

## Chapter 58 The Arrogant Tess

Rhonda wanted to show her pitiful condition to Eliam. She had no lunch to eat even though she was at home.

However, to her utter surprise, the post garnered several people's concerns.

Santino asked why she ate instant noodles and reminded her that they weren't good for her health.

Robert asked her out for a big meal.

Margret said she looked artistic even while eating instant noodles.

Jennifer commented that Rhonda could be the best ambassador of instant noodles.

Even Ingrid had left a message asking her to look after herself.

However, Eliam didn't say anything.

Just then, she received a WhatsApp message from Giulio. "Are instant noodles delicious?"

"You are the CEO of a big company. How come you have the time to check other people's Facebook moments?"

"I, too, am a human being," replied Giulio. "I also have noon breaks."

"It's the weekend. Are you still at work?"

"I'm working overtime today," he replied.

"Then where do you have lunch?"

"I have ordered takeout," said Giulio.

Rhonda didn't know if he was telling the truth. Why would a billionaire

order a takeout?

If Santino hadn't gotten his job back, she would have thought Giulio had lied to her that he was the CEO of the Sloan Group.

"I haven't thanked you for helping me last time," said Rhonda. She referred to him hiring Santino back.

Giulio soon replied, "You haven't fulfilled your promise yet."

Rhonda's face changed.

"I didn't promise you anything."

"I can fire your ex-boyfriend any time," he threatened.

Rhonda frowned. "Whatever. I don't care. I have nothing to do with him."

However, Giulio didn't give up. "How about I give you five million dollars? Just for one night."

Rhonda became furious. "Do you think you can do whatever you want with money? I'm sorry. I am not a call girl."

"Isn't the money enough? That's the price for a top female star. Don't be too greedy."

His words infuriated Rhonda. She hadn't seen such a despicable man before. "It's not about money. You're talking to the wrong person."

"Well, you took the initiative last time," Giulio teased her.

Rhonda suppressed her anger and explained, "What happened last time was a mere accident."

Giulio lost his patience. "I don't like playing cat and mouse with women. Just name a price."

However, the message didn't get delivered.

Eliam's brows furrowed when he looked at the red exclamation mark. Rhonda had blocked him again.

He was surprised to see women being uninterested in money, especially

Rhonda. After all, she had admitted that money was very important to her.

When Kevin came to the office, he saw Eliam staring blankly at the cell phone with a long face. He was terrified to even utter a word.

Eliam finally looked up from his phone and noticed Kevin standing beside him. "What's up?"

"Mr. Sloan, the financial management and consulting contract with Eden Accounting is about to expire. Would you like us to renew it?"

"Do they offer a different price this time?"

"No, we will still be working on the original contract price. The annual service charge is thirty million dollars."

"Let's wait and see what other companies quote and then decide."

"Okay, but we will be launching a new project in the development zone. We need a professional financial team to guide us on the site. Our contract with Eden Accounting expires in a month. I'm afraid we can't launch the project in such a short time."

The new project in the development zone was one of the most crucial investments of Sloan Corporation this year, which would influence the company's growth and development in the next ten years.

Eliam knew his priority.

"All right. Renew the contract with Eden Accounting for three more months, but make sure they send the most capable team. We have to be careful about financial management in the early stage. We will set up a project team, and I will be in charge of it."

In the afternoon, Rhonda went to the hospital to visit Leonard. His operation went well, and he would be discharged in a few days.

Richard felt they should bring Leonard to the Sloan family's residence and hire a nursing worker to look after him. But Rhonda didn't want to burden Richard. She thought Leonard could live in her apartment. After all, Amanda would move out soon.

That evening, Rhonda returned home and chatted with Richard for a while. When she walked out of Richard's room, she saw Tess dragging a suitcase out of the master bedroom.

"What are you doing? That is my suitcase!"

"There are cockroaches in your room. I think something is wrong with this suitcase."

"My suitcase has been in the room for a long while. What's wrong with it?" Rhonda felt Tess was deliberately causing trouble.

"Your suitcase is the only thing that doesn't belong here. I think the cockroaches are coming from this suitcase," Tess said affirmatively.

"So what are you going to do?"

"I'm going to check if there are cockroaches in it." Tess handed the suitcase to Rhonda. "Or you can open it and check it yourself."

Rhonda took the suitcase and unzipped it. A bunch of black cockroaches swarmed out of it.

Rhonda screamed in fear and threw the suitcase away.

Seeing that, Tess burst out laughing.

"What the hell is going on? Why are cockroaches in my suitcase?" Rhonda felt Tess must have put the cockroaches into the suitcase.

"How would I know? We country folks know that cockroaches thrive in the dirt. I think your suitcase is too dirty. That's why too many cockroaches are inhabiting it." Tess kicked the suitcase in disgust, and the cockroaches continued to crawl out.

Rhonda controlled her disgust and tried calming down when she saw the cockroaches running around.

Rhonda felt Diana had sent Tess to drive her out of the house. She wouldn't let Tess fool her.

Rhonda calmly went to the bathroom, took out the insect repellant bottle, and sprayed at the cockroaches. Soon, all the cockroaches died.

Rhonda picked up her suitcase and walked to Tess. "I forgot to tell you that there is a surveillance camera in my room," she said coldly. "Let's forget about what happened now. However, I won't spare you if this happens again."

Tess was at a loss for words. She licked her lips guiltily.

Rhonda dragged the suitcase to her room. She was disgusted as she remembered cockroaches coming out of it.

Just then, she heard the door of the study open. Rhonda guessed it was Eliam.

Rhonda walked to the door and saw Tess enter the study.

She guessed Tess had gone to complain to Eliam.

However, Rhonda was not worried about it. She drank tea and waited for Eliam in her room.

Tess came out of the study after ten minutes.

Rhonda waited for another half an hour, but Eliam didn't come to her room.

She couldn't wait any longer and wanted to talk to him.

Rhonda walked to the study and gently knocked on the door.

"Anything else?" Eliam asked impatiently.

"It's me." Rhonda pushed the door open and walked in.

Eliam was sitting on the sofa with a computer on his laps as if engrossed in work.

Men looked charming when they were focused. Eliam was no exception.

Eliam's chin was propped on his left hand as he typed on the keyboard with his right hand. His wavy hair caressing his forehead shone amber in the light.

His side profile looked perfect. His long lashes seemed to curl up; his



bright eyes were fixed on the computer screen. His high nose and chiseled jawline made him look manly. His every feature was perfect.

He looked effortlessly handsome.

Just as Rhonda marveled at Eliam's features, he looked up and saw her.

They hadn't seen each other for a month. He felt Rhonda had lost weight.

There was a glint of pity in Eliam's eyes, but he quickly suppressed it.

"Why have you come back today?" he asked, trying to sound nonchalant.

"I came to visit Grandpa."

"Okay. How's Leonard's leg?" Eliam asked while typing on the keyboard.

"The operation is over. Everything went well."

"All right. I will visit him when I am free."

"No, thanks. I better not disturb you anymore." Rhonda wanted to talk with Eliam, but she felt that he didn't even want to see her.