

Chapter 1341 A Strange Interview

These days, Loraine had been waiting for the interview invitation from the new company.

Finally, it arrived at noon.

It caught her by surprise. She ran to Ariadna's room and yelled excitedly, "I just got an interview offer from a new production company!"

At that time, Ariadna had just put her baby to sleep. A smile broke on her face at Loraine's good news. "Really? That's amazing!"

Noticing that the baby was asleep, Loraine took Ariadna to the living room. "Let's talk outside," she said in a hushed voice.

It was not until they entered the living room that Ariadna realized something. "Wait, a new production company? You're not talking about the one recommended by the agent?"

Loraine shook her head. "No. I looked into it myself and found that that company doesn't have a good reputation. They make a profit out of shady dealings and take advantage of new actors and actresses. I sent my resume to another company, and they just got back to me. I have an interview with them this afternoon," she explained.

"Which company?" Ariadna asked with a frown.

"Happy Stream Pictures," Loraine answered honestly.

The name was vaguely familiar, but Ariadna couldn't



remember it exactly. She opted to just warn Loraine. "Then just be careful. If anything happens, call me, okay?"

Loraine nodded and smiled. "Okay. Just wait. I'll make sure to give you good news!"

She chatted for a while with Ariadna, then went to get ready for her interview. Tidying herself up and finishing with light makeup, she then headed to the company.

When she arrived, she went into the meeting room and smiled calmly. "Hello, I'm here for the interview."

One of the interviewers wore a pair of earphones. He looked at Loraine first, then at the documents in his hand. "You may introduce yourself first," he said.

"Okay," Loraine replied cordially and smoothly began her self-introduction.

The interviewer seemed to be satisfied. After that, he asked a few more questions, but they were more for the sake of formality rather than an actual interview.

The weird thing was, he would occasionally touch his earphones when he was asking questions. It almost looked like he was waiting for someone else's instructions.

Loraine noticed it and looked at him skeptically.

Seemingly sensing her unease, the other interviewer quickly stepped in and smoothed things over. She quickly explained, "Don't worry. You're an excellent candidate, and one of our senior executives is impressed. Unfortunately, he couldn't come to the interview, so we're listening to his opinions on the line."

However, instead of feeling at ease, Loraine only grew more suspicious.

Why would a senior executive be interested in her, a random applicant? She couldn't help but assume he had some unsavory intentions.

Her own thoughts took her aback. It was an open secret that a lot of shady dealings happened within the industry.

Loraine pondered for a while and decided to be straightforward. "I'm only here to apply for a job. Nothing else."

The interviewers had wry expressions, realizing that Loraine had misunderstood.

The interviewer who had just spoken smiled and explained patiently, "There is nothing to worry about. Our senior executive is also a woman. She desires to recruit a capable candidate. Nothing more."

It was not until then that Loraine realized she misread the whole thing with her overthinking. Embarrassed, she hurriedly apologized. "I'm so sorry. I meant no offense or disrespect."

"None taken. Actually, it's a good thing for young girls like you to be vigilant, especially in this kind of industry," the interviewer graciously answered.

After this faux pas, the interview went on.

It concluded with an offer from the company.

They were so impressed that they announced the result on the spot. "Congratulations. You've passed the interview. Welcome to join Happy Stream Pictures."

Loraine was a little surprised. She didn't expect things to go this smoothly. She stood up to express her gratitude. "Thank you. You can rest assured that I will take my job seriously and give this company my loyalty."

"We appreciate that. For now, you can go home and rest for a few days. We'll arrange an agent for you. They would explain the specifics to you later on."

"Okay."

With that, Loraine left after thanking them again.

As soon as she was gone, the interviewer wearing earphones quickly spoke to the person on the line. "Sir, what if she finds out that you're actually a man?"

On the other side, Marco smiled and said, "It doesn't matter. This company was previously registered under Ariadna's name by the Cruz family. If people look into the actual documents, she would be the CEO. My cousin may not have been showing up these days, but I have no intention of usurping her position. Ariadna is and will always be the CEO. End of story."



Chapter 1342 Portrait Session

As soon as Loraine stepped through the door, excitement bubbled up inside her. She could hardly contain herself; she had to share the wonderful news with Ariadna right away.

