

## Chapter 328 You Came So Early

Rayan stared at Janessa and flashed a smug smile.

Janessa glanced at Rayan, speechless. Then, she sighed and lay on the sofa listlessly.

"What? You disagree?" Janessa sighed deeply. Rayan was jealous again. When it came to his jealousy, she didn't know how to appease him.

"Don't worry. I totally agree with your plan. It's just that, you don't have to overreact. I just want to visit the children, nothing more. However, I think it's better if I will go with you. I'm afraid that things will get awkward if I didn't!" At that, Rayan sat beside Janessa and hugged her. It comforted her knowing that Rayan would always be by her side to support her. Everything still felt right. "Of course, I will go with you." After saying that, Rayan kissed her forehead and hugged Janessa closer. Feeling the comforting warmth of her beloved, Janessa leaned her head on Rayan's chest with a content smile on her lips. Finally, she could let go of her worries.

Rayan felt Janessa's body relaxing in his embrace. Then, Rayan and Janessa snuggled together for a while longer. Later in that morning, Janessa and Rayan had a casual meal. After finishing the meal, Janessa was deep in thought for a while. Then, she called Rylan.

It didn't take long for Rylan to answer the call as if he had been using his phone the entire time.

"Are you ready?" Rylan asked excitedly.

Hearing the clear excitement in his voice through the phone had made Janessa embarrassed.

Truthfully, Janessa had forgotten about the visit she talked about with Rylan a few days ago. She might have completely forgotten it if she and Rayan hadn't talked about children yesterday.

"Yes! Everything's ready. See you in the orphanage later! I'll go with Rayan so you don't have to pick me up." Even Janessa felt that she was being ruthless to Rylan at that moment. She didn't want to hurt Rylan. In fact, she felt guilty. She gave Rylan hope before the New Year. However, she also shattered it by herself.

If there was a list for bad women, she might be ranked at the top. No, she would definitely be ranked.

Janessa waited for Rylan's answer. However, the other line kept silent for a long time. She couldn't blame him for being speechless. Worried, she couldn't help asking again, "Rylan? Are you listening to me?"

Suddenly, Rylan's laughter was heard from the other end of the phone. "That's great! The more, the merrier. Oh, I just remembered something! I haven't packed the gifts for the children yet. I think I should go now."

"Okay. See you at the orphanage!"

In a bright tone, Rylan answered, "See you later!"

However, it just made Janessa feel even worse. After Rylan hung up, she just stood there staring at her phone.

Although Janessa was sure that she and Rylan would never get together, she still didn't refuse him completely. Even if it would hurt Rylan, she should have done it for both of them.

At that moment, Janessa could only blame herself. Meanwhile, Rylan was also in a bad mood after the call.

Rylan had expected the result when he had heard from Janessa that she and Rayan got back together. He knew he had no chance with Janessa at all. However, at that time, he still clung to a glimmer of hope that he could be alone with Janessa on New Year's Eve even if she was already with Rayan.

Rylan didn't expect that Janessa would refuse such a small request from him. He should have expected it. But he was a fool in love indeed. He couldn't give her up yet and kept on having expectations that he shouldn't have.

In fact, Rylan knew that Janessa didn't refuse him because she hated the thought of meeting him. She just had no reason to continue meeting him alone. That was all.

Rylan laughed bitterly. He thought, "That's good. In this way, I won't be disappointed again since I know that I had no chance with Janessa anymore."

Rylan looked at the only photo of him and Janessa on his phone. Then, he caressed Janessa's face that was shown on the screen and whispered. "Janessa, since you chose to be with Rayan, you should be happy with him. I wish for your happiness." A sad smile formed on Rylan's lips as he stared at Janessa's beautiful face. A face he would probably never forget for the rest of his life.

Rylan cherished the only photo of them together very much. After all, it was a precious memory to him.

He couldn't have taken that photo with Janessa if not for the owner of that antique shop they met abroad. It was taken on that day when Janessa was tricked by him and believed that Y Country was unsafe. So, she accepted his suggestion of them pretending to be a couple without a question.

Because of her approval, the owner took the only photo of the two of them with Rylan's mobile phone. Up to that day, Rylan still thanked the woman for her good deed.

Rylan knew that no good thing would happen from reminiscing about the past, especially he would meet Janessa with Rayan, the man she chose instead of him. It would only make him feel bitter. At that, Rylan closed his phone and put it in his pocket. Then, he finished packing and went out of the house. Meanwhile, when Janessa got off the car, the gate of the orphanage was still very quiet. When Janessa walked in, she saw some children who were playing tag together happily.

