

## Chapter 152 The New Director

Loraine and Allen didn't waste any time loitering around the airport and climbed straight into the car. Loraine's pink Bugatti Veyron had been destroyed in the car accident. This time, she chose a more low-key silver Mercedes-Benz.

After they got into the car, Loraine glanced at Allen and sighed disapprovingly at him.

"Allen, you shouldn't have said that. You should try to be more extroverted and accept the kindness of others gracefully when given to you."

Loraine met Allen when she was studying abroad five years ago. He was a renowned genius in artificial intelligence, and she had the chance to come upon him when their two schools had to cooperate with each other on a project.

At that time, he was more introverted than he was now. To work with him and complete the project efficiently, Loraine had to spend a lot of time and effort getting along with him until they finally became friends.

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"Yeah. I know. I'll try." Allen nodded. He pulled out a red gift box from his bag and handed it to Loraine. "This is a gift for you to make up for the wedding gift I haven't given you. I wish you a happy marriage!"

Loraine stared at the box with her mouth slightly open, rendered speechless.

She was divorced now, so wasn't it too late to be giving her a wedding gift?

Seeing the earnest look on Allen's face, Loraine sighed. "Your gift is late. I'm divorced now."

"Oh, I see." Allen was surprised for a second. "Then, I wish you a happy divorce."

Loraine was completely flabbergasted. She gingerly accepted the gift from him and muttered awkwardly, "Thank you. I'll take it."

"You're welcome! It's my pleasure." A genuine grin spread across Allen's face.

"But..." Studying the oblivious man, Loraine tilted her head playfully. "Allen, if you want to congratulate me, then please do me a favor."

Allen's eyebrows knit together in confusion, but when he noticed the mischievous grin on her face, a daunting shiver went down his spine.



He had a terrible feeling about this.

At the Universe Group building

The CEO's office was crowded with a group of men dressed in sharp, expensive suits and shiny leather shoes.

Ever since Loraine took office as the joint president of Universe Group, the members of management had changed greatly. Faustino, the former director of the research and development department, was fired. Jolie was promoted to replace Loraine's position as director.

This caused many of the directors to become dissatisfied.

They decided to gather together to complain to Cayson.

"Mr. Benton, since Loraine Torres has taken to the office, your right to exercise power at the company has been significantly reduced. You've managed Universe Group quite proficiently so far, but she has messed everything up. If it goes on like this, the company will go bankrupt sooner or later. As long as you choose to fight against her, we will be sure to offer you our full support!"

The board members attempted to push and encourage Cayson to stand up and fight against Loraine.

However, Cayson stood firm and refused to do as

they wished.

"Everyone, I'm afraid you've forgotten that Loraine is the rightful heir to Universe Group. I am just the acting CEO. I'm simply managing the company for her."

"You shouldn't underestimate yourself or your capabilities. Whether you can maintain control of Universe Group depends entirely on your ability," Howell Cohen, a board member, said. "Mr. Benton, we all agree that Loraine is far too young and impulsive to manage the company efficiently."

"Exactly!" The others in the room echoed his sentiment.

Just as they were getting more and more agitated, their noise was cut short when the office door was suddenly swung open.

"If you have something to say, you can tell me to my face. Why do you bother Cayson instead?"

Loraine stood at the door, gazing amusedly at the group of people arguing in the office.

The board members glanced at each other. Then Howell decided to confront her.

"In that case, let's not beat around the bush and get straight to the point. You fired Faustino as soon as you took to office. Even if he has done something wrong, you should've found a successor capable enough to take over his position before you fired him. It's difficult to recruit the right people for such an



important position. Now the position is vacant. It's inevitable for the employees to be restless. Don't you agree?"

Howell was complaining that Loraine was inadequate and had no clue how to manage the company.

"Who said I didn't find a successor for this position?" Loraine lifted her chin and grinned confidently, her eyes sparkling. "I've recruited the most qualified director."

There was a few seconds of silence before they snorted.

"Are you kidding me? Advanced talents in research and development are incredibly rare. How could you have found a capable successor at such short notice? Did you randomly find someone in the street?"

Ignoring their blatant mockery, Loraine turned to the ajar door and called into the hallway.

"Come in."

Then a young man strode in.

When the crowd in the room saw him, they were astonished. "It's the genius of research and development, Allen Norris! How is this even possible?"

"Do you think he's qualified enough to be the new director of the research and development department?" Loraine cocked her head to one side and asked teasingly.

Of course, he was more than qualified.

If Allen was not qualified enough, no one else in the world could be qualified.

Even if some of the board members weren't particularly knowledgeable about technology and research development, they had read the recent news of a genius' arrival and were aware of how excellent this genius was in research and development.

They didn't expect that out of all the hungry recruiters eager to poach Allen, Loraine successfully recruited him.

This was enough to prove Loraine's ability to employ capable people, and the board members who were previously opposed were now completely convinced.

