

Chapter 23 Convincing Acting

"Cayson, get your hand off her. You are the CEO of Universe Group. Why are you touching your employee in this manner? Don't you think it's inappropriate?"

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Marco clenched his fists. He was holding back from fighting Cayson for touching Loraine in that manner.

"What's wrong with what I'm doing? I'm not the CEO tonight. I'm just Lorrie's date."

Cayson intentionally pulled Loraine closer to him. He was like her knight in shiny armor at this time.

Loraine's body froze. She wanted to break free from this tight hold.

But the next second, she saw Cayson winking at her.

The hint was too glaring for her not to understand. Loraine immediately threw away the idea of breaking free. She even rested her head on Cayson's shoulder.

The sight of them being closer than before fueled Marco's anger. Green veins popped on his forehead.

Keely immediately seized the opportunity to sow discord.

"Mr. Benton, Loraine has only worked in your company for a few weeks, but you guys are already so close. You are even her date tonight. Did you know each other before?"

Keely stared at them with suspicious eyes. She was indirectly implying that Loraine was dating Cayson even before she got divorced. It was rather suspicious that a CEO stooped so low to be the date of his employee.

The smile on Cayson's face disappeared in a split second. His eyes darkened.

"Watch your mouth. Although Lorrie was only employed recently, she has won two huge deals for the company; a resort project and a children's park project. For your information, this party was thrown in her honor. She's a very talented young woman. It's only right that I appreciate her. I'm not like someone who is so blind and stupid not to have known that this woman right here is one of a kind. Unlike him, I cherish her a lot."

Loraine won two huge deals?

Marco looked at Loraine in surprise. The next second, he felt a sting in his heart. ②

The mocking words Cayson said finally sank. He had just been insulted.

Nevertheless, Marco couldn't help but admit that Loraine had begun to show her true potential since they got divorced. Her beauty and success were astounding.

Keely sneered when she heard Cayson's praise.

The Loraine she knew was a weakling, not a goal-getter.

Keely put on a worried expression. "Are you being serious, Mr. Benton? Loraine was so poor that she couldn't afford to go to school during her childhood. After she got married to Marco, she lived off him. How is it possible that-"

"Enough!" Marco cut her off with a long face.

Loraine scoffed, looking at the two people in front of her.

"Go ahead, Keely. Why don't you finish what you were

about to say? Marco, I remember sending you the bank card with the divorce papers. The money you gave me was untouched. Why don't you let this oblivious woman know that I never spent your money?"

"That's impossible!" Keely retorted immediately. "Loraine, how dare you say that you never spent a penny of Marco's money during your three-year marriage?"

"Stop it, Keely. She's telling the truth," Marco uttered firmly. Staring at Loraine, he said, "You shouldn't have returned the money, Loraine. You used to be married to me. It is only right that you spent that money. Anyway, I haven't taken out the money or changed the password. If you still need it, I can hand over the card back to you."

This offer was the juiciest of offers. No woman would turn it down. However, Loraine was disgusted by it.

She didn't give a damn about Marco's money. She hadn't married him for it, so she never depended on him for her upkeep.

Now that she had gotten rid of him and had a flourishing career, why would she accept his money? Did he think that she would jump on the offer? What a joke!

Without hesitation, Loraine refused, "No, thanks. I don't need your money. I'm no longer your wife. Besides, it's only a matter of time before I begin to make more money than you. My career is shooting to the roof in case you don't know."

Those proud words struck Keely's nerves. As far as she was concerned, Loraine was just someone who liked to brag even though she wasn't that special. "Loraine, stop pretending. Working in an architectural company doesn't

pay so well. You can't make half of Marco's net worth even if you work hard for the rest of your life. I majored in architecture while in the university, so I know that large structures like an amusement park are very difficult to design. It's a miracle that you were able to design it since you never went to college. But I have to say that you shouldn't rely on luck always. You will be stranded one day."

"I don't like arguing with delusional women like you. All I can say is that you will know if I achieved such a great feat by luck once the project is completed."

Loraine wasn't shaken up by Keely's mockery at all.

Marco frowned when he heard this. Although he didn't think Loraine won the project just by luck, he still doubted her ability. ②

After thinking for a while, he said tentatively, "Loraine, I recently heard that the construction team of a children's park purchased a large number of newly-introduced building materials. Is this the same project you are working on? It might interest you to know that such kind of material hasn't been tested and trusted yet. Don't you think it's too risky to use it for construction now? Can you guarantee the safety of the structure once it's completed?"

Loraine uttered confidently, "Must we do things the old way? How will the public get to know about the new material if no one uses it? As for the safety, I'd like you to know that this new type of foam concrete has many advantages..."

Before she could finish speaking, Keely interrupted her. "Foam concrete? How can you use foam as building material?" Keely was agitated. "You are using substandard materials just to save cost. How heartless and careless can you be? What if the building collapses and causes the death of many innocent children?"

In Keely's mind, she had something on Loraine. She wanted to paint Loraine as a dumb and wicked woman.

Marco, who was standing next to her, couldn't stand it anymore. He shouted coldly, "Enough! If you don't know what we are talking about, just shut up!"

Keely's jaw dropped. Her eyes sparkled with sheer confusion.

Did she make a mistake?

Why did Marco shut her up when she was only helping him to ridicule Loraine?