

## Chapter 383 Releasing The Video

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Lorraine sneered at the words.

Finally, it all made sense. The reason why Marina was so adamant about swaying public opinion online was that she had something to hide.

And now, Lorraine uncovered her dirty little secret.

Marina had seduced Jones, only to be swiftly rejected.

Fearing the wrath of the media, Marina concocted a scheme to shift the blame onto Lorraine. She had been wearing the same clothes as Lorraine that night.

Her ingenious ruse had worked brilliantly, at least for a time.

Marina wasn't as smart as Lorraine had thought.

Lorraine pulled out her phone, gazing blankly at the screen as her mind raced. Marco was in possession of the footage. She had no idea if he would be willing to help her; Marina was his sister, after all.

At that exact moment, Marco sent her another message.

"Lorraine, I will release the surveillance video and make sure Marina gets what she deserves. I'll take care of it. I'm not going to let you suffer."

Lorraine was stunned because she had expected Marco to be on his sister's side.

After all, what Marina did this time was unlike anything she had done before. Marina's reputation would be irreparably damaged. She would have to bear the stigma of pursuing a married man.

Her family's name would be dragged through the mud.

Lorraine pondered the idea that Marco still held a torch for her sister. The way he constantly came to her rescue made her think that he still cared deeply for her. That was why Marina always acted arrogant.

Lorraine couldn't hold back her curiosity any longer. "Marco, are you certain you want to release that video? Aren't you afraid that Marina will hate you?"

Marco was silent for a moment before saying, "I've given her too many chances already. I can't tolerate her reckless ways any longer. Who knows what sort of mistake she'll make if I don't teach her a lesson this time!"

He had fruitlessly hoped that Marina would learn from her past mistakes.

But he knew deep down that she would never change unless she faced the consequences of her actions.

She'd injured Lorraine, after all.

He couldn't bear the sight of his flesh and blood causing harm to the one he loved.

Seriously, Marco vowed, "Lorraine, I will never let her hurt you again."

Marco was willing to come to Marina's aid, despite the harm she had caused, until she crossed the line by blaming Loraine.

That was a line he simply could not ignore.

Loraine was deeply touched by Marco's firm attitude and his unwavering commitment to her well-being. She couldn't believe that he was doing this for her.

She held the phone tightly, remaining silent for what seemed like an eternity.

"You've made your decision, and you can handle it. I have no problem with that," she said.

Loraine was moved by Marco's actions.

Maybe he was unaware of how Marina and Laura had mistreated her during their years of wedlock, which explained his inaction.

Marco kept his word intact, as the CCTV footage of the bar's corridor was unearthed without delay.

He also noted the exact time of each occurrence. Loraine had already left the private chamber when Jones was lured by someone who snuck in after her.

Marco was discreet about their stairwell brawl, but he exposed Marina's entry into the room after they had departed.

The video might have been smudged and blurry, but people didn't give up until they unmasked the lady's identity by pausing it repeatedly.

"Isn't that Marina Bryant?"

"Yeah! It's definitely her! I remember she once posted a photo wearing this dress!"

People shortly stumbled upon a treasure trove—a photo Marina had shared in the past, flaunting the same dress as the girl in the video.

"Come on, let's take a closer look! In terms of style, Loraine's dress is a mirror image of Marina's. But her dress is better cut than Marina's!"

"We unjustly accused Loraine."

"Marina's devious plot to shift the blame on poor Loraine is simply outrageous! Can you believe she led us astray on purpose?"

While everyone scoured for clues and tried to uncover the truth, Davy took to social media to set the record straight, issuing a clarification via Cheap and Fine Group's official account.

"I came to Vagow to discuss possible collaboration with Universe Group and Bryant Group. Seeking a peaceful atmosphere to discuss potential partnerships, I booked a secluded room in the bar. My wife was also present, in addition to the presidents of the two groups. Is there a problem? It's not illegal for me to talk business with friends at a bar."

In a shocking turn of events, both his wife and Marco were present, leaving everyone stunned.

