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Cayson's face darkened at once. "It seems as though you are here today to cause trouble. Kindly leave at once. Otherwise, I won't hesitate to ask the security guards to throw you out. Then it will undoubtedly be you who gets humiliated!"

Laura shook with rage. "You've gone too far!

Just you wait and see!"

She had no choice but to leave since she was afraid that Cayson would call the security guards to throw her out.

The more she thought about it, the angrier Laura got. As she left Universe Group, she took out her phone and called Marco.

As soon as the phone call connected, Laura started complaining shrilly.

"Marco! I was just threatened by Universe Group.
Come and help me teach that bitch Loraine and that arrogant Cayson a lesson. Now that they've won the project, they don't even take Bryant Group seriously!"

"Mom, didn't I tell you not to cause trouble for

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Loraine?" Marco asked. "If you continue to cause trouble, I promise that Marina will get more than mere confinement. You can't be meddling with the cooperation of Universe Group and Bryant Group."

Laura suddenly became hesitant at the mention of Marina. "But..."

Marco couldn't take any more. He hung up the phone.

Jimmie stood beside Marco, gloating. "Was that your mom? What did she say?"

Marco answered with a straight face. "Since you are in the mood to make fun of me, I take it that means you're feeling confident about the lawsuit?"

Jimmie sighed. "Universe Group is acting tough. Plus, with the release of the evidence of your sister's theft and your mother's slander of Loraine, it's not possible for us to win this case."

"If it was easy, would I have asked for your help?"

Marco rubbed his temples.

"It won't be easy to settle this matter peacefully," said Jimmie, not wanting to keep Marco in suspense. "It will all depend on Loraine's attitude. You should prepare yourself mentally.

You might be forced to sacrifice a significant amount of money as compensation."

Marco wasn't concerned. "Money is not a problem."

He was implying that he was prepared to give Loraine as much money as she wanted.

Jimmie was stunned. "Are you really going to let your ex-wife have whatever she wants?"

"It has nothing to do with Loraine," Marco replied stubbornly. "You know my rule: whoever made the mistake deserves to be punished."

"Everyone knows it. But it's a different matter altogether when your family made the mistake." A sympathetic expression appeared on Jimmie's face.

Marco glowered.

He thought about how he had hurt Loraine, and his heart sunk. Was it his turn to get punished?

Just then, Jimmie received a message from Universe Group. He held the phone up for Marco to see. "It looks like Universe Group has agreed to withdraw the lawsuit. However, Loraine has made some new requests."

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First, financial compensation for emotional harm.

Second, a public apology from Laura.

Marco saw the new requests and felt a headache coming on.

The truth was, he would not hesitate to give Loraine any amount of money she asked for.

Getting a public apology from Laura, however, would be extremely difficult. This was probably the real reason behind Loraine's withdrawal of the lawsuit.

Seeing his friend suffer, Jimmie gave Marco a friendly and sympathetic pat on the shoulder.

"The lesson is: don't ever offend women!"

Marco returned home, his head pounding.

Predictably, as soon as Laura saw Loraine's requests, she flew into a rage.

"I do not agree! If Loraine wants to sue me, then she can go right ahead. I won't apologize to that bitch!"