

Chapter 379 Helping My Friend

"Rayan went out to answer a phone call. That's why I am alone now. Oh, I know what you want. You're here in the hope of running into Rayan and begging him to take you back, right? I knew you were shameless, but I never thought you'd stoop this low. We're already expecting a baby, yet you still yearn for the father of my child! What will it take for you to leave us alone?" After shouting at Janessa, Gracie burst into tears like a defenseless little girl. The scene made it seem like Janessa was some sort of bully.

To make matters worse, almost everyone nearby heard the latter part of Gracie's clamoring, painting Janessa in a very unfavorable picture.

It was clear that Gracie was trying to get the bystanders to gang up on Janessa.

At that time, everyone in the shop was either a parent or soon-to-be one. So for such a crowd, finding out that a homewrecker was in the middle of ruining a marriage brought out the worst in them.

As Gracie had hoped, everyone slowly started gossiping about Janessa while giving her the stink eye.

"Oh my, how could such a young girl like her do something so horrible? She still has her whole life ahead of her."

"Talk about a man-eater! She probably gets off from seducing married men. What a waste of a beautiful face!" "This generation is truly lacking some basic human decency."

"You're right about that. I have a neighbor about the same age as her who keeps flirting with other people's husbands. Shame on her!" "I wonder what her parents would say if they found out their daughter was a tramp."

Despite the commotion going on, Janessa showed no fear in her eyes. 'I can't believe how gullible some people can be.

Gracie's act wasn't even that believable. She's just being loud and obnoxious. How can people even side with someone that annoying?'

"You're pretty silly, aren't you, Gracie? How do you think Rayan would react if he found out his pregnant girlfriend was bawling her eyes out like a little girl in public? I'm pretty sure he wouldn't be happy with being seen as a negligent father,"

Janessa rebutted in a frigid tone, showing little to no regard for what anyone had to say. Her only concern was the poor child inside Gracie's belly. If she really was pregnant, letting her continue making a fool of herself in public wouldn't be good for the baby's future.

"What? Are you planning to bribe a reporter and ruin my name? You really are a bitch!" Gracie shouted before putting her hand on her belly and taking a step back.

This gesture made the bystanders look at Janessa viciously. They all stood up for Gracie.

First, an elderly woman yelled at Janessa, "Hey, you! Stop picking on that poor lady! Mister shop owner, kick out this horrible woman. If you don't, I'll never buy anything from this store ever again!"

"She's right! I refuse to let my child use anything from a store that tolerates such bad behavior!"

"Yeah! Ban her! She doesn't deserve to be here!"

With the crowd getting wilder by the second, the shop owner had no choice but to give in to their demand. He walked right up to Janessa and said, "Hurry! Who knows what they might do next!"

The shop owner didn't say it outright, but Janessa knew it was time for her to leave.

'You put in so much effort just to get rid of me. Were you always this pitiful, Gracie?'

Before walking out the door, Janessa shared a few words of wisdom with the crowd. "Be careful who you're siding with. No matter how much a snake sheds, it's still a snake."

Unbeknownst to her, someone in the crowd had their phone out and was streaming the entire ordeal on the internet. After causing the crowd to second-guess themselves, Janessa turned around to leave.

Her baby wasn't due anytime soon. So there wasn't a need to buy anything right now.

Janessa passed by Gracie on her way out. "God's watching all of us. Try not to look too despicable," she whispered.

Despite all of Gracie's heinous acts, Janessa felt no hatred towards her. In fact, she even felt sorry for her. 'For the sake of your baby, I really hope you learn how to be comfortable in your own skin.'

"You!" Gracie was so angry that she couldn't even come up with a single retort. 'What just happened? How did she manage to keep her cool?'

I never thought she could be that carefree. Was it all an act?'

Although Gracie was at a loss, she wasn't too worried about it. Of course, she still had one trick up her sleeve. After giving a man in the crowd the signal, she continued with her act.

"I'd like to thank all of you for having my back. But please, don't be too hard on her. It's not all her fault. If only I had paid more attention, then my husband wouldn't have been allured by her charms. I couldn't accept it at first. But I'm partly to blame for this mess."

Janessa's name was already dragged across the mud. So Gracie's sob story just wooed the crowd to her side even more. They felt so sorry for her that some of them even started giving her advice.

"You're too kind, miss. But you can't keep letting everyone have their way."

"Yes, that's so true! The world's filled with horrible people like her! You have to always be on guard against them, especially now that you're having a baby. You're still young and beautiful. So don't be so lenient with your husband. Let him know that if he fools around with other women, you'll leave him for good! Dear, just let him know how much you love him every day, and I'm sure he'll never cheat on you."

Once everyone was done sharing their thoughts, Gracie smiled before bowing down to show her gratitude. "Thank you so much. I'll make sure to follow everyone's advice. I swear I'll do whatever it takes to protect my family."

Right after voicing her gratitude, Gracie scurried away with tears in her eyes. A man with his cap tilted down followed her outside a few seconds later.

Meanwhile, Corbin went about his daily work routine and headed for Rayan's office.

Once there, he greeted Rayan before starting his morning report. "Nothing's been added to your schedule, boss. I just need you to sign a few minor documents."

"Alright, send them to me later," Rayan nonchalantly replied without looking away from the document he was reading.

Instead of leaving right away like he usually does, Corbin stood still with an anxious look on his face. When Rayan finally noticed that he was still there, he looked up and said, "If you have nothing else to say, you can leave already."

Corbin was well aware that his boss wasn't the type of person who frequented the internet for news, especially during work hours.

'I bet he still hasn't heard what happened today. As Janessa's friend, I should probably let him know. But I just don't know how to start.'

"Come on, spit it out already! I don't have all day!" Rayan shouted, startling Corbin.

'When did you become such a scaredy-cat? If you have something to say, just say it! You'll get nowhere just standing there all day!' Rayan complained in his thoughts.

'Crap, I knew it! He's still not in a good mood. If I tell him something like this right now, he might take out his anger on me. Heck, he'll probably hate me enough to put my salary on hold!'

Wait, what am I saying? That's not what a true friend would do! This is for you, Janessa! Even if he deducts my wages, I don't care!"

After hardening his resolve, Corbin took out his phone and placed it in front of Rayan.

"What's this?"

"I've been meaning to show you something. I think it's best if you see it sooner rather than later," Corbin responded with determination in his eyes.

He didn't care that he was risking his livelihood. As long as there was a chance to bring Rayan and Janessa back together, he was willing to do it.

"Are you kidding me? Do you really think it's the right time to be showing me a silly video on the internet?!" Rayan didn't hesitate to scold his assistant. But after he looked down and read the title of the video, the expression on his face darkened. With a brewing feeling that something bad had happened, Rayan looked back at Corbin with a wide-eyed stare.