

## Chapter 194 | Am Alice

The next day, news of the large-scale refund of ticket fees for Lily's concert spread far and wide.

The members of the audience who had asked for a refund complained bitterly online about what happened. Many of them even quarreled with Lily's fans, and before long, Lily's plagiarism became well known to so many people.

With the help of some of her fans and the use of hired accounts, Lily's team tried to downplay the accusations of plagiarism, but the harder they tried, the more widely known it became.

Soon, Lily being accused of plagiarism became the most searched topic on social media. Even the band, Shepherd, and the song, Encounter, started trending online.

Social media and internet search engines were crawling with countless searches of topics related to the plagiarism, and Lily quickly became a laughing stock.

But her fans still didn't give up. It got to a point where, in their efforts to vindicate her, they ended up making ridiculous comments.

"Lily only composed the song on the basis of the other song, Encounter. It shows just how talented she is. So, why are you guys blaming her?"

"I haven't heard of Shepherd before. And they haven't performed in a long time, so they must have already gone extinct. Instead of blaming Lily, they should

thank her for helping them publicize their song and make their band become popular!"

"Yes, if it weren't for Lily's performance, no one would know the existence of Shepherd and their lead singer."

"I've searched her online. Alice or whatever she is. She didn't even dare show her face. She always wore a mask. Listen to her and you'll see that she's nowhere near as good as Lily!"

With each day that passed, the issue became more and more serious. Lily's attempt at clarification angered all the fans of Shepherd.

Since the band disappeared, the lead singer, Alice, had not shown up in public.

Her loyal fans had been looking forward to her reappearance all these years.

So, they were surprised when they heard the news of their idol's song being plagiarized. And their surprise turned to anger when they heard that Alice was even being ridiculed by the plagiarist's fans.

No fan would tolerate such an insult on their idol.

What was more, Alice was not obscure, unlike what Lily and her fans thought. She had more than ten million fans across the globe. Her performances used to attract tens of thousands of people to the venue, which was something Lily could not do.

Now, Alice's fans from all over the world rose up to support her. As a result, Lily's fans were shocked out of their wits.

"How dare you say that nobody knows Shepherd? How can you say Alice is not popular? Such ignorant fools!



"You think we the fans of Alice are ghosts? You think we don't exist?"

"Plagiarism is so shameless. How dare you try to justify it in such a sick and shameless manner? Do you think people are fools? I've never seen such a shameless artiste like this girl!"

"The fans are just like their idol. Lily's fans are so unreasonable. Obviously, Lily is not a good person. Someone should tell her to try another line of work ASAP. Music is not for her!"

Within a day alone, the comment section of Lily's posts became filled with their comments. Lily's fans were so vastly outnumbered that they did not dare to fight back. Even the hired accounts gave in.

Lily panicked in fear when she saw the enormous trolling directed against her. She called her agent, Keira Natt, and complained to her tearfully.

"Keira, please help me! I came back because my family has to be united with the Bryant family by marriage. If I'm to marry Marco, my reputation must not be stained!"

Keira had been very busy and had her hands full with the existing issue of Lily's plagiarism, so she was not very pleased to hear yet another complaint.

"Lily, please just stop! I told you to wait patiently. The people who sought for a refund would only scold you for a while and then stop. But you insisted on clarifying yourself. Now, the situation has gotten out of hand!"

Lily regretted what she did. "Oh God. What have I gotten myself into? Who could have known that a band and a lead singer who hasn't been around for

years will still have so many fans?"

The size of Alice's fanbase did not only annoy Lily but also made her very jealous.

She had worked hard for so long but yet, she didn't have up to ten million fans. How could Alice, who had never shown her face, have so many fans?

Suddenly, an excellent idea came to her mind. And Lily decided to implement it immediately.

Meanwhile, back in her home, Loraine was having a short rest when she suddenly received a message from a band member who hadn't contacted her in a long while.

"Loraine, someone is impersonating you on the internet!"

Someone impersonating her? Who could that be?

Surprised and confused, Loraine sat up on the sofa.

Just then, her friend sent a link, with the caption, "Loraine, take a look!"

Loraine clicked on the link and it took her straight to the home page of Lily's personal account.

It turned out that Lily, after being mocked and trolled online, released a statement a few minutes ago, causing a lot of drama.

Lily had openly declared that she was Alice, the lead singer of the band, Shepherd.

"Guys, I'm sorry for the misunderstanding. The truth is that I'm Alice, the lead singer of Shepherd. Back then, I used to study abroad. Since I was so much

interested in music, I, along with some of my friends, decided to form the band, Shepherd. Later, the band was disbanded, and I officially made my debut under the name, Lily. I took one of the songs I had composed before, made some changes to it and released it in my last performance. But I didn't expect that someone would discover my old identity, which has caused a serious misunderstanding in recent days. I didn't know exactly how to explain it back then, that was why I didn't say anything. Now that things have calmed down a bit, I decided that it was time to tell you guys the truth. I'm both Lily and Alice. I sincerely hope that my fans will stop quarreling and get along with each other."

