

## Chapter 42 Signing The Contract

Klein let out a weary sigh and explained, "The government has two reasons to adopt the plan Universe Group has proposed. The first is the excellent cultural design concept. The second is that our funds are not sufficient to support the smart city plan of Bryant Group."

Marco quietly looked at Loraine, expecting to hear her response. But she didn't bat an eyelid at him. She was listening to Klein intently.

Klein praised Marco. "Now, Bryant Group has proposed to invest in the project and provide technological and financial support. The government has no reason to refuse. In fact, Bryant Group and Universe Group have their own strengths. Therefore, we can work together and make the city a better place." 2

With that, Klein took out three copies of the contract he had prepared in advance and pushed them toward Loraine and Marco.

Lorraine looked at the papers and frowned. She didn't utter a word. Her unwillingness to sign the contract was evident.

Things were in a gridlock.

Marco sensed her hesitation and said, "Lorraine, I know what happened before has caused you a lot of harm. I will make up for your loss. Bryant Group will give five percent of the profits to Universe Group for the collaboration."

Klein's eyes widened in shock.

For such a huge project, one percent of the profits would account for a billion dollars.

Klein cleared his throat and tried persuading Lorraine. "Mr. Bryant seems very sincere."

Lorraine didn't want to be associated with Marco in any way.

However, she was representing Universe Group now.

She had no reason to refuse such a good offer.

Lorraine knew she would regret her decision if she refused the offer.

Moreover, Klein was right. Although Universe Group was powerful, its intelligent technology wasn't at par with Bryant Group.



Now that Bryant Group was willing to share the risks, it was only beneficial for Universe Group. Loraine felt it was a good deal. She didn't want to refuse such a tempting offer because of Marco.

She took a deep breath and signed the contract. Seeing that, Marco smiled and reached out his hand to her. "I wish us a pleasant cooperation." Loraine ignored Marco and shook hands with Klein.

"Wish us a pleasant cooperation." She smiled.

"Wish us a pleasant cooperation." Klein felt Marco's anger as he shook hands with Loraine. He didn't utter another word, hoping the issue would settle without a hitch.

Loraine signed the contract, but that didn't mean she was ready to reconcile with Marco.

She stood up and grabbed her purse. "Now that I have signed the contract, I have important work at the company. If you excuse me, I'll leave."

Klein was taken aback. "Sure. You may return to work now."

Loraine nodded and left the room.

She ignored Marco until the very end.

Seeing that Loraine was eager to leave, Marco frowned.

After all, he came today not only to sign the contract but also wanted to use the opportunity to clear the misunderstanding with Loraine.

He wanted to tell Loraine that he never doubted her for stealing the documents.

But Loraine didn't want to talk to him and didn't give him a chance to speak.

Marco clenched his fist under the table to hold back his frustration.

After all, his mother was the reason for all the problems. Loraine was innocent. Realizing it was his mistake, Marco didn't persuade her to stay. He helplessly watched her leave.

When Marco was lost in thought, he felt someone pat his shoulder.

"Stop looking. She has left!"

Marco picked up the cup and took a sip, trying to conceal his emotions.

"Are you trying to win your ex-wife back?" Klein asked in amusement. "I don't think she's interested in you. But if you work hard on this



project, I can help you with it."

Marco knew Klein misunderstood him.

He should have explained his intention, but for some reason, he didn't.

Marco convinced himself it would be better to have Klein's help. That way, his relationship with Loraine would improve, and it would benefit the collaboration as well.

Ultimately, he didn't bother clarifying the misunderstanding.

Klein decided to help Marco pursue his ex-wife.

Meanwhile, the Bryant family was in turmoil.

"Fuck off! I want to go out!"

"Miss Bryant, please calm down! Your brother has told us not to let you out of the villa for one month."

Marina was so angry that she picked up the fruit plate on the table and smashed it. However, the group of servants standing by the gate didn't move.

Laura also heard the noise but couldn't let Marina out.

The Bryant family abided by Marco's every word.

"Mom! Why would Marco lock me up at home for the sake of Loraine? No one's ever humiliated me like this since I was a child." Marina cried, holding Laura's arm.

Laura stroked her hair dotingly. "Your brother is just angry. He will soon get over it."

"No!" Marina retorted. "Mom, Loraine is going to sue us, but my brother still wants to collaborate with that country woman. He doesn't care about our family one bit! Loraine has cast a spell on him. He abandoned you and me and is busy helping that bitch."

Laura's frown deepened when she heard that.

"Marina, you are right. It is all that bitch's fault. Wait and see. I'll teach her a lesson!"