered his gaze before asking, "What's wrong? Are you trying to fall asleep again?"

"Ah! No, I was just thinking of what to do first. It's New Year's Eve today. I have a lot of things to do!" After responding, she took off the quilt on top of her and sat up. But before she could put her feet on the floor, Rayan suddenly grabbed onto her waist.

"We have maids to cook for us, and Willie to decorate the house. Why are you in such a hurry? Shouldn't we be cherishing our time off work? Come on, snuggle with me a little longer." Rayan pulled her body back to the middle of the bed and hugged her even tighter than before.

Because of their difference in strength, Janessa knew that struggling to break free would be a waste of time.

That said, she wasn't one to back down from a challenge. The couple started wrestling like little kids. One was trying to get away, while the other was busy pinning his opponent down. After a few minutes of barely making any progress, Janessa inevitably gave up.

"Come on, Rayan. Let me go already. Preparing for the holidays is one of my favorite things to do. Plus, it wouldn't feel as festive compared to doing it ourselves. Please, I'm begging you, can we get up now?"

Instead of using brute force to get away, Janessa moved on to using a method that was better suited for her. While Rayan was thinking of a response, she pounced at him and kissed him on the lips.

It was so spontaneous, something she'd never done before, that it completely stunned him.

"What—wait—how," Rayan started mumbling like a fool.

"Ha-ha, I knew that would work. Anyway, the sun is shining, Mr. Lu. It's about time we got on with our day."

In a flash, Janessa got out of bed and removed the quilt covering Rayan's body, snapping him out of his daze.

"You! Come here! I'll show you what happens when you mess with me!" Rayan playfully shouted while struggling to put on his trousers. Unfortunately, Janessa had no plans of waiting for him. She was already gone before he could button his trousers.

Knowing he wouldn't come after her without putting on something decent, she took her sweet time going down the stairs. On her way to the kitchen, she came across Willie, carrying a box of decorations.

"Good morning, Willie. Are you planning to put those up the wall?"

"Yes, I picked out some paper-cuttings that I think would suit the festive day quite well," Willie responded while showing the contents of the box.

There were a bunch of paper-cuttings with different shapes, colors, and patterns. And despite the amount, they all looked splendid.

So much so that Janessa had trouble picking out what she wanted to use.

"Here we go! I'll help you put these up, Willie." With a cheerful smile, Janessa walked towards the window with the papercuttings she had meticulously chosen.

Back then, when she was still married to Rayan, they usually spent New Year's Eve at his parents' house. Since she still felt like an outsider back then, she didn't feel like it was her place to stick things to the wall.

After that, when she started living by herself, she also didn't put up decorations because she didn't have guests during the holidays.

Luckily this year, she had a lot of wonderful people around her. But most importantly, she was with the love of her life.

Janessa couldn't have asked for more.

When Rayan finally arrived downstairs, the first thing he noticed was Janessa standing in front of the window, busy putting up decorations. Even though she was facing away from him, he still managed to see how happy she was through her reflection.

The smile on her face was as beautiful as a blooming snow lotus, causing his heart to skip a beat.

"Janessa, when are you going to stop moving that silly piece of paper around? It already looks perfect," said Rayan who'd been waiting for her to finish for almost five minutes.

Being a perfectionist, Janessa treated putting up decorations like it was a matter of necessity. If something wasn't aligned, even by just a millimeter, she wouldn't be satisfied with her work.

"Hold your horses, Rayan. I'm almost done. Willie, I'm done with the centerpiece. You should ask for one of the servants to help you stick the rest."

Thinking that the couple had something to talk about, Willie gave Janessa a nod before leaving with the other servants.

With the living room to themselves, Janessa slowly approached Rayan with an odd expression on her face. Timidly, she said, "I just remembered something. Before we got together again, I actually promised Rylan that I'll come with him to the orphanage today. I can't believe that I completely forgot about it. I guess I got too excited when your mother invited us over that it just slipped my mind."

'I made that promise to the kids. I definitely can't ditch them on the day we agreed upon. That would be the worst thing to do. On the other hand, if I leave now to visit the kids with another man, Rayan's parents might get upset with me. How am I going to get out of this?'

Needless to say, Janessa was stuck in quite a dilemma.

She had no clue what to do, leaving her with no choice but to ask for Rayan's help.

"Huh? You promised to meet up with Rylan?" He asked with a slightly dejected tone. 'My woman, whom I'm supposed to celebrate the New Year's Eve with, is going out with another man to see some children? Is this really happening?'

At that moment, Rayan tried his best to recall what happened after his return to the country.

He remembered that Janessa was acting a little gloomy back then, but he couldn't figure out why. 'That scheming Rylan! I didn't expect him to be the kind of man who would seize an opportunity the moment it presents itself. I should've been warier of him.'

"I really wanted to do something nice this coming New Year. I originally planned to invite you to tag along. But you seemed so unapproachable back then that I didn't even dare to ask. When Rylan found out about it, he offered to come with me. I didn't have a reason to say no, so I accepted."

"No! I won't allow you to go to the orphanage with that man!" 'I'm sure the moment the children sees them together, they'll think they're a couple,' Rayan worriedly thought.

"Hey, we're a couple now. You can't just have everything work in your favor." Janessa's response left Rayan speechless.

After a few minutes of silence, she started getting anxious. "Hey, Rayan. Could you please say something? I don't know what to do here."

'I'm just going to the orphanage with Rylan. Why is he acting so against it? Am I missing something?'

"You're right, Janessa. If you really want to see those children, then I should support you. That said, no matter how hard I try, my heart just won't allow me to let you go with Rylan alone."

"Uh, okay? So what am I supposed to do?"

"It's simple. I'll just come along with you! While you're busy playing with the children, I'll be there to keep you safe. Once we're done, we can go home together!"