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As soon as Lily's statement was released, all the insults and the trolling directed against her online came to a halt.

They all believed now that she was not a plagiarist since she claimed that the song was composed by her under her former name. As a result, the whole issue of plagiarism disappeared and Lily, since she was now recognized as Alice, became a lot more popular.

Still, a lot of Alice's fans were skeptical, but they didn't say anything. They simply went silent and watched.

Lily's fans suddenly came alive, dominating the online space with their comments. They had not expected to find that their idol had such a mysterious identity as Alice. Now that they knew, they were overjoyed and became fonder of her than ever.

"Good job! Now, let me see who would dare to slander my idol! Lily, you're the best. I love you forever!"

"I didn't know that Lily had already made her debut in a band years ago. Oh, I admire her so much!"

"My idol is so inspiring. She was already a singer with tens of millions of fans, but she still chose to hide her identity and start her career from scratch. I'm so moved!"

Some of her critics even came out to apologize for attacking Lily.

She was now trending positively, so they had no choice but to get on her good side.

"Lily, I'm so sorry for jumping to hasty conclusion!"

And just like that, the issue of the plagiarism was easily dealt with.

At the same time, Lily received a lot of public attention and attracted many more millions of fans.

Seeing the wonderful result of her move, she logged into her account and graciously replied those begging her for mercy.

"It doesn't matter. After all, Loraine Torres was the one who started it at the concert, and I didn't explain it in time. You didn't know the truth at the time, so I can understand how you made your comments based on impulse."

These words not only showed her magnanimity, but they also implied that Loraine had tried to create trouble for her. In other words, Loraine was the culprit in the matter, so she was the one to be targeted.

At this point, while rational people were still waiting for a response from Loraine, the brainless ones already rushed to Loraine's Twitter account to curse her.

"Loraine Torres, how dare you slander our idol and accuse her of plagiarism?"

"If I had known that you targeted at her, I would have exposed your lie instantly. You're just jealous of Lily's

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"I didn't even know that Lily was Alice. Now, I'm so elated! Loraine, I hope you're ashamed and embarrassed now!"

Seeing these insulting comments, Loraine let out an angry laugh. "Do you believe what she said? Can't you see that the voices of Lily and Alice are very different? Only brainless people like you will believe that she is Alice."

Lily's fans were irritated by her words and they responded harshly.

"You know nothing! The voices are different because only the video of the band's underground performance could be found online. It's only normal that the quality of the sound would be different!"

"Loraine, don't target Lily again! She just wanted to enjoy her old songs and perform peacefully. She's not like you who's been swaggering around after regaining your identity as a member of a wealthy family!"

Loraine ignored the stupid responses and decided that she needed to blacklist all such accounts.

But before she could do that, she found that all the accounts that had attacked her had been deleted.

What happened?

Could it be that Twitter could no longer bear to tolerate the malicious replies from these accounts, so they decided to just delete them?

Meanwhile, in his office, Marco was seated on his chair in silence.



"Mr. Bryant, the negative responses directed at Miss Torres have been cancelled just as you ordered," Carl reported, ticking off a task on the tablet he was holding.

"Good," Marco nodded in satisfaction. "From now on, cancel the account of anyone who sends malicious responses to Loraine."

"Yes, sir."

Carl looked calm, but in his mind, he couldn't help but sigh.

Just for the sake of Loraine, his boss was going to great lengths and putting in a lot of efforts.

Why had he not he cared about Loraine in the past?

If he had cared about her back then, they would not have been divorced. They might even have a child now.

Suddenly, Marco's phone rang. It was a call from Liza.

With a frown, he reluctantly picked up the phone and answered it.

"Marco, it's been a long time since you came home. I don't care what you're busy with, but you just have to come home today," Liza grumbled in a tone of displeasure.

But Marco refused right away. "I have something to deal with at the company today, so I won't be coming."

"Is there anything so important that it can't be postponed until tomorrow? Lily Fowler has come back. She and her father will come to visit me tonight. You and Lily can get a chance to talk with each other."

Lily? Why was this woman everywhere?

Marco frowned in displeasure as he thought of the possible plans in the pipeline. It was obvious that his family was going to make a match between him and Lily.

"You can talk with her yourself. I won't come back," he said and hung up.

Almost immediately, she called again. But Marco ignored it.

After cancelling the call, he went back to look at Lily's statement again. But he had a strange feeling.

As far as he was concerned, it was impossible for Lily to be Alice. If Lily were Alice, why would she hide her identity for so long instead of just showing it off?

Marco's eyes hardened and a cold light flashed through them.

Still, regardless of whether Lily was Alice or not, he would never tolerate anyone who dared to provoke their fans into slandering Loraine.

Turning to Carl, he ordered, "Contact Lily's agent's company right now and warn them to pay attention to their marketing. Not everyone can be provoked for fun!"