

## Chapter 198 Meeting Of Reuniting

In the apartment, Loraine came out of the bathroom after cleaning up and found her phone vibrating.

Checking it, she found several messages from Shepherd's chatting group.

This group was now very active. The band members who hadn't gotten in touch with each others were chatting happily.

Three years ago, they formed a band and played music because of their same interest.

The band eventually disbanded, and the members gradually stopped communicating with one another. Each of them now had a new profession.

They began to catch up on all the news.

Larry, the bassist, Leon, the drummer, and Carlos, the keyboard player, came from ordinary families.

Larry switched careers and started teaching music. Leon taught people how to play the drums in the training courses. Carlos didn't like to follow a set schedule, so he made money by performing at weddings and parties.

The only exception was Godwin, the guitarist. His family was wealthy. He returned home and inherited the family business after the band disbanded.

He took over the family business of musical

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instruments and become an idle boss.

Jealousy was sparked by his boastful words.

Leon typed, "Godwin, you are so secretive. I desire a life similar to yours."

Larry typed, "Who isn't jealous of such a life?"

Carlos typed, "I also want to inherit the family business and be wealthy!"

Everyone in the group, including Loraine, was happy as they made jokes.

Loraine texted, "My life is not particularly noteworthy. I have been unemployed over the last three years. Just like Godwin, my family business was recently passed down to me. Now, I run Universe Group as the CEO."

After a brief moment of silence, the entire group burst into an uproar.

Godwin texted, "Universe Group... It seems that Alice is the best at concealing her family background. I am considerably less valuable than the CEO of Universe Group!"

Carlos said, "Impressive! No wonder you are the leader!"

Leon echoed, "I'm also impressed! No wonder you are the leader!"

Larry also followed suit, "Impressive! No wonder you are the leader!"

As the group started reciting the same phrases, Loraine burst into laughter.





Although three years had passed, the members didn't change at all.

Loraine couldn't help but think back to the times they had during their time as a band. They were simply enjoying themselves then as they were now. They partnered on musical performances and fun times.

Loraine was in a good mood as she reflected on the past and proposed, "Three years have passed since our last encounter. Is it possible we get together again soon?"

The group fell silent. The fact that they now had their own lives and jobs to complete made them all hesitant to fly to Vagow.

The first to respond was Godwin, who led a wealthy life.

"I'm okay with it! Loraine, since you have asked, I will come. Vagow, right? Wait for me!"

Godwin responded so quickly that his response was viewable almost immediately after Loraine asked.

Everyone made fun of him.

Leon said, "You decided so quickly. Is it because you have given it a lot of thought?"

Carlos said, "Someone just can't wait..."

Without giving it much thought, Loraine responded in the group, "Relax, everyone. I don't mean anything else. I just want to get together, and you are welcome to come whenever you like."

One after another, others immediately replied that they would visit.

Loraine was filled with anticipation as she read the group chat messages. She remained excited until they scheduled the meeting.

Loraine packed her documents and headed to the company.

In the company, she switched to her CEO mode and walked into the meeting room with a straight face.

"Everyone, this meeting is to announce the most important new project in the next phase of Universe Group. I've decided to renovate our current commercial street and build a new commercial district."

The meeting room erupted immediately after she finished speaking. However, most attendees were against it.

Duran was the first to speak. "I don't agree. The business street was successful. All we need to do is maintain it, and it will generate profits. There are risks in changing it right now."

Reynolds echoed, "I agree. We don't have to take the risk."

The other directors also nodded. They didn't support Loraine in making such a significant change to the company, even if they accepted the fact that she took on the CEO role.

The directors of different departments also expressed skepticism about Loraine's plan.

The only people who backed Loraine were Cayson, Jolie, the new director of the architectural design department, and Allen, the new director of research

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and development.

The argument left the meeting room in disarray. "Quiet," Loraine ordered sternly.

Immediately, everyone stopped talking.

After taking a deep breath, Loraine explained, "I know your concerns, but doing business is like gambling. If we accept the situation as it is, we will only fall behind. According to what I've heard, Bryant Group plans to replace our commercial street in Vagow with a new central business district. Universe Group will be in a terrible position once Bryant Group succeeds!"

"What?"

"Is that true?"

The news left everyone aghast. A large number of them began to hesitate.

Loraine took the opportunity and said calmly, "Don't worry. I have already figured out how to fight back. The first step is to buy the nearby land and extend the commercial district of Universe Group. The design department then develops an expansion plan. Finally, we can create a brand-new commercial center ahead of Bryant Group thanks to the research and development department's digital information technology."

Loraine had the ideal strategy, and every director and senior executive supported it. Even though Reynolds and Duran were displeased, they could only hold back their frustration.

"Okay, we agree!"