"Now that there is no objection, I declare Allen as the new director of Universe Group's research and development department from now on!" Loraine announced with finality in her tone.





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"Miss Torres, you've already made up your mind. Why are you asking us?" Howell snorted angrily.

Loraine retorted immediately, "Then I won't bother asking for your opinion from now on. Don't worry. I'll only pay attention to the real talents. I won't waste time and resources on useless people."

Loraine's words were like a slap in the face.

Howell's face darkened in anger and embarrassment.

But most of the directors who had remained neutral now began to support Loraine, especially those who held the most shares of the company. It was only natural that they would do everything to protect their own interests.

Previously, they had been worried that Loraine would not know how to manage the company. Now that she had proven to be competent, they had decided to support her to develop Universe Group into a bigger and stronger business empire.

They didn't care who controlled the company. They only cared about leadership that could make money for them.

Since there were no more objections, Loraine was now

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recognized as the president.

"I'm impressed, Lorrie," Cayson said, smiling at Loraine. Then, he turned to the new director of the research and development department. "Welcome to Universe Group, Allen."

Allen didn't respond. He could only scratch his head with a confused look on his face. He had a feeling that he had been cheated.

After returning to her office, Loraine sat behind the desk and heaved a deep sigh of relief.

Cayson soon came over and knocked on the open door. "Lorrie, Marina is here. She wants to see you. Do you want to see her?"

Learning from the past occurrences, Loraine curled her lips and said, "No, let her go."

"Are you sure?" Cayson smiled. "She said she came to make an apology."

"I don't care about her apology. I'm afraid she would only try to annoy me," Loraine said scornfully.

"I see," Cayson nodded. Then he turned to his man and ordered, "Get rid of Marina. Don't let her in."

After that, Cayson left and Loraine devoted herself to her work.

At the close of business, Loraine was about to go home when she heard Marina shouting outside the



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"Lorraine Torres! Come out! I know you're inside. Don't be such a coward!"

She was like a sticky candy that Lorraine couldn't get rid of.

Fed up with her disturbance, Lorraine opened the door suddenly.

Marina was standing outside, itching to get in and find Lorraine. When the security guard was not paying attention to her, she raised her leg and wanted to kick the door to vent her anger, but just then, the door was suddenly opened from inside.

Taken unawares, Marina ended up kicking empty air and fell heavily on the floor. Coincidentally, she happened to land right in front of Lorraine.

It seemed as if she was kneeling in front of Lorraine.

Lorraine looked down and sneered. "It's kind of sincere to apologize like this."

The employees around all burst into laughter.

Some of them even brought out their mobile phones to take photos and record videos.

When Marina discovered what they were doing, she exploded in anger.

"Don't you dare take pictures of me!" Marina shouted at them.

"Marina, don't forget what you came to do here. Get out of here if you don't want to apologize!" Loraine scolded.

"Loraine Torres!"

Marina wished she could just tear Loraine apart.

But when she thought of what Liza and Marco would do, she was forced to calm down. If she didn't apologize, she would be punished again at home. She didn't want to be asked to kneel again.

Thinking of this, Marina had no choice but to lower her head and squeeze out the words. "I'm sorry!"

The moment the words left her mouth, Marina felt very relieved, even though she didn't really mean them.

She could now tell her family that she had made the apology to Loraine.

But Loraine responded sarcastically, "If an apology is useful, why do we need the police?"

"Loraine! Are you kidding me?" Marina was furious, but she didn't know what to do. "I've already apologized. What else do you want from me?"

With a cold expression, Loraine said, "You deserve this. I will treat you the way you have treated me."

Marina shivered as if someone had poured cold water on her. All her arrogance disappeared in an instant and she looked at Loraine in fear.



Apparently, Loraine still held a grudge against her for what happened during those three years she spent with the Bryant family.

"Let bygones be bygones. What else do you want? Do you want me to be your servant?" Marina asked helplessly.

"Bygones?" Loraine sneered. "It's easy for you to just say such words."

As she spoke, the events of the past flashed back through her mind. All her memories of Marina could were about bitterness and abuse.

"As a countrywoman, you are highly privileged to marry my brother. It doesn't matter much if you're expected to do housework!"

"You're such a loser. You haven't given birth to a child after spending three years in this family. You can't even cook or sweep the floor properly like a good housemaid. So, of what use are you?"

"Remember, when Keely comes back, you'd better make way for her. You don't deserve to be Mrs. Bryant!"

"Apologizing is not enough. Keely has lost a kidney, so you should compensate her by donating one for her!"

Everything was still vivid in Loraine's mind.

Thinking of all the humiliation she had suffered in the past, Loraine stared coldly at Marina without saying a

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word.

Having such a cold gaze fixed on her, Marina's heart trembled in fear. She couldn't help but remember the day when Loraine stabbed her with a dagger at the hospital.

Was Loraine going to do something to hurt her again?

Marina became so frightened that she suddenly took to her heels and ran away without looking back.