Ariadna beamed with joy and clasped Loraine's hands tightly. "That's amazing! You're so talented and beautiful. You're destined to be a shining star!"

Loraine shared in Ariadna's excitement, eagerly anticipating the moment the world would hear her song. She could hardly wait to share her passion and let her voice resonate with everyone.

"I'll whip up a feast tonight. Let's celebrate!" Ariadna exclaimed, her eyes sparkling with enthusiasm.

Loraine couldn't help but pull Ariadna into a warm hug. "Thank you," she said, her voice filled with gratitude. "Thank you for always encouraging and supporting me."

Afraid that their emotions would get the best of them, Ariadna quickly added, "Come on! Why don't you go rest for a bit? I'll handle the cooking!"

"Let me help you!" Loraine offered. However, her phone rang.

"Go ahead and answer your call," Ariadna said with a smile. "I can handle this myself!"

With a nod, Loraine headed to the living room, knowing she had to answer the call.

"Hello, Alice. This is Rita Pierce, your agent. I'll be working with you from now on." Rita's voice was warm yet professional.



Loraine greeted her politely and then asked, "What's our next step?"

"Get ready," Rita said. "The company has enlisted you in a singing variety show for your debut. Your next task is to participate in it. Please come by tomorrow for your portrait session first."

After finalizing their appointment, Loraine hung up the phone, a mix of excitement and nerves swirling inside her.

Soon, the dinner was ready.

As they ate, Loraine shared her upcoming plans with Ariadna, mentioning that she would be taking a portrait tomorrow for the show.

Upon hearing this, Ariadna barely had time to finish her meal. She dashed to the bedroom and retrieved a stunning, beautifully designed dress.

Loraine gazed at the dress in awe and asked, "Is this your new creation?"

"It's for you! My designs are finally getting their moment," Ariadna said with a smile, handing the dress to Loraine.

Loraine felt tears welling up as she accepted the dress. "Thank you! I promise, I will make a successful debut!" she said with determination.

The next morning, Loraine slipped into the dress and headed to the shooting location bright and early.

Rita had been waiting for her in the studio and immediately recognized Loraine from the photos. She waved and called out, "Alice, over here!"

It was then that Loraine noticed Rita's fashionable style and

her enthusiastic demeanor.

She trotted over to Rita and bowed slightly. "Hello, Miss Pierce!" she greeted her cheerfully.

To alleviate the awkwardness of their initial encounter, Rita stated plainly, "Don't be nervous. You can simply call me Rita."

Then Rita looked Loraine up and down, unable to hold back her admiration. "That dress looks stunning on you! You won't even need a stylist!"

Loraine smiled shyly and asked, "So, are we going to start the shoot now?"

Rita explained, "It's going to take a little while. Someone is shooting inside—an accomplished actor. But don't worry; just act natural. While we need to be tactful in this business, there's no need to grovel."

Loraine nodded. "I understand."

Before long, it was her turn for the shoot.

As soon as Loraine stepped into the studio, she encountered Vincent, who had just wrapped up his shoot.

Thinking he must be the great actor Rita mentioned, she greeted him politely, "Nice to meet you, sir."

After saying that, Loraine realized the man looked familiar. Then it dawned on her that he was famous—perhaps she had seen him in a movie before.

With that thought in mind, Loraine decided not to dwell on it. She simply smiled at him and headed straight in to prepare for her shoot.

However, the moment Vincent laid eyes on her, he was taken aback. By the time he regained his composure, she had already



positioned herself in front of the green screen, ready to shoot.

As he observed the shoot from a distance, Vincent couldn't shake the feeling that her eyes were oddly familiar.

He couldn't help but ask his agent, "I don't think I've seen her before. Who is she? Is she new here?"

The agents were well-informed; many had heard that Happy Stream Pictures had recently signed a new singer.

His agent replied candidly, "She's the new singer at Happy Stream Pictures. I heard Marco personally signed her."

Upon hearing that she had been personally signed by Marco, Vincent frowned. He glanced at the new singer again and noticed that her eyes bore a striking resemblance to Loraine's.

Vincent was taken aback for a moment. Then he recalled Damon mentioning that Marco didn't seem to treat "Loraine" as well as he used to.

Deep down, he felt something was amiss. So he quickly instructed his assistant to drive straight to Marco's house. He needed to confront him for an explanation.