His words provided absolute clarity, leaving no room for confusion.

Davy mentioned Marina's name with a hint of warning.

"Marina Bryant, if you're looking for a fleeting romance, you better steer clear of me. I have a wife and a precious daughter, and I remain faithful to them. Your actions have caused problems for me, my family, and my friends."

In a jaw-dropping revelation, he shared a photo of himself being evicted by his wife. Though people found it hilarious, they were also disgusted with the culprit, Marina.

Marina's online profile was brimming with comments from people accusing her of being a shameless home-wrecker and immoral adulteress.

Her reputation lay in tatters.



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## Chapter 384 Reap What She Had Sown

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Seeing that the public opinion online had completely reversed and all kinds of insults were now being thrown at her, Marina became frightened and almost fainted.

Why had things suddenly turned out like this?

All she just wanted to do was to frame Loraine without getting caught in the matter. But she had forgotten that there was a CCTV camera at the bar!

This new outcome was very difficult for her to digest. She could no longer endure it, so she ran to Laura in tears.

"Mom, what should I do? My reputation is completely ruined now. I don't want to live anymore!"

But Laura was as helpless as she was.

She had set out to prove her daughter's innocence and discredit Loraine, but she had not expected that the result would turn out to be the opposite of her plans.

If Marina was seen as a home-wrecker, who would marry her in the future?

No ordinary family would want such a woman, let alone a rich family.

She had to do something. She would never let Marina become such a detestable woman!

Marina's marriage was her last hope of turning the tables!

After thinking for a long time, Laura decided to release an explanation online. "People are thinking too much. Marina was indeed at the bar at that time, but she was drunk and bumped into Davy Jones by accident. It was all a big misunderstanding!"

If she and Marina had not been so active in slandering Loraine's reputation, perhaps some people would have easily believed her explanation.

Now, no one wanted to even listen to her.

"She was drunk? Then why was she dressed in that manner? In the video, her breasts were practically exposed."

"The first half of the surveillance video showed that she was very sober when she was trying to locate the private room Davy was in. Why was she tipsy all of a sudden when she spotted him and then she threw herself into his arms?"

These comments bit hard at Laura's feelings.

She became very angry and helpless. At the end of the day, she had to ask Marina to join her, so they could both fish for sympathy together.

Marina was reluctant. She didn't think anyone would believe her anymore. But still, she had no choice but to do as Laura told her.

"I know some of you might have a misunderstanding of what happened and you might already have a wrong impression of me after watching the video, but I was really drunk at that time and I didn't see the room number clearly. I just wanted to find a room where I could take a break. You



can't make assumptions based on some surveillance video."

While she posted this, Laura was hiring a group of rumormongers, attempting to distract social media users from the current scandal.

"Indeed, Marina is a noble woman. There are a lot of young influential men who are chasing after her. Why would she seduce a married man?"

Some of these hired users even brought up Loraine somehow.

"Never comment on anything unless you've heard from both sides. Previously, people have drawn wrong conclusions about Loraine due to crazy speculations. Now, you're bullying another woman online because of similar speculations. Why?"

Surprisingly, this approach worked.

The criticism directed against Marina was quickly suppressed by the comments of these hired users. People began to think about those rumors about Loraine that had later turned out to be false. Fearing that they would make fools of themselves again, most of them stopped criticizing Marina.

At this point, both Marina and Laura breathed a deep sigh of relief.

But not long after, someone claimed that Laura had once paid some rumormongers to frame Loraine as a promiscuous woman that had tried to seduce Davy.

There were even screenshots of the transaction, making the evidence irrefutable and impossible for Laura to deny.





If Marina was really innocent, why did she and Laura try so hard to get rumormongers to twist public opinion in their favor?

People were not stupid. If Laura and Marina could pay people to slander Loraine, then they could also use the same trick to whitewash their reputations.

As more and more people realized this, the comments under their posts became full of criticisms.

"Marina and her mother are really something. She wanted to seduce Davy herself, but she failed. So, they decided to frame Loraine."

