

Chapter 202 A Competition

Marina looked arrogant and complacent. Looking at her, Loraine couldn't help but burst into laughter.

"What are you laughing at?" Marina demanded angrily.

Loraine sneered, "Some plagiarist dares to show up. Isn't she shameless? Did she pay the host to perform at this party?"

Just then, Lily came over to meet them. She heard what Loraine said about her and her face darkened in anger.

"Loraine, please show some respect! I've apologized for the plagiarism, and I terminated my contract with the company for this reason. This is a charity party. Please don't insult me anymore!"

Loraine scoffed in response, "Lily, you're such a good actor. Do you think you can fool us with PR stunts? If you really want to do charity, then donate some money. We both know you're here to perform for the rich for free just to attract attention."

Lily's face became livid as she heard Loraine exposing her trick publicly. She felt that everyone around was mocking her.

But Marina didn't believe that Lily was up to such a thing. Instead, she had absolute faith in Lily's explanation.

And she shouted at Loraine in defense of her friend. "Lily was set up by that agency, so she's a victim. Loraine, why are you so mean? Are you so jealous of

Lily's talent? When someone lacks something, they become jealous of those who have it."

Loraine chuckled. "Why would I be jealous of her? A plagiarist doesn't deserve my respect."

Before Lily could respond to the barb, Marina came to her aid again.

"You're talking nonsense! Alice never dared to show her face. She became popular these days all thanks to Lily. If not for Lily, who would know such an obscure singer? She should be grateful to Lily!"

Loraine shook her head and exhaled. She just could not believe what she was hearing.

Was there something wrong with Marina?

"An obscure singer? Are you kidding me? She should be grateful to Lily?" Loraine scoffed in disbelief. "For crying out loud, Alice has ten million fans abroad. Why would she need the help of Lily who only has a few fans? How dare you say such senseless nonsense?"

People around them who had been following the conversation started laughing at Marina.

Though she was blushing in embarrassment, Marina still retorted stubbornly, "You're not Alice. How do you know she doesn't need such help?"

Loraine mocked, "Since you're so generous, why don't you go write songs for your friend Lily? Oh, sorry. I ignored a simple fact. Even if you want, you can't write any good songs."

Marina was stunned. She just didn't know what to say in response. Eventually, she turned to Lily and complained angrily, "Lily, this bumpkin is simply

messing with us."

Lily's face darkened and she glared at Loraine with all the venom she could muster.

Even though Loraine mocked Marina, Lily knew for a fact that her objective was to mock her indirectly for her lack of talent. So, Lily responded, "Loraine, why are you trying to deny and invalidate my ability just because of a little mistake? After all, I've been studying abroad for some time and I'm a well-known soprano."

Seeing that Lily was still being impenitent, Loraine shook her head in pity. "You'll never change. I'm sure your career will soon come to an end in this industry."

Lily became exasperated and she lashed out angrily, "You're not even in the industry. How dare you say that? If you can, compete with me! If you can't, apologize to me right now!"

Jennie arrived at the scene just in time to hear these words, and she quickly took the side of her friend.

"I'm sure she's ready. She's not afraid of you." Then she pulled Loraine's hand. "Lorrie, teach her a lesson tonight! We need to use her as an example, so that no other ignorant people will attack you like this ever again!"

Loraine smiled slightly and nodded. "Of course, I'll win the competition!"

Lily, on her part, was also full of confidence. She climbed onto the stage with her head held high, and without wasting time, she began to sing Ode to the Moon by the classic opera, Water Fairy.

The melodious sound spread throughout the whole

party venue, captivating the audience and leaving them awestruck.

After all, Lily was no amateur but indeed a professional.

As she sang the last note in the song, all the guests began to applaud her performance.

"This song is as good as what I hear at the concert. Even though they've been saying that Lily plagiarized someone, it's clear that she's a good singer. Maybe she was used and tricked by her former agency like she claimed!"

Hearing her friend being praised, Marina lifted her chin proudly at Loraine.

Jennie, on the other hand, scoffed and rolled her eyes. Jimmie, who was standing beside her, also didn't applaud Lily's performance.

After delivering the song, Lily turned to look at Loraine and lifted her chin defiantly.

"How is it, Loraine? Do you dare to sing? It's not too late to admit defeat now," she taunted.

Immediately, everyone's attention shifted to Loraine.

Still as confident as ever, Loraine grabbed the mic and stepped on the stage calmly.

Everyone held their breath, waiting to hear what she had to offer.

Jenny was screaming crazily to egg her on. "Lorrie, I'm crazy for you! You're the best. Teach her a lesson!"

Chapter 203 It Is Not Happening

Without hesitation, Loraine skillfully adjusted the microphone and began to sing leisurely.

Lily frowned in surprise as she watched Loraine sing.

The song was a classic opera with tragic love as its theme. It was meant to express the fairy's endless longing for love. As soon as Loraine's ethereal voice began to deliver the song, the audience instantly fell silent.

It was as if the crowd could already see a fairy who had fallen in unrequited love and was sadly talking about it.

Both of them sang the same song. But Lily performed it without making any mistakes while Loraine sang it in a way that made the audience feel like they were experiencing it personally.

There was just no doubt that Loraine was ahead of Lily in all aspects of singing.

Everyone was fascinated by her performance. Throughout her rendition of the song, the entire hall remained silent. When she was finally done singing, someone shouted "excellent," and the hall burst into a loud applause.

It was crystal clear which one performed better.

But Lily was not going to accept defeat. She gritted her teeth and screamed, "No! You sang wrongly! You

raised your voice several times when you didn't need to!"