Janessa was distracted by the children that she didn't notice Rylan approaching her. It was only when he greeted her that she noticed him.

It surprised Janessa to see that Rylan came so early. She asked, "Why did you come here so early?"

Rylan smiled bashfully and said, "I didn't have anything else to do at home. So, I came early. Come on in. It's cold out here." Rylan looked around and saw that there was no one around Janessa. He felt a little confused because he knew that she was supposed to come with Rayan.

He thought, 'I thought Rayan wanted to come. Did he back out?'

However, as soon as he had those thoughts, he saw Rayan approaching Janessa with something in his arms.

"There you are," Janessa said softly when she saw Rayan pop out from behind her. Rayan smiled and looked at Janessa dotingly. When he saw Rylan, he deliberately stood in front of Janessa to hide Janessa from Rylan. Rayan looked at Rylan dangerously as if trying to warn him from approaching Janessa like this again.

Seeing Rayan's behavior toward Rylan, Janessa immediately tried to appease Rayan by talking to him. "Aren't those gifts heavy? Let me help you," Janessa said as she grabbed the gifts and put them on the ground. Then, Janessa patted Rayan's shoulder and looked into his eyes to calm him down. She hoped that Rayan could also trust Rylan.

Although Rayan was very angry that Janessa was going to talk to another man, he had accepted that he couldn't stop her from talking to someone just because he was jealous. After all, it was just a normal interaction.

However, Rayan would never let Janessa meet a man alone. If she still insisted, then she should meet that man with him. That was the best compromise he could give.

Seeing that Rayan's mood had improved and he wasn't as wary with Rylan, Janessa smiled at Rayan and dragged him to meet the children in the orphanage.

Rayan sat far away like an outsider and watched Janessa and Rylan play games with the children.

He wanted to play with them. However, he still felt embarrassed.

"Janessa, Janessa... Why is that person sitting far away? Does he not want to play with us?" A little girl pulled Janessa's hand and looked at her with a childish look. Although the little girl was the youngest one among the children, she was also the boldest one. After all, such a young child like her would not know anything.

"Don't worry, dear. He's just a little tired. Why don't you invite him to play with us instead?" Janessa pointed in Rayan's direction with a hint of mischief in her eyes. Rayan glared at her, clearly showing that he was annoyed. Although they were celebrating the festival together, she made sure that she would have barely any contact with Rylan.

However, this place was so small. It was impossible for Janessa to never talk to Rylan.

Janessa looked at the little girl. The little girl nodded and smiled brightly. When the little girl approached Rayan, she was confident at the beginning. However, when she saw the serious look on Rayan's face, she was too afraid to speak.

"U-Um... H-Hi," the little girl said shyly. She looked back at Janessa showing an uneasy face. Janessa cheered her up and told her to continue. Encouraged by Janessa, the little girl finally plucked up the courage to talk to Rayan.

"Hi," the little girl said again, now with more confidence. Before going out of the car, Janessa had clearly told Rayan to be nice to the children. She told him not to treat children coldly like he would treat his employees. Despite all that, Janessa was still anxious about how Rayan would treat the little girl.

"Do you want to play with us? Today is the New Year's Eve. You should be happy." After Janessa's encouragement just now, the child was no longer afraid of Rayan.

So, she was not afraid to speak to him anymore.

Although Rayan looked fierce, he was a kind person. He had a tender side that most people didn't know about.

"I..." Rayan raised his head and exchanged glances with Janessa. After receiving her signal, he accepted the child's invitation.

"Okay. But I don't know what to do."

"It's fine. I can teach you. Janessa also didn't know it before. But now, she already fits with us." The child looked up to him and smiled happily. Truthfully, Rayan also wanted to know how interesting this game was.

He was confused when the little girl led him here. However, he looked better than before.

"I'll teach you," the little girl declared confidently. The little girl taught Rayan how to play the game seriously. However, he was already distracted as his eyes were glued to Janessa the whole time.

After playing with the children for hours, Janessa gave the gifts they brought to the children and left with Rayan.

On the way back to Rayan's parents' house, Janessa glanced at Rayan. Seeing Rayan's poker face while driving, she couldn't help but tease him.

"Well, someone had been jealous for a few days. But it seemed he finally came around today, huh?"