

Chapter 435 Rayan, Where Are You

The longer Rayan stayed in his office, the more miserable he became.

During the meeting that morning, he was so focused on dealing with shareholders that he completely forgot about his phone.

Someone had approached him and stolen his phone without him sensing it.

'How scared Janessa was when she couldn't reach him. Please, God, don't let anything bad happen to her. I can't bear to lose her again.' Rayan begged inwardly.

In the face of adversity, Janessa always put on a tough front. He knew it was just her way of dealing with dangerous situations. But he really hoped she didn't overdo it.

Angering her captor could lead to horrifying consequences. One bad shove, and the baby in her belly...

A look of pure, unadulterated rage appeared on Rayan's face.

'Whoever is behind Janessa's abduction is in for a world of hurt. When I get my hands on them, I'll make them suffer so much that they regret being born in the first place.'

A few minutes later, Rayan finally lost his patience. He took out his new phone and called Janessa's number. Unfortunately, just as he dreaded, her phone wasn't on.

Corbin entered Rayan's office to hand over some paperwork. When he noticed the frightening expression on Rayan's face, his body started trembling uncontrollably.

He'd seen his boss get angry countless times before. But on this occasion, something was different. Rayan looked like he was out for blood.

'Looks like the people behind this mess enjoy playing with fire. Not only did they go against the Lu Group, they even got Janessa involved. I really hope they get what's coming for them,' thought Corbin.

Janessa was Rayan's wife, and Corbin genuinely respected their relationship. But since Janessa and Corbin worked together for so long, they eventually became good friends.

So now that she was in grave danger, he had a hard time hiding his anger.

"How's your investigation going?" Rayan asked with his head tilted down. Despite his horrible mood, he still noticed Corbin entering his office. When Rayan's question was met with silence, he looked up and saw a peculiar expression on Corbin's face.

'Huh? Why does he look so mad? Is he also worried about Janessa?'

Suddenly, another wave of anger flowed through Rayan's veins.

'Stop thinking of my woman! No one's allowed to do that, especially my assistant!'

Once again, Rayan allowed his selfishness to get the better of him. Everyone in Janessa's circle was worried sick about her. Yet there he was, getting jealous like a little boy.

When Corbin finally calmed down, he handed over the documents he was carrying and said, "I'm sorry, boss. I still don't know where they took Mrs. Lu. According to their route, it's unlikely that they entered the town, making it hard to find any surveillance footage. Current evidence shows the abductors followed Mrs. Lu to the old house and waited by the gate for her to come out. When she finally did, they came up with an excuse to make her drive out to a specific location. Since we haven't been able to find any first-hand witnesses, I'm guessing they made her go to some rural area before taking her away." Corbin reported his findings with a heavy heart.

After letting out a deep sigh, he remembered an important detail that he didn't mean to leave out. "By the way, boss, I've managed to procure a voice recording containing Mrs. Lu's conversation with the abductors. They told her you were involved in a severe car accident. She probably didn't want to scare your parents, so she didn't tell anyone where she was heading."

Hearing this, Rayan felt a bit of joy amidst his anger.

He was pleased to hear that Janessa didn't hesitate to come to his aid and kept it from his parents so as not to frighten them. But at the same time, he couldn't help but feel disappointed that she fell for such a cliché trick.

'How could such a gullible woman live for so long?' Rayan wondered.

"Alright, continue following this lead, Corbin. I'm sure their hideout is just an abandoned building outside the city. There aren't too many of those, so make sure you check all of them."

"Yes, Mr. Lu."

After responding, Corbin turned around and left in a hurry. As soon as the door closed, a wave of fatigue hit Rayan's body like a truck. 'I don't know how much longer I can take this. I need to figure out the mastermind behind this mess soon. Why was the kidnapper's voice different from Larry's?'

Despite his eagerness to bring his wife back home, he knew it would be a waste of time to roam the streets aimlessly. His energy was a finite resource at the moment, so he had to wait for the right moment to act.

With this in mind, Rayan watched the time pass by on his watch in utter misery.

