

Chapter 1055 Face Everything Together

In the office of Solar Company, upon hearing the news over the phone, Doris's expression darkened. She managed a forced smile and thanked the person on the other end of the call. After hanging up, she abruptly stood up and stormed out of her office.

She intercepted Carl outside the CEO's office and swiftly pulled him aside into a nearby corridor.

"Miss Hoffman, you..."

Caught off guard, Carl steadied himself, only to be confronted by Doris's angry inquiry. "Did Marco buy that land in the suburbs and hand it over to the Universe Group? Is that true?"

Carl was taken aback but knew the secret couldn't be kept much longer. He nodded and said calmly, "This was Mr. Bryant's decision, and he has his reasons. We, as subordinates, should follow his lead."

Doris scoffed, "Reasons? I think he's lost his mind over that woman!"

Carl was shocked by her blunt words. Even though she was a founding member of the company and a close friend of Marco, her words were too harsh!

But he understood that Doris was concerned about the Solar Company's welfare, so he patiently explained, "The Universe Group is a partner of the Solar Company. It's a mutually beneficial relationship. Moreover, the Universe Group has

gained significant recognition recently, bringing considerable benefits to the Solar Company."

Doris sneered again, "Marco's doing all this for Loraine! Doesn't he see the current situation? The Universe Group is being targeted by the Wilson family. They're bound to suffer hits if not total ruin. They can barely protect themselves! So why are we not only continuing our partnership but also handing over such substantial benefits to them? How absurd!"

She took a deep breath, her emotions a mix of jealousy and anger, and said coldly, "I need to speak with Marco. I don't care who he's in love with, but the Solar Company isn't his personal property! I've been with the Solar Company from the start. I can't stand by and watch him ruin it!"

Carl hadn't known about her discussion with the Wilson family or that the Universe Group was being targeted. Yet, he recognized the logic in her concerns.

But having worked closely with Marco for years and trusting him deeply, he believed that Marco would not jeopardize the company's interests, even if it meant profiting Loraine.

With this in mind, Carl replied without hesitation, "Mr. Bryant makes the decisions here. You should respect that."

After speaking, Carl straightened his clothes, flashed a smile, mentioned he had tasks to attend to, and then walked away.

Doris was furious. Since Marco had been keeping his distance, it was hard for her to get a hold of him directly, so she hoped Carl could facilitate a meeting. However, she didn't expect Carl to be so stubborn and loyal to Marco.

Recalling the distressing information she had just received over the phone, her eyes darkened with anger as she muttered to herself, "I won't stand by and watch the Solar Company get dragged down! Marco, I'll show you that Loraine will only bring

you down, and I'm the one who can actually help you!"

As time passed, the situation for the Universe Group became increasingly dire. Despite Loraine's influence, she was unable to alleviate the mounting pressure from the Wilson family.

Even with Universe Group's established strength, the relentless pursuit by the Wilson family meant continuous financial blows and inevitable setbacks. This clash was shaping up to be a significant defeat for them since the Wilson family was just beginning to assert their power.

Loraine was struggling to deal with the situation. After two grueling days, she was both physically and mentally drained.

Just then, her phone buzzed on the table. She glanced at it and froze when she saw Marco's name.

She had been so absorbed in crisis management that she had neglected everything else, including Marco.

Marco's message was brief, saying, "Go downstairs. I'm waiting for you."

Loraine felt a lump in her throat and finally felt a little relaxed.

Marco sent someone to investigate after noticing Loraine's mood these past few days. Learning that the Universe Group was targeted, he immediately understood why Loraine hadn't been in touch and hurried to see her.

They finally met each other in the parking lot. Seeing that Loraine had lost weight made Marco even more concerned, so he approached and embraced her. He didn't ask questions or blame her; he simply offered comfort with a gentle voice.

It was only then, in his arms, that Loraine realized how tense she had been, feeling the soreness in her muscles relax.

Their deep understanding meant she didn't have to explain much.

In front of Marco, she could let down her guard and show her vulnerability.

