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Davy watched as Loraine marched out of the room. When she was gone, he turned and apologized to Marco.

"I'm sorry, Marco. This is the second time I've ruined things for you."

Marco's face darkened in anger, but he was trying his best not to lose his temper. He took a deep breath and said, "I have something to deal with. Let's talk about business later."

Davy nodded in understanding and left.

After sending Davy away, Marco went outside to look for a private room in a cafe where he sat and dialed Loraine's number.

He didn't dare call her with his number though. Instead, he did it through Obot.

"Obot?"

When Marco heard Loraine's voice, his heart skipped a beat. He had to compose himself properly before answering her.

"Yeah, I'm here."

On the other end of the line, Loraine was quite upset.

But thankfully, Obot suddenly come online to give her a chance to air her feelings.

She heaved a deep sigh and began to speak.

"Obot, why did you suddenly disappear and then come back again?"

"Whenever there's some important progress in the lab, I usually go to help the researchers."

"Really?" Loraine snorted. "And Marco claims to be my business partner, yet he doesn't tell me how the research is progressing."

Obot quickly replied, "He doesn't want to disappoint you. He wants to share it with you only when he has a clear result."

When Loraine heard this, she couldn't help but think of what Marco had said about wanting to be with her again and she responded in a tone of frustration, "Exactly. He never explains even if there're misunderstandings. Obot, don't you think so?"

Obot paused for a while before answering, "Never again."

Loraine was surprised. Why was the robot sounding so unlike itself?

She was talking about Marco, and yet Obot's response was "never again." Was it speaking on Marco's behalf or what?

Obot seemed to know that it had made a mistake, so it quickly added, "I'll feed this problem back to him and remind him to correct it."

Loraine smiled and sighed. "Obot, though you were created by Marco, you're much more sensible than that stereotyped and cold guy."

She believed that if Marco could be as nice and easy as Obot, it would be much better.

Meanwhile, on the other end, Marco clenched his phone tight, wishing he could admit that he was the one speaking, not Obot. But the truth was that, the best he could do was to keep his promise of correcting his mistakes.

That was all. He would not dared to tell the truth about who was speaking.

The thought of lying to Loraine was not something that had entered his mind before, but the problem was that Loraine would not open up her heart and tell him what was on her mind like the way she would with Obot.

At the same time, Marco didn't want to ruin where they were now.

He knew Loraine quite well. If she knew that he used Obot to get to her, the consequences would be very bad.

But as time passed, it became more and more difficult to end the entire charade.

After struggling for a long time, Marco managed not to divulge the truth.

He wanted to hide it as long as he could.

When Loraine saw her screen go dark and Obot's voice became silent, she sighed. Clearly, it was gone again.

She now had only herself and her thoughts. After a while, when she had sorted out what was on her mind, her eyes became firm again.

In the past few days, she had let too many things go out of her control. She felt the situation would only become more chaotic if she stayed with Marco.

Perhaps she'd better just make an appointment with Davy and go back earlier than planned.

Everything would be fine after that.

Having made up her mind, Loraine stood up and went in search of Davy.

But she was surprised to see someone standing at Davy's door.

"Loraine? Are you also here to see Mr. Jones?"

Seeing the hostility in her eyes, Loraine found it very funny. She didn't want to laugh, but she just couldn't hold it back, so she ended up bursting into laughter.

"Did you learn enough lessons and get reformed

properly in police custody? How come you're out so soon?"

The person Loraine was conversing with was none other than Paige.

Paige frowned and gritted her teeth in impotent fury when she heard Loraine's words. "This little issue is nothing to our family. We've already solved it!"

Then turning to Davy who had just come out, Paige said in her best voice, "Mr. Jones, I'm here to invite you to the banquet that will be hosted by Johnathan Group tonight. During the event, we will make our core technology of Johnathan Group known to the public, and we'll also invite top enterprises in the industry to participate. I'm sure you would be interested in it."

Hearing her mention technology, Loraine asked curiously, "And what's the core technology of Johnathan Group?"

Paige cast a sidelong glance at her and snorted, "I'm sorry. You're not invited. Loraine, you'd better go back to Vagow."

"If the guest list at your banquet doesn't include Loraine, my wife and I won't attend," Davy said to her matter-of-factly.

Paige's face went dark immediately.

The purpose of the banquet was to mend their relationship with Davy. It would be meaningless if he didn't attend it.

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She looked at Loraine and said in an arrogant tone, "Well, since Mr. Jones wants it, I'll do you a favor and be kind to allow you attend the banquet."

