

Chapter 268 Refuse To Cooperate

Colette gasped in shock and disbelief. "Lorraine, what do you mean by that?"

Lorraine pretended to be surprised. "You mean you don't understand? What I meant was that even if Moreau Group wants to join us, it'll also be rejected. So I'd like to thank you for quitting. It saves everyone's time."

Colette's face turned pale. The mocking eyes of the crowd made her feel embarrassed.


Things didn't go as she had predicted.

Shouldn't Lorraine be the one begging her to join them?

Colette took a deep breath and said in an angry tone, "Lorraine, how dare you say that! Do you know that Moreau Group has more than 30 sub brands and has opened close to a thousand top restaurants across the world? How dare you refuse to partner with us? I guess you are only used to low-level brands that are just mediocre like you!"

Moreau Group was a large company.

At this point, the representatives of the popular brands that had decided to partner with Lorraine began to have second thoughts. They were all afraid that

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they would be regarded as low-level brands.

Colette felt very happy with the effect she was creating, and she went even further. "Now I know why it took the Torres family so long to admit that you are one of them. After all, you know nothing about business management and you only keep embarrassing the family."

The moment she said this, the place became silent for a few seconds.

Everyone present knew that after Loraine's identity had been kept a secret after she had been found and taken back by the Torres family. It wasn't revealed until she was divorced Marco.

What Colette had just said made people ponder on it.

Did the Torres family keep Loraine's identity a secret to protect her, or because they dislike her?

But to everyone's surprise, Loraine was not angry with Colette as they had all expected.

She looked indifferent and had a scornful smile. "Whatever you think or say, it doesn't matter. What matters is that I'm the heir of the Torres family now. Whether or not you're comfortable with it is of no importance."

Colette froze in astonishment.

Loraine went on unhurriedly, "As for the food court project, it's the business of Universe Group alone. And

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as the CEO, I can operate it anyhow I want. An outsider like you has no right to tell me what to do."

This was a huge slap in Colette's face and she wasn't going to take it lying down. "It's a big project. It is not totally up to you! Bryant Group is also involved in the project. I'll have a talk with Marco!"

She stared at the curtain behind Loraine, thinking that Marco just hadn't come out from the back stage yet.

Loraine shrugged and said, "Talk to him all you want. But I'd like to inform you that he's not here. If you want to find him, please go and find him. Don't interfere with my work here."

Colette didn't believe her. "Loraine, are you trying to prevent me from meeting with Marco? Or are you afraid that if I partner with him, he'll fall in love with me and forsake you?"

Loraine found her self-confidence funny and laughed.

"Look, even though I appreciate your confidence, I remember very well that Marco refused you in the past. What makes you think it will be any different now? And why would I stop you from meeting him, hmm?" Loraine sneered, poking deep into Colette's old scars.

Colette's face went red with fury. "Loraine, don't think you have a right to be arrogant just because you're the CEO of Universe Group. Remember, you're still a country bumpkin who knows nothing! And as for me, I'm no longer the rich girl who only splashes money on luxury."

Lorraine found this very interesting and asked, "What did you do?"

"I majored in culinary arts in college. I once worked as a chief cook in a Michelin restaurant and recently started operating my own restaurant. I'm much better than you!"

Lorraine was surprised by her achievements.

She had thought that anyone that was friends Marina would be nothing but a spoiled idiot. Was this woman an exception?

Suddenly, her phone on the table began ringing.

Lorraine picked it up and she found that she was looking at the detailed information of Colette which had just been sent by Qbot.

After glancing at it briefly, she couldn't help bursting into laughter, which interrupted Colette, who was still flaunting her achievements.

"Colette, you're here claiming to be an accomplished expert, but the truth is that you've been using the reputation of Moreau Group to deceive customers and provide them with expensive services that are of low quality. I'm sorry, but my food court doesn't need an enterprise like yours that doesn't respect its customers."

Colette's face turned red in embarrassment, but she wouldn't just give up without a fight. "You're lying! Do you know how much our annual profits is? Only a fool

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like you who knows nothing will refuse to partner with
us. I'm sure Marco will agree!"

"Who said that?" asked a cold voice.

It was none other than Marco. He strode into the
meeting room, his face as dark as night.

"I'm only in partnership with Universe Group. If Loraine
refuses to partner with you, then I can never do the
same!"

Chapter 269 Not So Familiar

Marco, wearing a spotless designer suit, strode up to the stage. His eyes were cold and sharp. But when he saw Loraine, his eyes softened and he nodded slightly.