But someone immediately disagreed. "Come on, anyone with functional ears would have understood that Loraine did that in order to make the feelings of the song much stronger. Lily, you're supposed to be a professional. I didn't expect that you wouldn't be able to understand why she did that!"

The others quickly expressed their concurrence with loud murmurs. At the end, instead of embarrassing her opponent, Lily only brought disgrace on her head.

Meanwhile, there was a man standing quietly at the door, staring at Loraine. Due to the dim light, no one noticed him.

If he had doubts at the beginning, now he was sure that Loraine was Alice.

Even some members of the audience detected the similarities and couldn't help but begin discussing it. "Why do I feel that Loraine's voice is very similar to Alice's? Her voice is also ethereal and magnetic. No one would be able to forget that voice after hearing it sing once."

"It's possible. Their voices are so similar. When Alice was at the peak of her career, Loraine was studying abroad."

Soon, many others realized the same thing and they all began to look at Loraine with shock and curiosity in their eyes.

"No way! Loraine can't be Alice!" Lily shouted angrily. She would never accept that the bumpkin she had always looked down on was the stunning and talented masked singer she had once tried to impersonate.

Lily glanced at Marina and blushed. Turning to Loraine, she said arrogantly, "Loraine, since you're Marco's ex-wife, you'll be allowed to attend our lavish wedding."

The news made Loraine's heart sink.

Marco had been pestering her all these days, claiming that he wanted to compensate her, but he was actually going to join hands with the Fowler family to make life miserable for her.

Was Marco making fun of her?

Loraine felt very disappointed and annoyed.

Meanwhile, Jimmie turned to Marco and nudged him. "Hey, are you going to marry Lily?"

"No. It is not happening," Marco said in an icy tone.

Chapter 204 The Next Wife

When Lily heard Marco's voice, she suddenly turned around and looked at him guiltily.

She didn't expect he would be here.

Did he hear everything she had said just now?

Marina followed Lily's gaze, only to see Marco. And when she heard him deny his relationship with Lily in public, she blurted out in shock, "Marco, what are you talking about? Lily told me that you two are getting married."

But before she could finish her words, Marco gave her a cold glance. Marina was so scared that she shut her mouth.

Three years ago, the Bryant family wanted to choose a wife for Marco. If it weren't for Loraine, Lily would have married into the Bryant family long ago.

When Lily came back from abroad, Liza invited Lily for dinner at home. Then, the two families became even closer. Didn't this prove that Liza still wanted Lily to be her granddaughter-in-law?

It was also because of this that Marina firmly believed Lily's words.

"No, Marco, it's not like that. Please let me explain."

Lily panicked when she saw Marco's serious look. Her face turned pale, and she hurried forward, wanting to explain.

But Marco didn't even look at her. He walked past her and stood in front of Loraine. He stared at Loraine with affectionate eyes.

Actually, his eyes were fixed on Loraine ever since he arrived. He didn't notice the other women at all.

It was not surprising anymore. After all, Loraine shone brightly in the entire party. No man could take his eyes off her.

When Loraine saw Marco coming over, she couldn't help but sneer, "Your next wife is calling you."

Jennie also said sarcastically, "No wonder Lily dares to be so arrogant and plagiarize Lorrie. And now, she even wants to compete with Lorrie. It turns out that Marco is behind her."

Marco's face darkened. "What are you talking about? I don't even know her."

As soon as these words came out of his mouth, people looked at Lily and started whispering to each other.

"No way! Is Lily lying?"

"If Marco doesn't know her, how can she have the nerve to say she is going to marry him?"

"She takes the initiative to pursue Marco. But he doesn't care about her at all. Isn't it humiliating?"

Someone even said, "Lily, how does it feel to be caught lying? I feel embarrassed for you."

With everything going on now, how could Marina not realize that Lily had lied to her?

Marco was disgusted with Lily. How could he even want to marry her?

However, she helped Lily target Loraine just now.

Marina trembled in fright. She quickly hid behind the crowd in fear that she would be affected and punished. She didn't want to be confined again.

Lily, on the other hand, got so angry with these scornful remarks that her eyes turned red.

After she came back from abroad, Liza was so warm to her. Liza invited her for dinner several times. Besides, their families became really close. That was why she dared to say she would marry Marco.

Never did she expect that Marco didn't take her seriously at all.

Marco didn't care what Lily thought. He looked at Loraine and explained seriously, "I only have one wife, and that is you. I will never marry another woman."

As he spoke, he looked at Loraine. His eyes were so affectionate that she felt a little uncomfortable. She avoided his gaze and retorted, "Marco, I am no longer your wife. You can marry anyone you like. Whether you marry her or not has nothing to do with me. I don't care."

Marco suppressed his emotions, leaned closer to Loraine, and whispered in her ear, "But I care. What you think matters to me because I don't want you to misunderstand me."

He was so close to her that his warm breath sprayed on her earlobe. Her ears were the most sensitive parts of her body. Suddenly, she felt limp and numb. It was

as if she had been scalded. And her heart beat faster.

The lights were dim at the party, so in the watchful eyes of the public, their posture was too intimate.

Loraine was in a trance for a moment. The way Marco acted now, it was as if he had not been cold to her in the past three years. He made it look like they had always been a loving couple.

But it was only a brief moment of confusion. Loraine soon came back to her senses.

She told herself to stop her wishful thinking. The lesson she had learned from her failed marriage should have been enough.

Loraine's eyes turned cold. She took a step back to avoid Marco and said indifferently, "Please behave yourself. We are already divorced."

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