Similar to most aspects of life, time was just as unforgiving to anyone. For hours now, Janessa had been suffering at the hands of the woman who hated her the most.

She hadn't let her guard down from the moment she found out that Gracie was behind her kidnapping.

Gracie had shown the horrors she was capable of on multiple occasions.

Because of this, Janessa knew that her chances of getting out of this situation unscathed were slim to none.

In a dire situation, her mind started recalling some happy memories to ease her anxiety, most of them including Rayan.

Unfortunately, she was also reminded of how she got into this mess in the first place. 'I can't believe I was stupid enough to fall for their trap. Now I'm in the middle of nowhere, and my phone's turned off. I'm not sure if Rayan will be able to find me.'

Not wanting to lose hope, Janessa started murmuring some wishful words, "Please, Rayan, come find me soon. The longer you take, the riskier it'll be for me and our baby. Please, I'm begging you, don't let our future together end here."

Because Janessa's mouth was covered with tape, no one around her understood a single word she said.

Not wanting to push her luck, Janessa went back to keeping her thoughts to herself. 'If the only people I have to deal with were these burly men around me, I probably wouldn't be this scared. But since Gracie's here...'

Sure enough, when Janessa raised her head, she was greeted by a menacing glare from a distance.

"What are you looking at, bitch?! You're lucky we still need you! If not, I would have killed you the second you got here!" True to her words, Gracie wanted nothing more than to end Janessa's life. The only reason she hadn't done so was that Larry told her to go easy on Janessa for now.

'Hmp! I'm done listening to that old fart! This bitch doesn't deserve my mercy! Not only did she ruin my life, but she's also the reason why I lost my baby! If it weren't for her, I'd be living a wonderful life with Rayan right now!'

At that moment, the last thing Janessa cared about was Gracie's words, because she was already crazy. 'It doesn't take much to set her off. But when it happens, it'll probably be the end of me and my baby.'

With this in mind, Janessa tilted her head down and closed her eyes, hoping it would be enough to appease Gracie for now.

During this time of silence, she found herself comforting the baby in her belly.

'I know you're scared too, my dear. But don't worry, I'm sure your dad will come and save us.'

Despite being mentally and physically exhausted, the thought of Rayan coming to their rescue gave Janessa the strength to stay calm.

Unfortunately, it seemed like that wasn't going to be enough to get her through this ordeal. Gracie, who was getting more impatient by the second, started giving in to her hatred for Janessa.

'How many times is this sack of shit going to catch a break? She's already divorced Rayan, yet he still chooses to go after her. Life is so unfair! I can't stand it anymore! It's time to make her pay for stealing the life I deserve!'

All of a sudden, Gracie grabbed a plank of wood and walked toward Janessa with a crazy look in her eyes.

"I've been waiting to do this for so long! It's time for you to meet your maker, Janessa!" Hearing this, Janessa opened her eyes and saw that Gracie was about to hit her on the head with a piece of wood. Luckily, one of the lackeys stepped in and grabbed Gracie's arm just in the nick of time.

The man glanced at Janessa briefly before turning his attention towards Gracie.

"Don't ruin our boss's plan." Knowing Gracie's tendency for violence, Larry assigned one of his burliest men to keep her in check.

At that moment, Gracie realized that the freedom Larry promised her was all a lie, angering her even more.

"Fuck off! Who do you think you are? You're not in charge of me! Let go of my hand and step aside! This whore doesn't deserve to live another day! She's dying right now, whether you like it or not!" Gracie shouted at the lackey with all her might. It was clear that she didn't care about Larry's plan anymore.

The only thing that mattered was getting revenge on the woman who ruined her life.

Without warning, Gracie started flailing around to escape from the man's grasp. She was literally inches away from her goal, and she wasn't going to let anybody stop her from achieving it.

Janessa's eyes widened in shock when she saw that Gracie was close to getting loose from the man's grasp.

In fact, the man holding onto Gracie's arm didn't try his best to drag her away. And since she was so determined to kill Janessa, she used up most of her strength to break free. Soon, the man loosened his grip and thus Gracie rushed to Janessa.