Loraine sneered, "You misunderstood me. I never said I would attend it."

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Chapter 318 Contrast

Paige became livid. No longer regarding the fact that they were in Davy's presence, she snapped at Loraine, "What do you mean by that? Since you don't want to attend, why did you ask me about it just now?"

Loraine shrugged. "Well, I just found it strange. Since the exposition held by your family only displayed things that were plagiarized. What kind of core technology do you even have?"

Paige trembled with rage, but she didn't know how to articulate her words. Her lips were practically trembling.

Eventually, she blurted out angrily, "Our core technology is a business secret. Why should I tell you about it? You can see for yourself if you have the guts to come!"

Paige was brainless, but the Johnathan family was influential in Bluhm, so Loraine was very curious to know what they were capable of. After thinking for a moment, she smiled and said, "Okay. Since you insist, I'll go and have a look."

Davy nodded in satisfaction. "That's great. You should also ask Marco to come with you."

Loraine coughed to hide her embarrassment.

"Forget it. With our current relationship, it's not appropriate for us to attend such an occasion together."

The interview Marco had granted to those reporters had led people to misunderstand their relationship. If she and Marco attended the banquet together, the media would surely spread the rumor much more aggressively.

But Davy, not knowing what she was worried about, tried to convince her. "But you can't find a better partner now, right? I'm with Sameen. You're with Marco. That would be just perfect, wouldn't it?"

Lorraine was about to respond, but she suddenly heard Marco's voice behind her.

"I'll go with Lorraine."

He stalked into the room, his eyes fixed on Lorraine's face.

Lorraine had no idea how or when he came into the place. She looked away from him. "But..."

Marco interrupted her. "Lorraine, it's normal to attend a banquet with a business partner. And also, it's important for us to know more about our opponent's company."

He was right.

Though Lorraine didn't like it, she just couldn't think of anything that could invalidate his statement.

"I guess that's settled, right?" Davy asked with a smile.

After hesitating for a while, Loraine finally sighed and nodded in agreement.

Then they began to discuss among themselves, as if no one else was around. This made Paige feel left out. She tried several times to contribute to the conversation, but she failed each time.

Since her purpose of inviting Davy had been achieved, she had nothing else to do, so she left angrily and went back to report to Eaton.

Eaton was very dissatisfied with her for ruining the exposition. He hadn't been nice to her since he came back from the police station.

But when he heard that she had successfully invited Davy, his face softened.

Paige added tentatively, "Dad, Mr. Jones said he would only come if Marco and Loraine came, so I had to invite the two of them."

Eaton's eyes darkened. After thinking for a while, he sneered, "Well, this is a good opportunity to get back at them."

Despite the fact that he was the leader of such a big company, he was thrown in jail like an ordinary individual. It was not only humiliating, but the stock market of Johnathan Group was also affected to a certain extent.

If he wanted to save his reputation, he had to get back at Marco and Loraine.

Since he believed that Paige was the one who had messed up the exposition, he had made up his mind to personally plan this banquet, and make sure there would be no mistake.

In order to make the banquet more popular, Eaton planned to invite some very important guests.

Trevor was one of them.

To his astonishment, when he called him to give him an invitation, Trevor refused without any hesitation. He even reminded Eaton, "The city has just experienced a crisis. Is it appropriate to hold a banquet at this time?"

Eaton gritted his teeth, but he said in a nice tone, "Mr. Gray, I understand your concerns. But Marco and Loraine will also attend the banquet. I think this will be a good opportunity to thank the two heroes."

When Trevor heard this, he changed his attitude. "Oh! I'll definitely come to see them!"

When the conversation ended, Eaton hung up with a sour look. He gritted his teeth, feeling annoyed and helpless.

After listening to the entire conversation, Paige was equally very angry.

"This is our territory. Why are the two of them so highly honored and celebrated?"

"Well, there's nothing we can do about it now," Eaton said bitterly.

But the more Paige thought about it, the angrier she became. Now, everyone was attracted to Marco and Loraine. Even the police chief showed respect to them while he ignored the Johnathan family.

At all costs, she was determined to find a way to vent her anger on them and deal with them ruthlessly.

She went back to her room and grabbed her phone. Then she went online and contacted someone.

"I heard you're having a hard time because of Loraine. Do you want revenge?"

The person she contacted was none other than Kristy.