## Chapter 199 Being Driven Out Together

The new project was quickly approved after a unanimous vote. Later in the afternoon, Loraine took Jolie out for a field investigation to design and improve the upgrading plan.

Just as they arrived at the entrance to the street, they bumped into Lily and Marina.

Seeing those two talking and laughing, Loraine couldn't keep from frowning.

What bad luck! How did these two annoying people manage to get together?

"Miss Torres, shall we come another day?" Julie asked, knowing the grudge between Loraine and the two friends.

Loraine shook her head. "No. We are running out of time. We'll just ignore them."

But Marina and Lily didn't intend to let Loraine go just like that. They went over to provoke her.

"Hey, Loraine, you're shopping too? Aren't you a member of the Torres family and the CEO of Universe Group? Why are you still so free? It seems you're just a nominal CEO," Lily said in a mocking tone.

Loraine was very angry, but she managed to control her temper. She even laughed it off and retorted, "What I do is none of your business. If a plagiarist like you can come out of your house, why can't I?"

Lily turned red in embarrassment and shouted shrilly, "What nonsense are you talking about? That had nothing to do with me. The agency forced me to do those things!"

But Loraine scoffed in doubt and said sarcastically, "Lily, I didn't expect you to be such a shameless liar. With a family as influential as yours, what agency would force you? Who are you trying to fool with such a stupid excuse?"

"Loraine Torres!"

Lily had absolutely nothing to say in her own defense.

Seeing that Lily was no match for Loraine, Marina swiftly took her place and tried to act tough. "Good thing you know that Lily's family is very powerful. So, you better watch your language!" she scolded, her eyes flashing in anger.

She hated the sight of Loraine to no end. Because of the diamond mine transfer agreement, she was locked in her room and starved for two days.

If her mother hadn't let her out, she would probably have starved to death.

She blamed all her previous suffering on Loraine and she just wished she could kill her.

But Loraine's response was a sneer. "You're the one who needs to watch your language. Marina, have you forgotten that this street belongs to my family? You've already been blacklisted, so how dare you come to my area to spew rubbish? Do you want me to call the security to drive you out again?"

Marina was stunned.



Lily, who had never seen what Loraine was capable of, did not believe Loraine could do what she just threatened to do.

"How dare you!"

"Let's see if I dare or not," Loraine said with a chuckle. Immediately, she waved at the security guards.

The guards quickly came over. When they saw Marina, they reached out to drive her away.

"Sorry, but you need to leave now!"

Lily's eyes widened in surprise. "How dare you! Do you know who I am? Do you have any idea who she is? How dare you drive us away?"

"Look, we have our orders. Marina Bryant is not welcome here in this street. Since you came with her, you have to leave along with her."

Her face pale with shame and fear, Marina quickly hid behind Lily.

The last time she came shopping in this place, she met Loraine and Cayson, and she was warned to never come again. But she did not take it seriously. She didn't know that Loraine was serious about it.

Eventually, she and Lily were led out of the area by the security guards.

Lily was so furious that she nearly lost her breath. All her life, she had never been driven out like this.

The sight of the two being kicked out of the street attracted many people's attention. Passers-by pointed at Lily and Marina and gossiped about them. The two of them were so embarrassed that they quickly



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covered their faces and hurried out of the place.

They didn't stop until they found a quiet place far from the street and stopped there.

"That bitch, Loraine!" Lily cursed angrily.

"Lily, I'm so sorry for getting you into this," Marina said with tears in her eyes. "Since the divorce, Loraine has held a grudge against our family and seized every opportunity to take revenge on us. Since the day she was unveiled as a Torres, she has become even more arrogant."

Lily listened to everything she said and ground her teeth in fury. She didn't know that Marina always provoked and bullied Loraine in the past.

Desperate to win Marina's support in her effort to become Marco's wife, Lily immediately made a promise.

"Marina, don't worry. Now that I'm back, I'll help you deal with that bitch. Recently, my father has been planning to partner with Bryant Group to develop a new CBD. When our families start working together, we will destroy the Torres family!"

"Wow. Are you for real?" Marina exclaimed, her eyes lit up in joy.

"Of course," Lily nodded confidently.

"Great! Marina hugged her excitedly and kissed her on both cheeks. "It's all up to you now, Lily! You're rich and capable. You're the only one who's truly qualified to be my sister-in-law!"

Meanwhile, back at the site, Loraine's new project was facing a new setback.

The land near the street belonged to Henson Group, and this group wanted to sell it. So, both companies reached an agreement.

The acquisition had almost been decided and the contract was about to be signed. But for some unknown reason, Henson Group suddenly changed their mind and demanded an exorbitant price.

Loraine frowned as she read through the revised contract.

"Jolie, get ready. I'm going to negotiate with Henson Group in person," she said to her companion.

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