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Lorraine immediately took her guard up a notch.

"Do you want to take back the painting?"

Grady's forehead broke out in cold sweat as he was being questioned. His face also turned red.

"Oh, far from it, Miss Torres. The painting is now yours. I don't have any right to take it back. Actually, I just want to be your friend if it's okay with you."

"You want to be her friend?" Jennie piped up, looking at Grady cautiously.

"Yes!" Grady nodded, his eyes gleaming with pure admiration. "My family is involved in the art industry. We have collected a lot of antiques over the years. It seems you are interested in such things, so I'd like to say that you are welcome to my home to see them at any time."

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Just as she was about to reply, Marco's harsh voice from behind.

"She won't go to your home!" Marco walked up to them and shot Grady a glare. "Don't you know that it's impolite to invite the opposite sex to your house at your first meeting?"

Fiddling his fingers, Grady mumbled, "Long time no see, Marco."

Did these two know each other?

Lorraine became even more interested after Marco interfered.

"Grady, right? Thank you for the invitation. I'd love to see the antiques you have in your house. I'll take time out from my schedule later."

Lorraine smiled brightly as she accepted the invitation. This was not only because she wanted to see the antiques. She accepted just to annoy Marco, who wouldn't stay out of her damn business.

"Really?" Grady looked surprised. "That's great."

I'll look forward to your visit!"

The two happily shared a handshake and exchanged contact information, completely ignoring Marco beside them.

Marco's face was red with fury as he watched the two. He didn't air his feelings until Grady left.

"Well, since you are so interested in works of art, I should point out that I have some at home. Would you like to see them?"

Jimmie burst into laughter as soon as his friend finished speaking.

As a close friend, he knew that Marco was barely home. He drowned himself in work.

Worse still, he didn't collect artwork and antiques. It wasn't his thing.

Lorraine knew more about her ex-husband than everyone else.

With a mocking smile, she responded, "You seem to have forgotten that I stayed in that house more than you for three long years. If my memory serves me right, I didn't see any works of art."

Marco was speechless and embarrassed.

It was as if a spear was driven through his heart.

How could he forget that Loraine had been holed up in his home for a few years? It was understandable that she didn't want to step foot there ever again.

Their conversation ended on a sour note again. Loraine was done speaking to him. She signaled to Jennie and they left.

A dark gloom fell on Marco's face as he stared at her receding figure.

Once she went out of sight, he took out his phone and called Carl.

"I need you to do something for me immediately. Buy me antiques in the market, especially the ones collected by the Cruz family. Buy as many as you can. You know what? Buy everything in their collection!"

"Okay, Mr. Bryant. I'll do that right away."

Carl was a capable assistant. He was ready to execute his boss's orders even when they came out of the blue.

Jimmie stared at his friend with his mouth agape.

This was the first time he was seeing Marco behave so childishly just to get Loraine's attention.

At this moment, he remembered the suspicions he had about Loraine.

"Marco, don't you think your ex-wife is too mysterious? Aren't you curious to know how she has so much knowledge about artworks?"

"I guess she learned about it to please me during our marriage." Pity flickered in Marco's eyes. "She must have studied very hard."

He had never taken Loraine to a party, leaving her no chance to show her talent.


At the thought of this, Marco was filled with regret again. He felt that things wouldn't have turned out this way if he had paid attention to Loraine.

Jimmie was even more shocked by his friend's response. Never did he imagine that Marco would be so obsessed with a woman.

It seemed like Marco was head over heels in love with Loraine.

As a result, Jimmie concluded that he couldn't discuss Loraine's suspicious behavior with

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Marco again. He decided to get more clues from someone else.

Perhaps Loraine's best friend, Jennie, could be of help.