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## **Chapter 434 Rayan's Choice**

"Switch to video. I have someone here who wants to see her."

Upon hearing Larry's words, Gracie's sweet smile froze in place.

Someone?

It could only be Rayan.

Would he give up the Lu family's power for just Janessa's sake? Bitterness streamed down her throat, threatening to choke her.

"Okay. Honey," Gracie said sweetly despite the look in her eyes that said otherwise. She hung up, took out a piece of tissue from her bag, and wiped away the blood at the corner of Janessa's mouth. She looked around until her eyes landed at the sticky tape that was lying near the chair. Picking it up, she tried to stick it onto Janessa's mouth.

The jarring wound there wouldn't be seen with the tape in place.

However, Janessa wasn't having it. She turned her head to avoid Gracie.

"Do you think I'll let you hide what you did to me by sticking that tape to my mouth?" Janessa struggled violently. She sometimes had a fight with Rayan, so she was quite vigilant and swift.

Gracie wasn't strong enough to suppress Janessa's struggle.

"Do you think you can resist? Don't be so naive. Hey, you there, come in here," Gracie called out to the men outside. "Shut her up, right now!"

Although Gracie didn't have the strength, she had underlings. Asking them to do that was even more convenient.

The man who had just been slapped took the tape from Gracie's hand without a word. Soon, Janessa's mouth was wrapped firmly against her will.

Janessa rolled her eyes helplessly. She would have preferred Gracie wrapping her mouth. It would have been better compared to that brute man whose strength made her feel pain.

When everything was ready, Gracie turned on the video call, and the man's face appeared on the screen.

"Hi, honey," said Gracie in her overly sugary voice.

"Where is that woman?"

Larry didn't even greet her. He acted as if she hadn't talked.

Gracie rolled her eyes in her mind, but she remained calm. "She is here."

Gracie switched to the back-facing camera, and turned the phone to focus on Janessa.

As she looked at the screen, another man's face came into view.

It was Rayan. Almost every night, that handsome face haunted her dreams and made her cry helplessly.

The man represented her whole youth. From when she was young, she had known that she was different from him. That was why she had used all her means to get close to him. To be the woman who deserved to be with him.

However, Janessa and Rayan had ruined everything. In an instant, all of her efforts had turned into dust.

Every time she thought about it, she felt depressed.

How Gracie wished she could kill the two of them and make them pay for destroying her life.

"Janessa, are you okay?" Rayan asked anxiously.

Janessa hadn't expected to hear Rayan's voice. She thought Larry only wanted to check on his hostage and see that she was safe.

But to her great surprise, she heard Rayan call her.

"Mmh... Mmh... Mmh..."

With the tape on her mouth, Janessa couldn't say anything. Her mumbles weren't making any sense. She was helpless. If only she could talk to Rayan.

"Janessa, you..."

The video was cut off before Rayan finished talking.

Janessa felt a chill creeping in and was totally at a loss.

That morning, Rayan had told her not to go out no matter what happened. But she hadn't listened to him and had instead fallen into a trap.

Her carelessness might have put Rayan in a passive position.

She had wanted to help him, but she didn't expect that it was she who would hurt him in the end.

"See? Rayan is going to destroy the Lu Group. As for you, you are going to accompany my baby. Hahaha!"

Gracie's laughter echoed in the warehouse, making it sound like a creepy cackle.

In the meeting room, the shareholders had already gone. Only Rayan and Larry, and their men were left.

Larry put his phone into his suit pocket. He turned to look at Rayan with a smug smile on his face.

"What do you think? Are you relieved to know that your wife is still alive? As you can see, I kept my word."

Although Larry said it casually, the threat was clear indeed.

As Rayan saw the video, he thumped the table furiously.

"Where is she?"

"If you want to know, then I'm afraid you have to make a choice."

Larry beckoned Ken over with a wave. The man standing behind him took out a document from the folder he carried and handed it to him.

"You will find out where she is as long as you sign this document." Larry knew Rayan loved Janessa a lot. He wondered what choice Rayan would make this time. Would Rayan choose his wife or his career?

Rayan clenched his hands tightly. He didn't have any other choice.

Larry had been well prepared. Even if Rayan hadn't agreed to give up the position, Larry could have voted to abdicate him. What was more, Larry even had a Plan B, which was kidnapping Janessa.

The plan had the power to ruin Rayan's reputation. Even if Rayan had a chance to take over the Lu Group again in the future, no one would trust him. Because he would give up everything for his woman in a heartbeat.

Larry had prepared his revenge for a long time.

"I can give up my position as CEO, but you have to tell me where Janessa is and why you are doing this!"

Rayan was burning with anxiety. The longer Janessa stayed outside, the more in danger she was.

He couldn't leave her like that.

"I don't know where Janessa is. You have to find her yourself. As for the reason why I'm doing this, I don't mind telling you about it in detail. But you don't have time to listen to my story right now, do you?"

Larry smiled innocently, but anyone else would have been scared by his smile.

That kind of man was just too scheming.

To destroy the Lu Group, Larry could continue waiting for a long time.

"Since I don't have time to listen to your story now, I'll sign the document when I get the time." Rayan closed it and threw it on the table.

Then he stood up and ran out without hesitation.

Ken looked at Rayan's retreating figure and then at Larry. "Should we inform Miss Mo?" he asked with concern.

"Don't bother. They have issues they need to solve among them," Larry said indifferently and acted as if he was sitting on a throne.

'Donald, your retribution is finally coming.'

Corbin had been following Rayan since he left the room.

"How did you know what happened?"

Corbin also felt that it was strange. Generally speaking, if something happened to Janessa, she would call Rayan. Why did she call him instead?

"Mrs. Lu called me because you weren't answering."

He didn't answer the phone? When?

Rayan touched the pocket where his phone should be in and his face changed.

When had his phone disappeared?

He checked all his pockets carefully but still didn't find his phone. He then recalled that on his way to the meeting room that morning, someone bumped into him. Was his phone stolen?

"Find out who bumped into me this morning. And also where Janessa is now. If you can't find any clues, hand in your resignation letter."

It was the first time that Corbin had received such a serious order from Rayan.

He really hoped that Janessa was fine.