

## Chapter 110 Yet Another Scandal

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"I have to go home to ask Mom for help. If Marco finds out about this..."

The thought of how Marco locked her up at home the last time made Marina's pulse gallop like a runaway train.

She rushed back, only to find that Laura wasn't at home. Liza was home alone.

Judging by the pensive look on her granddaughter's face, Liza immediately sensed that all wasn't well. She glared at Marina, causing her to come clean almost immediately.

"You are such a fool. All you know how to do is to create problems for this family. What the hell is wrong with you?" Liza scolded Marina angrily.

But her anger didn't stop her from hating Loraine even more.

That woman was a scourge!

With her eyes narrowed, Liza asked, "You said that Mr. T has an intimate relationship with Loraine?"

"Yes, very intimate!" Marina nodded hard. "He does whatever Loraine says. I'm sure they are dating!"

A vicious glint flashed through Liza's eyes after she heard this.

Before the news of Loraine and her companion being thrown out of Bryant Art Gallery got out, Liza made the first move by releasing the news that they were dating. The report was accompanied by pictures and eyewitnesses' testimonies.

Just as the news was gaining traction, Bryant Art Gallery issued a statement.

"Here at Bryant Art Gallery, we pride ourselves in authenticity and genuine love for arts. We are forever committed to giving our guests the best experience on every visit. For this reason, we frown at celebrities who come here just to seek attention. Only real art lovers are welcome to our gallery. Thanks."

It was as clear as day that the statement was

directed at Loraine. She was made out to be a celebrity who liked to be the center of attention. She was also blamed for her own embarrassment.

The recent series of bad news about Loraine also acted as pointers that she was an attention seeker.

Worse still, the statement was coming moments after her relationship with Mr. T was reported.

For the umpteenth time, Loraine and her private life became the topic of discussion online.

Keely, who was keen on tearing Loraine down, didn't let this golden opportunity pass her by. She commissioned some trolls to fan the fire of the scandal.

She gave them the details of Loraine's past which she overheard from Jimmie.

"I was once Loraine's classmate. The news is credible. Loraine is not a professional architect at all. She has no degree. She dropped out of middle school!"

"I'm from Loraine's hometown. Growing up,

she was a loose girl. She jumped from one man to another. It was said that she dropped out of school because she got pregnant."

"She did worse than that. I heard that she eloped with a street thug! She was under the radar for many years. Who knows what she did during that time!"

Trolls popped out of nowhere and claimed to have known Loraine from childhood. They said outrageous things about her.

Loraine's reputation as a philanthropist and extraordinary designer was reduced to nothing. She received backlash from countless social media users.

Sure enough, the Torres family got wind of the news.

"Find the people behind this! All of them! I want to know the stupid people who dared to tell such lies about Lorrie!"

Aldo was breathing fire, same as Rowan and Wesley.

When Loraine was a child, she had gotten lost and lived in the countryside. It was taboo in the Torres family.

They were afraid that Loraine would be reminded of her traumatic experience in the countryside if she saw the news online. They immediately made sure it was deleted and began to investigate who was behind it.

By this time, Loraine had already seen the news. She couldn't sit back and do nothing. She immediately began to fight back.

She posted a picture of her degree certificate online. This was to prove that she wasn't a middle-school dropout like the rumors claimed. But it didn't help matters at this time.

Several doubtful comments poured in.

"The department of architectural design, Presal Institute of Art? Gosh, you are such a bad liar!"

"She clearly takes us for fools. In this day and age, it's easy to forge a certificate. If she's a graduate of such a prestigious school, then I'm a Harvard alumnus. Ha-ha!"

Seeing that they wouldn't take her word for it, Loraine contacted one of her professors at Presal Institute of Art to help her inform the

school's management to back her claim. Soon, her graduation photo was posted on the school's official Twitter account. They also retweeted the tweet of her degree certificate. The trolls couldn't speak on her educational background anymore, so they stuck to speaking about her dating life.

Loraine immediately fired back at them with a single tweet. "I'm a twenty-five-year-old divorcee, who is still young and beautiful. I have every right to hang out with whomever I deem fit. My dating life isn't anyone's business, so fuck off!"

The other protagonist of this slanderous news, Wesley, tweeted sarcastically to address the statement that Bryant Art Gallery issued.

"Of what use is an art gallery that's discriminatory, backward, and has no artistic quality? How about you change it to a museum for historical artifacts?"

As a big shot in the art world, Mr. T had countless followers online.

Once his tweet dropped, his fans launched

verbal attacks at the gallery. Some of them even staged a mini-protest in front of it. As a result, the gallery was forced to shut down temporarily.

This was just the beginning of its downfall. The art regulatory body sanctioned it. The sanctions and bad PR affected business for all the branches of Bryant Art Gallery all over the world.

In the end, the stock price of Bryant Group fell.

The Bryant family kept receiving several bad news in the span of a few days. Liza suddenly had a heart attack and collapsed. She was rushed to the hospital immediately.