

## Chapter 1077 Firsthand Experience

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The couple's fans were particularly delighted, declaring Marco and Loraine's partnership as the most captivating and perfect match, boosting the couple's popularity significantly within the fandom.

However, not everyone was pleased. Amid the widespread acclaim, some skeptics left snarky comments under the promotional posts.

"Is this supposed to be a commercial or just a chance for these two to show off their romance? I'm just looking for a place to enjoy Christmas, not to get caught up in someone else's love story!"

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"Some advertisements using love as a gimmick undoubtedly won't live up to the actual product!"

Critics also highlighted the heavy post-production effects applied to the promotional photos, claiming they were too glossy and unrealistic. These skeptics accused the Universe Group of misleading advertising.

Faced with these criticisms, many expressed agreement, casting doubt on the integrity of the Universe Group's campaign.

In a strategic move to counter the skepticism, the Universe Group announced a special pre-opening event. They would invite 100 visitors to preview the theme park before its official launch, promising an authentic firsthand experience.

Simultaneously, they released a trailer announcing the grand opening of the theme park on Christmas Eve.

The promotional photos had already generated significant buzz, and the announcement of the preview event further fueled public interest. The prospect of being among the first to experience the park stirred a frenzy among netizens, with many lamenting that only one hundred spots were available and expressing hope that they might be among the fortunate few.

When the day of the selection arrived, millions participated online. The chosen few celebrated their luck, while those not selected expressed envy, urging the winners to share their experiences promptly.

Following the preview, the feedback from the selected visitors was overwhelmingly positive. They praised the innovative experiences offered by the theme park, significantly boosting anticipation for its official opening.

While the public's excitement for the theme park mounted, Marco faced a different challenge.

Doris had disappeared without a trace, reminiscent of Marina's earlier disappearance.

Understanding the potential threats posed by Doris's absence, Marco was proactive.

While continuing the search for Doris, he began reorganizing the Solar Company's internal structure to mitigate any possible repercussions from her actions, determined to minimize any damage she might still inflict.

The structural simplicity and long-standing stability of the Solar Company's organization meant that making significant changes was a challenging task. Recently, Marco had been heavily involved in this intricate process, leaving him visibly exhausted.

Loraine, busy with her own commitments at the theme park, still made time to check on Marco at the Solar Company, concerned about his well-being.

She noticed the immense pressure he was under and decided to plan a surprise to cheer him up.

On Christmas Eve, after finalizing details on another project, Marco sat back, exhausted. Glancing at his watch, he found himself lost in thought.

He had grown accustomed to Loraine's daily visits, but today, she was unusually absent at her usual time.

Worry quickly set in as Marco feared something might have happened to her, reminiscent of a past incident when he couldn't be there for her during a car accident. He hastily reached for his phone to call her, determined to ensure she was safe.

Just as he dialed her number, a cheerful and unusual ringtone echoed from the door. Startled, Marco stood and walked over to open it.

There, to his surprise and relief, stood Loraine. She was dressed

in casual attire, complete with a moose collar pin that added a playful touch to her outfit, making her look like a spirited college student.

With a bright smile, she greeted him. "Christmas is coming, dear Santa. Would you like to accompany me to visit the Christmas theme park that we designed together?"

## Chapter 1078 Will You Marry Me

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As Christmas approached, Marco, preoccupied with work, was suddenly reminded of the festive season's imminence by Loraine's visit.

He felt a surge of warmth and joy, promptly taking Loraine's hand with an enthusiastic. "Of course!"

Marco experienced a twinge of guilt; he knew Loraine had been busy with the theme park's opening, yet here he was, absorbed in his work and somewhat neglecting her. Recognizing his oversight, he appreciated her more for looking after his well-being during such a hectic time.

Loraine, noticing his thoughtful gaze, flashed a playful smile and tugged him outside, breaking his train of thought.

Outside, the world was blanketed in snow. Loraine, donned in a white down jacket, frolicked ahead like a sprite in the winter wonderland, her joy infectious.

Though Marco wasn't dressed as Santa, his presence was nonetheless striking as he followed, his face softened by a rare, tender smile.

Driving to the theme park, they were astounded by the overwhelming turnout—far exceeding their initial estimates.

At the park's entrance, staff dressed as Santas struggled to organize the excited crowd that had gathered in great numbers.

Inside, the park was alive with technological marvels.

Holographic NPCs mingled with guests, adding a magical touch, while a holographic Santa soared overhead, dropping candies and gifts, eliciting cheers of delight from the crowd.

Hidden among these treats were special surprises, redeemable at a giant Christmas tree central to the park's theme, adding an element of treasure hunt excitement.

Visitors' faces were alight with joy, and Loraine watched the lively scene, her eyes shining with pride and happiness.

Blending in like any other couple, Loraine and Marco joined the queue to enter. As they did, a holographic reindeer approached Loraine, pausing to welcome her before dissolving into a flurry of snowflakes.

Every guest at the theme park was greeted by a unique, randomized welcome scene, thanks to Qbot's powerful computational capabilities, ensuring smooth interactions despite the large crowds.

Loraine, reveling in the festive atmosphere, guided Marco through the park's couple-friendly attractions. As they explored, the snowflakes gently settling on her eyebrows added to her charm, captivating onlookers.

Marco, typically reserved and serious, found himself unwinding and embracing a more youthful demeanor in Loraine's presence.

Together, they laughed and screamed with delight on the rides, shedding the weight of their usual responsibilities.

After enjoying a ride, they were greeted by a shower of candies and gifts from a passing Santa Claus. A gift box adorned with a red silk ribbon landed in Loraine's outstretched hands.

Excited, she exclaimed, "It's a hidden surprise! Marco, we are so lucky!"

Marco's heart warmed at her words, the joy visible in his expression.

The stress of recent days seemed to melt away as he replied with a smile, "Shall we go redeem our gift now?"

Hand in hand, they hurried towards the towering Christmas tree in the center of the park. Gone was Loraine's authoritative air; she was just another excited visitor, eagerly anticipating the prize.

At the redemption counter, the staff member glanced up to see the company president herself, waiting with childlike anticipation. Quickly recovering from the surprise, the staff member handed over two festive gifts—a Santa hat for Marco and a reindeer headband for Loraine.

Loraine immediately tried on the reindeer headband and turned to Marco with a beaming smile. "Beautiful?" she asked, her eyes sparkling with happiness.

Marco nodded, his affection for her evident in his smile. "Absolutely beautiful," he replied, his voice filled with warmth and admiration for both Loraine and the magical moment they were sharing.

Their intimate moment was unexpectedly captured; they turned to see a visitor with a camera.

The visitor, enthusiastic about the snapshot he had taken, quickly printed the photo and handed it to them, commenting, "You two make a perfect match. It's beautiful!"

Loraine expressed her thanks, surprised by the gesture. It was then the man recognized her, exclaiming, "Are you Loraine from the promotional photos?"

His words caught the attention of nearby people, quickly drawing a crowd. The admirers, recognizing Loraine alongside



Marco, cheered them on. Marco, ever protective, gently pulled Loraine away from the growing throng.

As they escaped, real snowflakes mingled with holographic ones, dusting their hair and clothing, enhancing the magical atmosphere. It felt as though they were in a secluded wonderland, destined to be together.

Once they found privacy, both caught their breath from the swift retreat. Marco then turned to face Loraine, the festive lights casting a glow around them, and gifts cascading in the background.

In that enchanted moment, he dropped to one knee, produced a ring, and with heartfelt sincerity in his voice, he proposed. "Loraine, will you marry me?"