

## Chapter 283 The Awaited Response

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The head chef of the Geranium's silence caused a gradual shift in online sentiment in Colette's favor.

"It seems Loraine was bragging. Does she find it so difficult to accept that she's not as great as others?"

"That's too humiliating. Even though I've always fancied Loraine, there's really no reason to boast that she got guidance from Odom. The truth can be simply obtained."

As time went by, there was even mockery directed at Loraine.

For the entire day, Colette had been scared. But since the chef had not replied, she relaxed.

She did the right thing! Loraine unwittingly assisted her in diverting the public's attention.

Even if someone revealed that Loraine had defeated her, the public would only be interested in the fact that Loraine had lied.

Colette's supporters grew as Loraine's denigration increased rapidly.

Pleased, Colette put her phone down and started putting on a facial mask in preparation for a restful

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Suddenly, her phone vibrated.

Upon opening, she saw it was a message from Twitter.

Odom, the chef of the Geranium, replied, "Loraine was one of my students. Is there anything wrong with it?"

A jolt of fright caused Colette's heart to quiver, and the facial mask fell.

She asked the chef if he knew Loraine. He, however, stated outright that Loraine was his student.

Colette gulped while her hands quivered. "You took so long to respond. Did Loraine get in touch with you and pay you off?"

She tried to sway public opinion. Odom explained straightforwardly, "I apologize. I don't play with my phone when I'm working."

Odom seemed to have reviewed the details on her account's home page and asked, "Didn't you cook in a Michelin restaurant before? Why did you not know this simple principle?"

In a state of panic, Colette was stumped for words.

Another piece of news showed up as she was formulating her best response.

The Michelin-starred restaurant she had boasted about in her resume was also notified. They



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"Colette Moreau is never a chef in our restaurant. She was just an intern here! Please don't misunderstand us!"

This Michelin restaurant was eager to disassociate itself from Colette.

Abruptly, there was a ruckus in the public discussion.

Colette was actually the one who boasted about herself, and even she falsely accused Loraine of lying.

For a brief moment, people were stunned and unable to respond. When they realized what had happened, they began to ridicule Colette.

"What? Colette, how dare you boast?"

"The disparity between people is enormous. While some are modest and polite, others are boastful!"

"Colette Moreau, you are ridiculous!"

Colette gritted her teeth in rage as she read the shaming and mockery in the comment section.

However, she refrained from replying out of concern that it would infuriate them more.

She frantically searched for the most recent news online and felt helpless and panicked.

She couldn't have predicted that Loraine actually knew the Geranium's executive chef.

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Suddenly, she received a message from an employee of Moreau Group.

"Miss Moreau, our restaurant suddenly received a lot of negative feedback, and its Internet rating dropped to the lowest!"

Colette's face grew dark as she worriedly asked, "What's happening?"

She soon discovered what had occurred.

Someone had exposed a recording of her cursing at the guests after she lost the competition to Loraine.

Customers of Moreau Group, both new and old, were incensed when the record was disclosed and sent negative comments to all restaurants under Moreau Group.

Colette felt deflated and defeated. She then noticed that Bryant Group and Universe Group had each released a statement in turn.

Universe Group would never invite Moreau Group to partake in the collaboration.

Bryant Group blacklisted all of Moreau Group's brands and ceased all collaboration with them.

In a state of terror, Colette hurriedly called Marina.

"Marina, I assisted you in getting Loraine into trouble. Now you must assist me!"



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How could Marina lend a hand?

Colette's stupidity was beyond her expectations.

Marina no longer wanted to be polite after realizing that Moreau Group was doomed. "Colette, you ruined your reputation by making a stupid mistake. I can't help you! Figure it out by yourself! Bye."

She immediately hung up.

Colette felt her heart racing as reality set in.

"No!"

Moreau Group was ruined, and so was she!

## Chapter 284 The Missing Qbot

Inside the CEO's office at Universe Group

Qbot sent a smug emoji and asked Loraine, "Mommy, did I do a good job?"