"Actually, I'm scared I might not be able to keep going. I'm scared I might be the one to ruin the Universe Group. I'm just now realizing that in the past, others always managed the toughest challenges for me—like my grandfather, Cayson... I truly took on the company's challenges only after coming to Zodiac."

She whispered sadly, "Marco, I'm afraid I'm not doing enough."

Marco gently patted her back and comforted her. "I know, and that's why I'm here."

As Loraine calmed down, Marco looked into her eyes and said earnestly, "Loraine, I know these past few days have been tough for you, but next time, please think of me sooner. We promised to face everything together and support each other through it all."

Chapter 1056 Someone Who Is Resistant To Change

Loraine had been extremely busy since the incident. She often thought of Marco, but she didn't want to rely on him too much.

She knew it wasn't fair to pressure Marco into confessing everything. People often have reasons to keep things to themselves.

Marco understood her feelings and didn't blame her. He just hoped she would trust him more in the future.

Seeing Loraine's blank expression, Marco thought she was still feeling down. He rubbed his chin against her forehead and gently asked, "Can you promise me?"

Loraine felt his stubble on her forehead, making her giggle. She playfully pushed him away, saying, "Stop it!"

Seeing her happy, Marco smiled and tried even harder to cheer her up.

He pulled her close and pressed her against the seat. Then, with a playful grin, he said, "If you disagree, I'll just have to keep trying."

His continuous rub made Loraine burst into laughter. She felt so happy that her recent gloom disappeared, replaced by warmth and affection.

Even though she set the rules, Marco adapted to them, showing his concern in his own way.

Looking at Marco with her bright eyes, Loraine smiled and kissed him spontaneously.

Their kiss was full of passion. When they broke apart, they looked at each other with tenderness and satisfaction.

Snuggled in Marco's arms, Loraine said, "Those partners broke their promises under pressure from the Wilson family, but in the end, they were driven by greed and the desire for more benefits. To fix this situation, we need to offer something more tempting."

Loraine had been thinking hard about a solution, but she couldn't think of anything that would tempt the partners. However, by working with Marco, she believed they could achieve more with less effort.

Dropping his head a little, Marco asked, "What's your plan?"

With bright eyes and a confident manner, Loraine explained, "Zodiac is already well-equipped. Even with a new urban area, we won't be able to benefit much from basic facilities. So, I suggest we take a new approach and build an amusement park."

Marco agreed with her idea. After a moment of thought, he suggested, "For an amusement park to really stand out, it needs a unique advantage. We could make Qbot part of the park."

Loraine's eyes lit up, and she responded excitedly, "We can integrate artificial intelligence and holographic projections of Qbot into the amusement park. It would offer the most unique and innovative experience."

Feeling inspired, she began jotting down notes on her phone. Suddenly, she looked up and asked, "But is it appropriate for the Universe Group to use Qbot's patent?"

With a smile, Marco replied, "I've already discussed this with

Grandpa. My stance remains the same. As long as it makes you happy, I'm fine with it. Besides, it could be a deeper collaboration between Universe Group and Solar Company."

He then whispered in Loraine's ear, "You wouldn't let me lose money, would you?"

Blushing, Loraine nodded and said sincerely, "Since you trust me and the Universe Group, I won't let you down."

After the meeting, Loraine felt more confident and relieved.

However, to others, the Universe Group still appeared to be struggling under immense pressure.

Despite his demotion, Jaden still occupied his office. He answered the phone with a somewhat respectful expression.

After the call, he smirked with determination. He called his trusted subordinate into his office and shared something with him.

The next day, during a Universe Group meeting, Jaden continued to act as a leader despite his demotion. He spoke with enthusiasm and confidence.

"Everyone, it's not that I have an issue with Ms. Torres. We all know that when she stayed in Vagow and didn't meddle in the company's affairs, our company prospered. But we're facing a desperate situation now. If things keep going this way, Loraine will end up destroying the Universe Group. It would be a shame for the Torres family!"

As soon as he finished speaking, a clear voice came from the door, saying, "If the Universe Group is truly ruined, it'll be because of someone who's been too comfortable and resistant to change."