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Laura was shocked by Marina's stubbornness.

"Marina..."

Marco shot Marina an ice cold stare, enraged with her behavior.

"Marina, I cannot believe you sold those documents to Sola Group. Yes, I froze your cards. But you don't have to worry about food or new clothes, and you're not lacking in jewelry and designer clothing."

Marina shivered under Marco's intense gaze.

"I've already worn all that jewelry before. I need money to buy new pieces. Besides, those documents were in your study for a long time, and you never locked them away or anything. Even Loraine could go in there and clean. I figured they weren't important, so I sold them."

"That's enough!" Marco's patience had run dry. A vein was rigid on his forehead, showing his stress. "You should bear all responsibility for this since you were the one that sold the documents and now Universe Group is suing us!"

"Marco, please! You can't do this!" Marina was finally feeling the weight of her actions, and she ran into her mother's arms, scared. "Mom, I don't want to be arrested!"

"Marina, relax. I won't let anyone lay a finger on you." Laura felt her anxiety grow as she shouted to Marco. "How can you do that? She only took the documents because you weren't keeping an eye on her and taking care of her properly."

Marco scoffed. "I spoiled her too much, and now she's an uncontrollable, wild thief."

Saying no more, he posted all evidence he found on the Internet, despite the protests of his mother and his sister's sobs.

Bryant Group cleared Loraine's name, clarifying the incident in an official statement.

Marco eventually sent a personal message on Twitter.

"I'm not one to let bad behavior slide just because it is my own family. Punishment will come to you if you make a mistake, no matter what. Compensation for any physical or mental damages will be given to the victim, Loraine."

Public opinion did a turn in the opposite

direction after this.

"I never would have guessed that Marina was the thief, not Loraine!"

"I feel so bad for Loraine. She keeps getting piled on with these horrible accusations. First, the affair, and now this thievery. I wouldn't be surprised if Loraine was being targeted by her ex-husband's family!"

"Something feels wrong here. Marco and Loraine were already divorced, weren't they? It seems weird that he would still help her after his mother targeted her."

"You're right. I didn't think about that!"

The Internet took the two statements on a viral rampage.

The Torres Family met to discuss the incident. Wesley said proudly, "Lorrie, people are defending you now."

Lorraine took a breath of relief. "Thank you so much, Uncle Wesley."

Wesley complained, "Lorrie, I'm your uncle. You don't need to thank me."

Lorraine giggled. She stuck her tongue out at him, grinning. "Sorry, Uncle. I'll be sure to not do it

again."

Wesley smiled for a moment before it left his face. "Why would Marco defend Lorrie? What's his plan?"

Rowan scoffed. "If he dares to make any shady move again, we can sue him!"

"It doesn't matter now. Even if he's trying to be nice and help Lorrie, it's too late. He hurt my granddaughter beyond measure. He can't do anything to make up for what he did to Lorrie!" Aldo hissed.

Loraine stared at the statement of Bryant Group, smiling.

"He isn't trying to help me. He is just saving his own image and that of Bryant Group. It's his job as CEO, after all. But it would be different if the person he cares about was involved."


Loraine believed that Keely was the one that Marco held closest.

If Keely stole the documents, Marco would defend her.

Wesley shared information that his subordinate told him.


"I couldn't figure out why Lorrie was scolded so

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harshly on the Internet. It turns out someone is behind this."

Lorraine asked in surprise, "Who could it be?"

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