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Marco had laid bare her machinations. No matter how fervently Doris attempted to defend herself, her efforts were futile, engulfing her in a wave of ridiculous sorrow.

Little did she know, it was the Solar Company's robot that had empowered Loraine to triumph over her.

underestimation has sealed your fate!"

Then, turning to Loraine, Qbot looked for approval, its virtual eyes gleaming. "Mommy, did I do well?"

Amused and slightly bemused, Loraine couldn't help but respond with mixed emotions, "Remarkable! You truly are the best!"

Qbot's virtual image bounced joyfully on the screen, radiating unmistakable happiness.

Marco fixed a cold stare on Doris and asked pointedly, "Is there anything else you'd like to say now?"

Caught off guard, Doris fell silent, her eyes flicking between Qbot and Loraine, her face a mask of shock. Suddenly, she snapped, "What did you call Loraine?"

Qbot, retreating slightly toward Loraine as if seeking protection, murmured with a hint of grievance, "Mommy, the mean woman is being scary..."

"Mommy?" Doris' expression darkened further as realization dawned. She let out a mocking laugh, shot a scornful look at Marco, and then burst into sobs.

Qbot, visibly confused, nestled closer to Loraine, looking up at her with wide, curious eyes.

Loraine comforted Qbot with a gentle pat and directed her attention back to Doris.

Marco's face remained stoic as he heard Doris' sarcastic outburst.

"I remember when you created Qbot, you programmed it to recognize you as its father." Doris accused bitterly. "And now? How could you reprogram Qbot's perception for Loraine?" she continued, her voice harsh. "You're jeopardizing your career for her!"

Marco looked down briefly, then responded calmly, "I didn't alter anything. When I developed Qbot, I included information about both myself and my wife."

This revelation hit Doris like a ton of bricks. She recalled that Qbot was developed shortly after Marco's marriage, when Loraine was indeed his wife.

Doris had always underestimated Loraine, considering her inconsequential and naive. Yet, it seemed Marco had always valued Loraine, far more than Doris had ever realized.

Marco spoke in a calm, resolute tone. "Qbot is akin to my child, and Loraine was once my wife. We were bound to share a life together. I've always been transparent about Qbot's interactions with her. What harm is there in Qbot calling her 'Mommy'?"

The realization dawned on Doris sharply. When Marco had just married, she had timidly asked him about his wife. His silence had seemed like discontent, and subsequent events appeared to support her suspicion.

This led her to believe that his wife could never match up to her own stature.

Yet, it was only today that Doris understood she had misread Marco all along.

She had been wrong from the start.

With a rueful smile, Doris raised her head and wiped her face, trying to mask her emotions. Clinging to her pride, she gave Marco a cold look and said, "Marco, one day, you will face the consequences of your heartlessness."

Marco replied firmly, "Before that happens, you will have to answer for your actions against the Solar Company."

He didn't take her threats seriously but chose to offer her a final gesture of respect. He extended his hand, signaling the end of their discussion. Outside the office, Carl waited with the police.

Doris turned away and left with dignity, her heels echoing against the floor.

Once Doris had departed, Marco turned to Carl with a hint of sympathy in his voice. "After settling her affairs, please ensure she's escorted abroad. Doris is to sever all ties with the Solar Company."



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As Doris exited, an immediate hush fell over the office. Even Qbot seemed to sense Marco's foul mood and grew silent.

Loraine approached Marco, and they stood together at the French window, silently observing the scene below.

From the elevated vantage of the president's office, the figures on the street were barely distinguishable, appearing minuscule.

With a wry twist of his lips, Marco spoke. "When I went abroad, the Bryants offered no support. That's when I met some friends. Together, we started the Solar Company. Doris was among them. Doris hails from a wealthy Zodiac family. They sent her abroad to enhance her prospects, expecting her to return and marry. But she defied those expectations, choosing instead to join me. She was the most diligent among us. As the Solar Company began to stabilize, my family faced troubles. My grandmother summoned me home. Before I left, Doris confessed her love for me."

He shared his history with Loraine openly, concealing nothing.

Marco had always seen Doris merely as a friend, so he rejected her love firmly and returned home. For a while, his partners believed he fled abroad to escape her.

Marco's decision regarding Doris was swift and firm, yet only Loraine knew the sorrow he harbored from those days.

Loraine squeezed his hand softly. "I understand how you feel; our pasts mirror each other. What matters is that we move

forward."

Marco smiled, pulled her close, and together they gazed out the window in silence.

Even after Doris had departed, the chaos she left behind was Marco's to resolve. Over the years, he had given Doris significant authority, revealing several flaws only after her exit.

While addressing these issues, Marco received an urgent call from Phil. "Marco, why can't I reach Doris?"

Phil had long harbored feelings for Doris. Despite knowing her true sentiments, he never ceased his quiet support, often reaching out to her privately.

Marco was aware of all this and had kept Phil informed about the domestic situations.

Phil reacted with disbelief to the news. "I can't believe she would do that. We founded the Solar Company together... How could she..."

Marco's response was a sneer. Initially, he too had been skeptical, but the evidence was irrefutable.

It took Phil some time to come to terms with the truth. Then, with a heavy heart, he said, "I'm really sorry to hear that, Marco. Since we were once friends and now you've dismissed her, please don't take any further action against her, okay?"

Phil mustered his courage. "We all understand her feelings for you, but it's clear you've fallen for someone else. Now, it's impossible for her to be your girlfriend. I'll take her away; she won't be a problem for you anymore. Please, let her be."

Marco frowned. Likely, only Loraine could grasp his sadness for his friendship with Doris.

He didn't want to seem like he was seeking sympathy, but Phil's tone, distant yet respectful, left him feeling melancholic.

After a moment, Marco replied, "I've taken no action since her dismissal. Once she rectifies the damages, the police will release her."

Phil spoke with emotion. "Don't lie to me, Marco! I've spoken to the police. They've released her already, but I can't get in touch with her! Did you have her taken away?"

Marco was taken aback and furrowed his brow. He immediately contacted Carl for an investigation. After a thorough inquiry, Carl reported that Doris had been abducted by an unknown entity shortly after her release.

The recent disappearance of Marina flashed through Marco's mind, stirring a sense of foreboding.

Doris possessed sensitive information about the Solar Company. If her captors were linked to the same group that had previously abducted Marina, the potential damage to the company could be catastrophic!

He instructed Carl to initiate a search for Doris without delay. Yet, they were not the only ones in Zodiac seeking her.

At the Wilson family estate, Kaley was disgruntled upon learning that Doris had been exposed without causing any harm to Loraine. She viewed Doris's inaction as incompetence.

Doris was privy to secrets concerning their covert dealings. Kaley could not afford for Marco to learn of her schemes through Doris. Thus, upon hearing of Doris's arrest, Kaley had dispatched one of her men to intervene at the police station.

Shortly after, her operative returned with unsettling news: "Doris is missing!"