It referred to the recording in Colette's restaurant.

Colette couldn't turn the tables after the recording was exposed on the Internet.

Loraine exclaimed, "Yes, you did a great job!"

Loraine was unaware of the extent of Qbot's capabilities.

It could collect and store data at any time and from any location.


Qbot was overjoyed and sent Loraine an emoji requesting her to touch his head.

As a reward, Loraine grinned and tapped the phone's screen.

Suddenly, a message popped up. It was from Odom.

"Hi, Loraine. What's up?"

Loraine quickly replied, "Odom, how are you? It's been

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a while since we saw each other."

She hadn't spoken to her old friends since she married Marco.

Odom probably found her account by the news.

Odom apologized, "I was expecting that I would be contacting you after three years in such a situation. I apologize for not clarifying it for you sooner."

Loraine was filled with gratitude. "You don't have to apologize to me. I'm the one who should thank you."

Loraine turned down his request to become his student back then. They did, however, respect one another as teacher and student.

The gaps created by time gradually vanished as they talked with each other.

"Loraine, have you been practicing cooking these years? I've never seen someone as talented as you. You refused to be my student since all you wanted to do was design buildings. I just taught you a few dishes. If not, you ought to already be established in the culinary industry."

Loraine's eyelids dropped and she grinned bitterly.

She failed Odom. She didn't pursue her desired studies in architecture or practicing cooking. Instead, she became a housewife.<sup>1</sup>

Loraine was able to calm down after reflecting on her



marriage of three years.

She lightly said, "I'm sorry. I seldom cook."

Odom was aware of her experience as well. After a little pause, he let out a regretful sigh.

"Loraine, I anticipated you would become well-known in the construction industry soon after you returned. But I didn't imagine that you would decide to get married and hide your identity. Being a housewife for three years isn't a wise decision."

"Luckily, I'm relieved from that now," said Loraine, slightly absent-minded.

She wasn't sure if she was explaining to Odom or making amends with herself for the past.

Meanwhile, three men sat in a bar's private room.

Marco appeared depressed as he drank by himself in the corner.

His friends didn't dare to bother him and drank in silence.

Suddenly, Slater, who was playing with his mobile phone, exclaimed, "Wow! Loraine is so awesome! She once learned cooking from Odom, the Geranium's chef!"

Jimmie was shocked when he heard that. With the same expression of disbelief, he bent over and glanced at Slater's phone.



"That's true!"

Slater waved his phone at Marco. "Marco, you are so lucky! Loraine is a Torres and a student of the world's top chef."

Without responding, Marco gripped his glass.

Slater was still excited. "It's unfortunate that you didn't frequently eat at home before. Your mother and sister always stay at home. Why didn't they acknowledge Loraine's skills at cooking?"

Jimmie pushed his shoulder and flashed him a warning glance.

He mouthed, "Are you blind? Don't you see how upset Marco is?"

Slater gazed at Marco, covering his mouth.

In a gruff voice, Marco muttered mockingly, "They asked Loraine to cook because they wanted to make Loraine look bad. They didn't eat the food she made."

The atmosphere in the room became tense.

Slater and Jimmie exchanged awkward glances, not knowing what to say.

It appeared futile to try and console him with words.

Marco was unfortunate to have such awful family.

Jimmie approached Marco, gave him a shoulder pat,

and sighed.

Slater played the online recording again and sighed. "What Colette said is fitting for your mom and sister."

Marco frowned.

Something was off.

The recording was so crystal clear that it appeared to be heard live.

Something suddenly struck Marco.

He got to his feet, grabbed the phone, and played the recording again.

He had designed this sound collection and processing system for Qbot!

Marco quickly threw the phone back to Slater before rushing out of the room.

"Hey, Marco, what's wrong?"

After driving back to Bryant Group, Marco went straight to the lab and let Qbot out.

As expected, Qbot was missing!