

## Chapter 99 A Good Show

As the question was so direct Rayan understood that it would not be appropriate to hide it anymore. If Nolan took the initiative to investigate the matter, it would not be a difficult feat to uncover the truth.

Rayan leaned against the sofa. On him leaned a girl in extremely sexy clothes and seductively placed a piece of watermelon in front of his mouth.

He took three shots of brandy in a row. He could feel the burning in his stomach and his head was getting heavy. Seeing the watermelon, he popped it inside his mouth without thinking twice.

The sensation of the cold watermelon down his throat felt relaxing.

"I have done my investigation carefully and now I am aware of the truth. Even if you avoid coming to me today, I will meet you tomorrow to clarify everything." The whole issue was connected to both the Lu and Gu Groups. Therefore it was important to handle it with care because any kind of mistake would end up harming the reputation of both the companies.

"Please give me a reasonable explanation Mr. Lu."

Nolan leaned towards Rayan in the expectation of an answer.

Rayan took a quick look at the people around him and commanded, "Get out!"

As it was matter concerning the two groups, it was a good idea to avoid any outsider from hearing anything about it.

Understanding that everybody would be sent away, the beautiful women were reluctant. But knowing that there was no way to offend a client they left without any complaint.

Nolan threw some bundles of cash to one of them. "These are yours. Leave us alone!"

Satisfied with the hefty tip, they left without a word.

Someone turned off the music as well. There was pin drop silence now.

"I have to take the responsibility for everything. There is a mole in my company. The hacker stole the most crucial document. True, it was in Janessa's system from where it was sent out to the public. But Janessa had nothing to do with this whole episode."

"Really? A hacker? But tell me, why did the hacker only attack Janessa's computer and not anyone else's?"

"I am taking the complete responsibility here. The Gu Group is willing to take two percent less on the revenue. We will also create a new plan that matches up to your satisfaction."

Though the situation had no simple solution it was important to answer the public. The Lu Group would easily solve it if the Gu Group let the whole thing go.

"That is funny. However, you don't have to be so tensed up, Mr. Lu. Ha-ha! I know everything about it. Just relax, buddy!" Nolan suddenly became less imposing but more casual as he closed upon Rayan.

He placed his arm around Rayan's shoulder and muttered, "You are such an honest person. You avoided drinking the whisky prepared for you, instead you drank brandy. You drank three shots straight. Have you lost it?"

For generations the Lu and Gu Groups have maintained a cordial relationship. But even after that they always prioritized work and remained strict about it.

But this time, whether it was for company or for their friendship, Rayan thought he should have drunk this much as an apology.

Just as he was about to drink again, Nolan furiously threw the bottle which slammed on the wall and shattered into pieces. The carpet glistened with the glass particles. The stench of alcohol filled the whole room.

"I just want to enjoy my drink. Is that not clear to you? I am astonished that you manage the Gu Group with such low IQ. Poor Uncle Gu. I am worried for him now." While pouring himself a glass of whisky he started laughing at Nolan.

"It is me who is worried about you. What makes you think you can make fun of me?" Seeing that his friend was okay, Nolan relaxed back to have his drink elegantly.

Rayan was acting weird. He kept on drinking without control. Was he trying to drink away his sorrows?

Instead of saying anything out loud, Nolan just observed him getting drunk. After what seemed like eternity he finally opened his mouth to say something.

"You need to stop right now. You have had enough to drink. I am not going to take the responsibility of driving you home if you're wasted." Nolan remembered that three years ago, Rayan had gotten himself seriously drunk after breaking up with Gracie.

He was the CEO of the Gu Group and the young master of the Gu family. But he had to carry a drunkard home. He had a terrible backache for three days after that.

Three full days!

He could never forget it.

"I do not need you to help me. I can manage to go home myself." He drank without a rest. The thoughts in his mind were completely entangled with each other. He was tired from handling that huge project as it was.

He was in a strange dilemma. He wished with all his heart to not believe Janessa but whenever he saw Gracie, the report came to his mind. It was like an uncomfortable reflex he was having.

Gracie's activities were suspicious and this made him super uneasy. He couldn't stop thinking about it.

"Well, what's bothering you? Share with me. I will help you analyze it." Nolan understood that there was some gossip doing rounds. The last time when Rayan went with Janessa to S City to meet him, Nolan knew there must be something going on.

"Have you always been such a gossipmonger, even after being the CEO of the Gu Group? Shows why you have such lazy employees. They pick up the habit from you."

The last time he and Janessa made a trip to the Gu Group to discuss a plan he was flabbergasted by the amount of gossip that people encouraged there.

It was exactly like the old saying: a crooked stick would have a crooked shadow.

"I get it that we need planning for the medicine industry, but you must not forget the core of our work is to manage the stars. Therefore a good gossip is the real essence of our work. Gossip helps you stay updated with every trend that comes and goes. It helps you stay relevant in the age of the internet."

Nolan realized that something was not right. He understood that Rayan was dodging all his questions and constantly changing the subject.

Something was definitely wrong. But he decided not push or make haste in order to find the truth.

Instead they ended up having a heart-warming conversation for a long while. Nolan just wanted to freshen up his relation with an old acquaintance. The moment he saw Rayan walked in, he became playful and acted like a tough CEO.

He was surprised that his friend was a good actor and he kept up the act really well.

They had a beautiful unspoken understanding between themselves.

Later that night, the two of them walked away from the bar arm in arm. Nolan asked his driver to take him home as he had an urgent work. Rayan also headed to his home.

Rayan did his best to keep his head clear when he sat at the bar. The moment he walked outside he was feeling extremely intoxicated, thanks to the strong gusts of wind.

On top of that, he vomited all over his car. He passed out eventually.

After they reached home, the driver somehow managed to get him out of the car. This time again he puked all over his car and the driver as well.

There was no one to help in the villa. The driver supported Rayan with his shoulder and with difficulty dragged him inside step by step.

