

Chapter 365 She Lied And Betrayed You

The person in the video clip was indeed Janessa, and it was not fabricated in any way.

At the time it was taken, Janessa had just started getting close to Rayan. When she finally had the chance to enter his study, she didn't waste the opportunity to look for the documents she needed.

And it was all caught on video.

The documents she had taken then had looked important, but when she went home afterward and perused through them, she realized they weren't significant at all.

"You're right, that person is me. I'm sorry. It's true that I initially approached you with the intent to steal business secrets, but I never got my hands on anything useful. The reports that Larry wants are very high-profile, and I've never given him anything of the sort for more than a year." Now that she was faced with her past intentions and actions, Janessa couldn't help but feel hopeless about her goal to reconcile with Rayan.

"So what? Am I supposed to be grateful for that? Should I thank you for not giving anything useful to Larry? You should be ashamed of yourself!" Rayan didn't even spare her a glance throughout his outburst. His voice vibrated with contempt.

He seldom bothered to check the surveillance footage of his study. After all, very few people were afforded access in the first place. But since discovering this side to Janessa, he had found himself checking every surveillance tape recorded all over his house. Needless to say, he had found more than he bargained for.

This video was only one among others.

"Rayan, I did come across confidential information, but I never shared it with him. I'm ready to pull out the money he invested in the Qiu Group. I'm even willing to sell the company if that's what it takes to return everything I received from Larry. When I heard that he was collecting the shares of Lu Group, the first thing I wanted to do was to tell you. But you've already begun taking countermeasures by that time. You were so confident, too, so I was convinced that you would win in the end anyway."

Janessa paused and took a deep breath, her expression growing darker. "But after the last conversation I had with him, I got the impression that he had already secured victory. Larry isn't the type to dive into a conflict he knew he wouldn't win. As things stand, I'm afraid he already has the support of more than half of the company's shareholders. You need to be careful from now on, Rayan." In spite of everything, he was still her boyfriend. She didn't want him to lose the Lu Group, especially not because of her.

If that happened, Rayan might no longer be able to face the Lu Family. Janessa certainly knew that she wouldn't be able to face his parents.

"You know him so well, don't you? It looks like you have a deeper relationship than I originally thought. Tell me, Janessa, is there something else you're hiding from me?" Rayan glared at her through the distance, struggling to keep his love from showing in his eyes. His love and hatred for her were tightly intertwined, and regardless of which one weighed more, Rayan still had to endure much pain.

However, whenever he was in front of Janessa, he became cruel and ruthless.

"Rayan, how many times do I have to tell you for you to believe me? I never betrayed you." It felt like they had had this same conversation countless times before.

Janessa was hanging by a thread. She didn't know how to save their relationship anymore.

"Well, never mind. Even if you're mad at me, you can't just stop eating. Let's talk again after dinner. These are all your favorite dishes—"

Before Janessa could finish speaking, Rayan was already on the phone, speaking a name that pierced her heart.

"Gracie, have you eaten yet? Let's have dinner together. I'll have someone pick you up, and you can come up to my office directly." He made quick work of his call, hanging up immediately after saying what he wanted to say.

"Are you doing this on purpose?" Janessa demanded. "Rayan, what do you want me to say, huh? Tell me what you want to hear. I love you! I would never hurt you." She was on the verge of breaking down. At first, she had thought that Rayan would see reason once he got past his anger, so she had decided to give him a week to calm down.

Never had she expected that Gracie would take advantage of this week to sow further discord between them.

Even so, Janessa refused to give up.

"What does it matter if I did it on purpose or not? You and I have nothing to do with each other now. I don't need your approval. I can dine and be with whomever I want." Rayan's tone was cold and biting.

"I don't believe you. You're not going to forget it. You'll never forget the fact that she lied to you and betrayed you." Janessa was aware that she was playing dirty now, but she was desperate to drive Gracie away from Rayan.

Just as she had expected, Rayan's face twisted with rage at the mention of Gracie's past actions. But he concealed it in the next second.

It had come and gone so quickly that Janessa wasn't sure if it had been there at all.

"So what? At least she loves me. She's going to help me by investigating you, so you don't do any more damage than you already have. Gracie is the one who's going to keep you from bringing my company down!"

"Stop and think for a minute, Rayan! Have you ever wondered where that bug came from? Aren't you worried that she might be working for someone else, too?" Janessa closed her eyes and took a steadying breath. 'For someone as smart and brilliant as Rayan, I don't understand why he couldn't see these simple details.'

"When I went drinking with Larry, it was just the two of us in the room. Did you ever think how Gracie managed to take a photo of that meeting? Why did she only have one photo of us? I'm telling you, Rayan, there's more to Gracie's actions than you think. Why did she come back now, of all times? Don't fall for her deception again." Janessa was saying all of these for Rayan's sake, but he was just too stubborn to listen.

She could see it in his eyes—he didn't believe a word she'd said.

All her efforts were in vain.

"Rayan, I—"

She wanted to try and persuade him again, but she was interrupted by the sudden opening of the door.

"Rayan! I was just shopping with my friends nearby, so I just came here straight away." Gracie practically sprinted into the room and immediately latched on to Rayan's arm. She ignored Janessa entirely.

While Rayan wasn't pleased with any physical contact with Gracie, he stopped himself from pushing her away. He needed to endure her if he wanted to put on a show.

As for Gracie, she was brimming with smug pleasure. She had been through hell when Rayan had cast her aside. Though he had allowed her to stay in the Lu family's villa, he had acted like she didn't exist at all.

Now, the tables were about to turn. She had been confused by his sudden invitation earlier, but after seeing Janessa, Gracie instantly understood the situation. Rayan had deliberately called her up to piss Janessa off.

"Oh, what are you doing here?" she sneered. "Did you think Rayan would change his mind about you if you cooked him a few dishes?" Gracie had no reason to hold back anymore. After all, Rayan was on her side.

"Let's go, Gracie." Rayan said, taking her in his arms and ushering her out of the office. Before they walked past the door, Rayan barked out another order without even glancing back at Janessa, "Take out all the rubbish you brought. From now on, you are not allowed to appear in my office again!"