Since the time when her attempt to disguise as a hero was exposed, Kristy was fired. Everyone now looked down on her, both online and offline. As a result, she became desperate.

Now that someone had contacted her, this was undoubtedly a very good chance for her. Kristy didn't hesitate to grab it.

"Of course! As long as you can help me, I'll do whatever you say!"

Chapter 319 Frame

Taking advantage of Trevor's reason for coming, the Johnathan family eventually announced that the reason why they were holding the banquet was to celebrate Loraine and Marco.

When the news spread across the public, everyone supported the move. It was the general consensus that the two of them were worth the celebration.

Unlike Kristy's shameless attempt to take the credit, the good deeds of Loraine and Marco only came to the fore after their reputations were almost damaged.

Keeping a low profile without seeking fame and fortune; these were what made them the real heroes.

While everyone was looking forward to the banquet, Kristy, who had been silent for a few days, suddenly reappeared online again.

At first, an account with a large following posted a piece of news.

"Kristy Morgan has been hospitalized for serious mental trauma. It seems that she has been greatly affected by the recent events involving Loraine Torres and Marco Bryant."

Then the person followed up with a photo of Kristy lying in a hospital bed.

Kristy looked haggard in the photo and she was being given some drugs.

This was enough to verify the news of her hospitalization.

Judging from the pack, people soon identified that the drugs she was being given was meant to treat depression.

But Kristy had such a bad reputation that most people did not believe her. Soon, the comment section was filled with curses.

"Is she pretending to be depressed?"

"Are you up with another falsehood again?"

When Kristy saw these, she uploaded the report of her diagnosis.

"I know I did something wrong, but the truth is that I lied simply because I had PTSD. I didn't mean to do it. It was just the only way I could react while going through so much panic."

However, almost no one believed what she said.

"Please don't fool us anymore, okay?"

"You were not the only one on that plane when it was hijacked. I'm sure there were many others who were just as frightened, if not more. Why are you being so overly dramatic?"

The scolding came from all sides, leaving Kristy almost speechless.

After a long while, she managed to respond, "I'm not being dramatic. I was maltreated before the plane was hijacked. I felt that if I didn't lie, no one would notice my existence. Who would speak up for me, if I didn't do it myself?"

She tried to portray herself as a weak victim that had ended up in the unfortunate position of being disliked by Marco.

It was at this point that people realized that the airline had not really given any official reason as to why she was fired.

"I don't have an influential background, so no one cares about me, no matter how much I say," Kristy continued. "The reason why I lied is so that everyone would pay attention to me. Only when I have a lot of followers can I get justice against big shots like Loraine Torres and Marco Bryant."

Despite all her efforts, most people were still rational enough to see through her charade.

"Marco and Loraine saved hundreds of lives on that plane, but unlike someone we know, they didn't rush forward to lay claim to being a hero!"

"What a good actress! You're so good at acting? Why on earth would such influential people spend their time making things difficult for you? Shame on you, liar!"

But there were still some people that found Kristy's story convincing. And she hired people to defend her in the comment section.

"Though they saved the people on the plane, does that mean they couldn't have bullied Kristy?"

"Did Kristy deserve to be bullied because she comes from a humble background?"

"Haven't you seen the previous interview? Kristy said she led the hijackers to the first class. Loraine Torres and Marco Bryant had no choice but to take action to protect themselves. It's so pathetic that those selfish two have been made to look like heroes!"

These comments were clearly aimed at discrediting Loraine and Marco.

Unfortunately, some people were misled by them and began to think that the halo of heroism surrounding Loraine and Marco was a little exaggerated.

When Loraine stumbled on this trend online, she was amused at Kristy's shamelessness.

Taking advantage of the absence of evidence, Kristy spewed a lot of nonsense and deliberately tried to slander her and Marco.

Loraine didn't care much about being a hero, but one thing she didn't want was to be framed.

Since Qbot had once recorded Colette's statements in a restaurant, Loraine asked it if Obot also recorded

Kristy's statements at the time of the incident.

Marco, who was still impersonating the robot, frowned when he received the message.

Since he was not a real AI robot, there was no way he could provide what she wanted.

After hesitating for a while, he replied, "No, but I can find out detailed information about Kristy."

Loraine couldn't help but feel a little strange. Why was Obot behaving differently from Qbot?

But just then, she was sent the information about Kristy. Without thinking any further, she opened the file and started reading.

When Loraine was done reading it, she was left in utter shock.

Despite all she knew about Kristy, it was nothing compared to what she had just read.

It was so astonishing!