

Chapter 16 The Ex-couple's Quarrel

"Get out of my way!"

Lorraine tried to leave, but Marco held her back.

"Why are you here, Lorraine?"

Marco's tone was filled with inexplicable resentment and suspicion.

Lorraine rolled her eyes at him and scoffed.

"Marco, who do you think you are? Why do I have to answer to you? Stop poking your nose in my business!"

"What's wrong with you? I just saved you from that pervert. The least you can do is say thank you!" Marco roared.

"Did I ask for your help?" Lorraine fired back, her eyes blazing.

The next second, she took out the pepper spray from her bag and shook it in front of Marco.

Lorraine said with disdain, "See? I had it all under control. But you butted in and spoiled my

plan. For your information, I'm no longer the spineless woman you used to know. The bad experience I had in your family made me a tough cookie."

Marco was rendered speechless.

Guilt and regret filled his heart when he thought about how Loraine suffered at the hands of his family.

Just as the ex-couple held each other's stare in silence, Loraine's colleague, Jolie Robles, came over.

"Loraine, Mr. Gray just ran to us as if he had seen a ghost. He said that the party is over. What happened? Are you all right?"

"I'm fine, Jolie. Thanks for asking."

Jolie's cubicle was next to Loraine's. She was very friendly. At work today, she taught Loraine the ropes of all the projects the department was currently working on.

Jolie patted her chest and breathed a sigh of relief. "I'm leaving now. How about we go home together?"

"No, I'll drive her home," Marco piped up.

It wasn't until this moment that Jolie noticed the man standing next to Loraine. Her eyes

widened suddenly. "You are..."

She was just about to blurt out his name in excitement. But when she saw his sharp eyes, she sealed her mouth.

"Ahem! I just remembered that I have an important errand to run. Bye, Loraine!" Jolie took to her heels without giving her colleague a chance to speak.

Marco smiled with satisfaction. He felt relieved after finding out that Loraine was here for a department party. He said to her, "Let's go. I'll give you a ride home."

There was a hint of expectation in his tone.

"No, thanks. I don't accept rides from just anybody," Loraine refused coldly.

She slung her bag on her shoulder and began to walk away. However, he blocked her.

Marco uttered, "There is no room for negotiation. I'm not a stranger, Loraine. You are safer riding with me than in a taxi at this hour. Don't be stubborn."

Loraine guffawed mockingly. "You have got to be kidding me, Marco. What makes you a safer choice? Besides, why are you so hell-bent on giving me a ride? If you want to act like you

are a good man, get someone else to be your co-star. I don't have time for games!"

In the past, he never did anything for her. He dismissed her needs and never stayed at home. The only woman he cared about and moved mountains for was Keely.

Why was he pestering her now that she didn't want anything to do with him? What a troublesome man!

"I'm acting like a good man? Didn't you learn anything from what almost happened to you just now?" Marco grunted. "Universe Group is not a safe place for you to work. It's bad enough that your superior sexually harassed you. Such a thing would never happen in Bryant Group. My employees are good and morally upright."

Marco had it in mind to persuade her to quit her job. He planned on arranging a suitable position for her in his company.

But Loraine was livid even before he finished speaking.

How dare he insinuate that her father's company was bad? Was he doing this to provoke her?

With a sneer, Loraine shook off his hand and said sarcastically, "Are you insinuating that

Universe Group is bad? Do you think your company is better than it? The nerve of you, Marco! You used your company's account for your selfish motives and slung mud on me. But you are here acting all righteous!"

It was actually Marina who did all those things. Nonetheless, Marco didn't argue. He blamed himself for not managing his company well enough. Something of that magnitude wouldn't have happened under his nose if he was stricter.

"I'm sorry about that, Loraine. If you want, I can issue a statement to clarify everything. I promise that such a thing won't happen again."

Loraine eyed him. She didn't believe a word that came out of his mouth.

In her opinion, he was just apologizing because the scandal was affecting the stock price of his company. She also reasoned that he was doing it to protect his lover, Keely.

"Spare me your lies, Marco. I've had it up to here with you and Keely. Stay out of my life!"

After shouting these words, Loraine walked out without a backward glance.

Marco was shocked by the determination in her eyes.

He froze on the spot. His tongue went dry. He stared at her back in a daze for what seemed like ages.

