

Chapter 222 Arrangement

Standing in front of the camera, Loraine, wearing a delicate make-up, had a slightly surprised expression, while Marco looked down at her with tenderness and affection in his eyes.

It was rare for a photographer to take photos of a couple in such perfect position, so the photographer seized the opportunity and took dozens of photos in an instant.

Loraine suddenly came to her senses and pushed Marco away.

She had not come here to take photos with him.

The photographer sighed and dropped the camera reluctantly. At least, he had gotten some nice photos already.

Marco was also disappointed. He was not happy to be pushed away like that.

Frowning in displeasure, Loraine looked up at him and said straightforwardly, "This is not the time to discuss any issue of partnership. Please leave. The staff responsible for the project will contact you."

Marco knew that he shouldn't push his luck too far. If he irritated her, Loraine might decide to not go ahead with the partnership.

So, he moved away from her albeit reluctantly.

Before leaving, he gave Godwin's hand that held Loraine a while ago a sharp glance.

"You're only supposed to be taking photos. Behave yourselves," Marco scolded in a tone so cold that it sent shivers down the spine of everyone.

Godwin was irritated. "This is the photo shoot of our band. You shouldn't be so nosy."

Marco's face darkened in anger. "What did you just say?"

At this point, Loraine was beginning to feel embarrassed and she nudged Marco. "Please leave. Right now!"

The other members of the band quickly intervened and asked Godwin to take things easy.

With one sweeping look at all of them, Marco snorted angrily and marched out of the place.

As soon as he left, the tension in the studio disappeared.

Carlos breathed a deep sigh of relief. "Oh, my God. The way he looked at Godwin's hand, I thought he was going to cut it off!"

"Godwin, why did you quarrel with him in the first place?" Larry asked worriedly. "You shouldn't have done that."

Leon nodded. "Exactly. You need to be careful, Godwin. He is so powerful and influential. His actions can affect the economy of Vagow. You shouldn't provoke him even though you're from a rich family."

But Godwin was not comfortable hearing all these admonitions from his friends.

Glancing at Loraine, he pursed his lips and said in a low voice, "I'm fine. I'm just worried about Alice."

The other members exchanged a tacit look, but no one said anything.

Loraine didn't notice the look they exchanged, so she comforted Godwin. "Look, I'm the president of Universe Group. I'm not afraid of him, so don't worry about me."

It was Marco and his company who were begging to partner with her, so she had every reason to be fearless.

But Godwin was still not convinced. "Alice, even if he can't do anything to you, it's an undeniable fact that he once hurt you and then divorced you."

After he learned of her real identity, Godwin had looked into her past with the help of his family's connections. So, he knew exactly what Loraine had suffered while she was Marco's wife.

And this made him despise Marco even more.

When Loraine was his wife, Marco ignored her

because he and his family did not know who she really was.

Now that Loraine was the president of Universe Group, Marco was pestering her.

Godwin's point of view left Loraine speechless.

Even the other members of the band looked at one other, not knowing what to say.

Eventually, Larry murmured, "Frankly, I don't think he is that bad. Or Godwin, is there any misunderstanding between you guys?"

Godwin frowned. "What's wrong with you? Why are you speaking in favor of an outsider?"

Carlos smiled and shook his head. "Godwin, please calm down. We are not defending him. We just want you to take a deep breath and calm down."

"To be honest, I think Marco cares about Loraine very much." Leon shrugged. "The reason we agreed to come here is mostly because his assistant contacted us."

Loraine was shocked to hear this. "What? Did Marco's assistant contact you?"

Carlos nodded. "Yes, he was the one who arranged the tickets and accommodation for us. He also promised to cover all the expenses for the trip, so we would have nothing to worry about."

They were all working people who had to make a living to support their families. If it weren't for Marco's promise, they would not agree to leave their jobs to fly over.

Larry quickly chipped in. "At first, we all thought it was you who arranged it, Loraine. But that day at the airport, you asked us if we had arranged accommodation. That was when we knew it was not you. Now I know it was Marco."

Loraine didn't know what to say.

She knew she had not done enough concerning those arrangements, but she never expected that Marco would take the whole burden on himself.

Godwin murmured, "Frankly, I received the messages too, but I didn't take them seriously. It turned out it was Marco."