Meanwhile, Colette was looking longingly at him with love and affection in her eyes.

Compared with his image in her mind, Marco looked even more mature and handsome in reality.

She couldn't help but feel a little shy as she stepped forward to meet him. "Marco, you're finally here. I've been waiting for you for a long time!"

Marco took a few steps back and said to her in an emotionless tone, "We are not that close."

Colette was stunned. "But I'm Colette, Marina's best friend! Marco, don't you remember me? I used to come to your house a lot."

Marco looked down at her and frowned. "You're just a friend of my sister. Does that mean I must also be close to you?"

"Miss, this is a workplace. You should address our CEO as Mr. Bryant," Carl reminded her.

Colette's face turned livid and tears appeared in her eyes.

But Marco didn't even look at her anymore. He simply walked up to Loraine and apologized. "I'm sorry I'm late. There was an emergency at the company."

Loraine was not surprised. Before he came, Carl had already told her.

She nodded. "It's okay. Please take a seat."

Marco smiled and pulled out a chair to sit beside her.

The two of them talked as if no one else was around.

Colette's eyes burned with jealousy as she looked at them.

She was determined not to give up so easily, so she walked over to Marco and said in an aggrieved tone, "I'm here to talk about a possible partnership on behalf of Moreau Group. Loraine turned me down earlier without even listening to me. Marco, please give me a chance. I'll prove to you how important and valuable we can be to you."

Marco looked at her and frowned in displeasure. "Look, this project was jointly developed by Bryant Group and Universe Group. We must guarantee its reputation. Loraine has already rejected you, so there's nothing else to discuss. Personally, I won't partner with your brand. You guys only focus on marketing but you don't have much of a reputation when it comes to quality."

Colette was shocked by the direct accusation and she quickly tried to explain herself. "No. It's just some

poor people spreading these false rumors about us. Don't believe anything Loraine tells you!"

"Did you say rumors?" Marco scoffed. "Do you need me to show you all the data on Moreau Group?"

Colette's eyelid twitched and she quickly turned away to hide the look of guilt in her eyes. After a while, she asked, "So what? Moreau Group's financial reports are real. We made three hundred million dollars last year!"

Loraine told her, "Do you think Marco and I have never seen three hundred million dollars? Here is a friendly reminder. If you continue to treat customers as idiots, I'm afraid you won't make any profit in the future."

The restaurants owned by Moreau Group in recent years all had negative feedback. The price was high, but the quality of the food was poor. They were clearly taking advantage of the brand's reputation and using it to cheat people.

What Loraine had just told her was something that would inevitably happen.

But Colette found it very offensive. She felt as if Loraine was cursing her.

But unfortunately, Marco was on Loraine's side, so Colette couldn't just confront her the way she wanted.

When she noticed that the representatives of other brands were still watching the drama, she decided to get them involved.

"Lorraine, stop making a fool of yourself if you don't understand what's going on. Every brand wants to make money! No one is here to discuss partnership for the sake of charity. To develop such a big project as this, you could only find a few small, shabby roadside restaurants to partner with, eh? Are you joking?"

Her statement immediately brought rise to chaos in the venue.

The reason they were all in business was to make money. If they wouldn't make any money, why would they join the project?

Suddenly, Marco stood up on his feet and announced, "Bliss Restaurant, run by Tonio Pavani, is a high-quality restaurant that has been selected by Bryant Group based on careful evaluation. Bliss Restaurant has never received any negative feedback, which is a far better choice than Moreau Group."

He paused and looked around at everyone before declaring in a firm and confident tone, "As long as Bryant Group and Universe Group work together, the revenues will continue to increase year after year. After you join us, I promise you the long-term profit of this project will grow by a billion dollars every single year."

"One billion dollars? Oh my God!"

All across the hall, there were gasps of surprise at the figure Marco had mentioned.

The companies that had been hesitant were now eager to sign the contract and join in, and they didn't hesitate to push Colette aside.

Fortunately, Colette managed to stay on her feet by supporting herself against the wall.

Her aim was to make things difficult for Loraine, but now, the exact opposite was happening. She began to regret coming to cause problems for Loraine.

It was highly embarrassing for her to stand on the line and wait her turn to apply for a partnership, but she had no choice but to do it.

Unfortunately for her, Carl soon noticed her presence and promptly told her, "I'm sorry, ma'am, but Mr. Bryant and Miss Torres have rejected you. So, please leave."

"You're so rude!" Colette shouted at him, stamping her feet angrily. But still, she had no choice but to leave.