

Chapter 96 Test Her

Gracie now despised Janessa more than ever.

Janessa had been welcomed into the Lu family with open arms, while Gracie was shunned because of her humble background. Gracie couldn't help but think it was unfair!

Why was Janessa allowed to marry Rayan? Even after they got divorced, she still managed to get a position in the Lu Group.

"Although I'm no longer his wife, I'm a much better woman than you could ever be! You haven't even married him yet!" Janessa sneered. She shrugged her shoulders as if it meant nothing to her that she was able to marry Rayan. Janessa knew this would hurt Gracie more than anything, who was desperate to marry him.

How pathetic could Gracie be?

Janessa's words had landed their mark. The source of Gracie's pain was his family keeping her from marrying Rayan.

In the past, she believed that if she did everything right, things would work out for her. Much to her disappointment, her humble background was enough reason for the Lu family to keep them apart.

"So what? All that matters is who Rayan will end up with. Yes, you used to be his wife, but what good did it do you? He only used you because I was away at the time. I know that I'm the only woman in his heart."

Gracie was confident in Rayan's love for her. Even though there were times where he avoided her, she believed that Rayan divorced Janessa because he loved her wholeheartedly.

Gracie knew that the one thing Janessa could never have was Rayan's heart.

However, Janessa knew from the beginning that her marriage to Rayan was only for business. She was sent to Rayan's bed in exchange for the help of the Lu Group. At the time, she didn't even know about Gracie.

It suddenly made sense to Janessa. Every time she would be intimate with Rayan, he could never look at her face. When he did, it was only to mock her.

There was no use in getting Rayan's mother's approval. She felt happy spending time with his parents. However, when she was back to her and Rayan's own house, she was no more than a vase in the living room to him.

The memory of living with Rayan was something that would haunt Janessa for the rest of her life. Gracie's words felt like knives digging into her. It reminded her of painful memories that she wished to forget.

"Who knows? Maybe in a few years, you might end up just as I did," Janessa replied.

"How dare you!"

Gracie screamed as she pointed a finger at Janessa. At the back of her mind, Gracie couldn't help but feel feared. Rayan might really toss her away one day.

During their mountain climbing trip, he was affectionate and loving. However, on their way home, he asked her to leave without him.

Rayan had gotten a phone call and left without waiting for her. He arranged for a driver to bring her home.

If he went back to the office, Gracie would've understood. However, the servants later informed her that he returned to pick Janessa up because she couldn't get a ride home.

Gracie suddenly felt unsure of her relationship with Rayan. If Rayan fell in love with Janessa, what was the point of her going abroad all those years?

"What? Did you think you would get away with another one of your tricks? I know it was you," Janessa whispered in her ear.

"You must have spent a lot of your money to hire all of these people for your silly plan. Did you use up all the money Rayan gave you?" Janessa continued in a low voice.

Although no one was close enough to see, Rayan and Corbin were inside the office. If she spoke louder, she might attract their attention.

Gracie pressed her scarlet lips closed at Janessa's words. There was no denying that Janessa was speaking the truth.

Janessa was curious to see how Rayan would respond if he saw how Gracie had reacted to her words.

"What are you talking about? I never hired anyone. Miss Qiu, are you looking for someone to take the fall for your mistake?" Gracie feigned ignorance as she looked at her.

Janessa couldn't help but scoff at her shamelessness. If she didn't notice the panic that flickered across Gracie's eyes moments ago, Gracie would've fooled her.

Apparently, not only was Gracie a medical expert, but she was also a talented actress.

"You know that I'm telling the truth. I also know that you only came here to see if Rayan had punished me already. I'm afraid I'm going to have to disappoint you."

Janessa shook her head at Gracie as she tucked a stray hair behind her ear.

"What do you mean? Are you trying to say that you're still an employee in the Lu Group even after this?" Gracie shouted.

That was impossible! How did Janessa worm her way out of this? That wicked woman must have seduced Rayan. It couldn't be! Gracie had to see Rayan right now and find out for herself.

A woman like Janessa must be got rid of immediately!

"Feel free to discuss the matter with Mr. Lu. However, I recommend you explain how you formulated this plan to him instead."

After that, Janessa bypassed Gracie and walked into the elevator. When she looked back at Gracie, she saw Gracie glaring at her.

If she didn't leave at that moment, Gracie would've torn her apart.

The moment the elevator door closed, Gracie stomped into Rayan's office. She reigned in the urge to bang the door open and collected herself before she carefully knocked on the door.

"Come in." A low voice came from inside the room, and Gracie's heart thundered in her chest.

"Rayan, it's almost your lunch break. We should have lunch together." Gracie gave him a dazzling smile and pretended to be alright. She approached him and placed her slender hands on his broad shoulders.

After that, she gently massaged the tension away from his shoulders. It had been an exhausting day at work for Rayan.

With eyes closed, Rayan savored Gracie's massage. All of a sudden, Janessa popped into his mind. Rayan couldn't shake off the words she had told him moments before.

"It's your choice if you want to investigate Gracie or not. However, I recommend that you think objectively about this. Don't let your love blind you."

The last person Rayan would have suspected was Gracie, but Janessa's words suddenly made him doubt her. He had to know if she was the one behind this.

"Gracie, can you come here for a second?" Holding her hand, he guided her to face him, but Gracie hesitated.

"What's the matter? Are you tired? I could give you another massage. While I was abroad, I learned this technique from the other doctors there. My massage skills are superior to any masseuse you can get in the city!" Gracie wouldn't dare to look him in the eyes and was determined to continue massaging him.

"I don't want to ask you this, but I feel I have to. Were you involved in the matter concerning our cooperation with the Gu Group?"

Gracie's hands paused on his shoulders for a moment before she asked, "What did you say? Is this about the project you and Miss Qiu worked on?"

"Yes, that's right."

"I have no idea what you're talking about. Did Miss Qiu mention something to you?" Gracie couldn't believe what Janessa did. That woman actually told him it was her!