Clearly, Marco had properly and carefully arranged everything. There was no doubt that he did care about Loraine.

Loraine felt moved. Suddenly, her phone rang. It was a call from the director of public relations of Universe Group. She answered it immediately.

"Miss Torres, there is a popular female singer named Mia Tucker who has just slandered you on social media."

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After hanging up, Loraine immediately went on social media.

"Loraine, The Bully" was listed as the most trending topic.

Mia was one of the female singer who became popular after participating in a talent hunt show earlier in Haalidia. She had only come to the country two years ago to grow her music career.

Due to how popular she was, the video she released immediately went viral.

It was a short video, but the angle was very clever.

Loraine thought for a while and concluded that it must have been taken by Mia's assistant.

In the video, Loraine was arrogantly demanding that the staff clear the studio. And then, Mia was forcefully dragged out. That was all.

The video did not contain any of the threats and insults Mia heaped on Loraine. If it had been even one second longer than it was, Mia would have been exposed.

Her caption on the video was, "I came to this country to start my career. I admit I don't fully understand how

the music industry works here. I still don't know how I offended Loraine Torres, so much that I was kicked out halfway through my shoot at the studio."

She had crafted it in such a manner that Loraine looked like the aggressor while she looked like the innocent victim.

It made people see Loraine as someone who took advantage of her power to bully Mia.

Mia's fans became furious. After all, the evidence was conclusive. Even her fans stood up for Mia and denounced Loraine.

"I regret ever supporting Loraine. I didn't know she's such an arrogant person!"

"Is Loraine jealous of Mia's popularity? Loraine has become popular only recently. Mia is a senior in the entertainment industry. How dare she bully Mia? Loraine is so disgusting!"

Despite all these anti-Loraine statements, some people decided to wait and see what would happen later.

"Who is Loraine? There has been so much talk about her recently. It's so annoying! Why not spend the money on charity instead of hyping?"

Some people simply liked mocking celebrities. "Now that Loraine is rich and famous, she has begun to show her true colors. I hope you guys are now ashamed of flattering her."

Occasionally, some people tried to speak up for Loraine, suggesting that there was something wrong somewhere. However, they were blasted and scolded by others.

"Something wrong somewhere? Are you kidding me? How come so many people are turning against her? Do you think you're clever and superior simply because you are going against public opinion?"

With such scalding retorts like this, the few people who were defending Loraine soon became silent.

An urgent meeting was soon held at Universe Group to address the current online trend. The director of public relations briefly introduced the situation.

"Recently, Miss Torres has been so popular on the Internet, and the disadvantages are obvious. Once something happens, it escalates quickly without control. We need to deal with the radical comments as soon as possible and control the negative impact."

Seeing the curses and insults directed against her on the internet, Loraine sneered.

She never took Mia's threat seriously. But she was surprised that Mia had the effrontery to mislead the public by twisting the truth and creating problems for Universe Group.

In this case, Loraine would fight back.

"Contact the photographer that was there that day and ask him to testify. And also, check the background of

Mia," Loraine ordered. She wanted to know what gave Mia the audacity to challenge Universe Group.

Her subordinates were very efficient, and in a matter of hours, they sent her the complete information about Mia.

Mia's background was not complicated. She was the daughter of a tycoon in Haalidia. After her debut, her family had spent a lot trying to making her famous in the entertainment industry.

But since there were a lot of rising talents in the industry, the competition was fierce in Haalidia, making it difficult for her to make much money. Hence, Mia had to leave for greener pastures.

Coincidentally, the agency that signed Mia was Starlight Entertainment.


Loraine was surprised to see this. If her memory served her right, Wesley had previously acquired Starlight Entertainment.

She racked her brain, trying to remember more about the company.

Wesley was always impulsive. In one of his impulsive moves, he had acquired this entertainment company and thought it would be fun to manage, but he soon forgot all about it. Hence, the executives were left to do whatever they liked, and they signed all sorts of artists.

After thinking about it for a while, Loraine decided to

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call Wesley and explain everything to him.

"Wesley, will you lose anything if I ruin Mia?" she asked him over the phone.

Wesley didn't care about some artist he didn't even know. He felt sorry for his niece who was being slandered online.

"Lorrie, do whatever you want. An ignorant idiot like that dared to slander you. She deserves to be ruined!"