"How can anyone believe any statement made by these two evil women? They have hired fake users to bully Loraine in the past. Now, they're using them again to prevent people from criticizing them. What clever criminals!"

Before long, all the comments made by her group of hired users were suppressed by the counter criticisms.

Seeing that the situation was going out of control, Laura and Marina began to panic.

"Mom, what should we do now? It seems everything is failing!" Marina wailed.

Laura didn't really know what to do. She gritted her teeth and bit her finger in impotent rage. Clearly, she and Marina would not be able to fix this issue on their own.

"Call your brother now! He can't just ignore us!" she ordered Marina.

Marina immediately pulled out her phone and called Marco.

But Marco didn't answer her call. She called again and again, but there was still no answer.

Even Laura called him several times and still ended up getting ignored. Their eyes were now red with anxiety and their faces were turning paler and paler. If Marco did not help them, they would be doomed!



## Chapter 385 Ask For Help

Lorraine had been paying attention to the trending topics online.

When she saw that Marco had kept his promise and released the surveillance video, she had mixed feelings.

As for the fact that it was Laura who had tried hard to make her look bad in the eyes of the public, that was not something she found strange. In fact, she found it funny somehow.

Both Marina and Laura had the same mindset. Their goal was always to slander her at the slightest opportunity.

But was this also found out by Marco?

Marco was so ruthless to them. If Laura and Marina knew it, would they be willing to give up easily?

Suddenly, her phone started ringing. It was Rowan calling.

Lorraine picked the phone and answered it immediately.

Rowan had been in the hospital recuperating for some days now. She had planned to visit him after signing the contract with Davy, but she had not expected that he would call her.

"Lorrie, I've dealt with those disgusting stuff online. What do you think of my solution? Did I erase those crazy comments in time?"

There was a smile on his face as he said this. It was as if he

was asking for an award from Loraine.

"Were you the one that exposed Laura?" Loraine asked in surprise.

"Yes. As soon as I saw that crazy trending story and the vile comments, I ordered someone to investigate. I won't allow anyone to hurt my dear niece, you know."

Loraine felt loved and she couldn't help but break into a smile. "But you haven't fully recovered yet. You should stop worrying too much about me, at least for now."

"What on Earth are you talking about? You're our princess. Whoever dares to bully you is playing with fire! But tell me, Lorrie, were you satisfied with my activity? If you're still not satisfied, I can punish that mother and daughter right now."

It was at this point that Loraine remembered that Laura had not only slandered her but also slandered her uncle.

And while she was at the bar, Marina had almost pushed her down the stairs.

She had a lot of grudges with those two women.

Since they had created so much trouble for her again and again, Loraine had no reason to continue to endure them.

"Don't worry, Uncle Rowan. You don't have to do it. I'll do it myself this time," she assured him.

"Okay then. Whatever you choose to do, I'll always stand behind you and support you with all my strength. Never forget that."

Those were his final words before ending the call. After

putting down the phone, Loraine logged into her social media account and posted a statement.

"In view of the repeated slander and intentional attacks by Laura and Marina Bryant, I'll sue both of them in defense of my rights."

This statement got people highly excited and they left a lot of comments on the post.

"Intentional attacks? Did they do more evil things to you?"

"Loraine, I support your plan to sue them! You can't be nice and lenient with people like them!"

"Yes! Sue them! This is not the first time that they've spread false rumors about you!"

When Loraine saw the first comment, she responded by describing how Marina had tried to push her down the stairs at the bar. This made people even more angry. They not only supported her plan to sue Marina and Laura, they also petitioned some famous lawyers and called on them to help her do the job.

One of the lawyers replied, "They would be definitely sent to jail. As for how long they would be locked up, it depends on the choice of the victim."

When Laura and Marina stumbled on these comments online, they became very scared.

Marina kept crying and wailing, which only made things worse for her mother.

Neither of them could get in touch with Marco, so they had to ask Liza for help again.

Liza had also heard the matter and she was so angry that she almost had a heart attack.

She didn't expect that the mother and daughter would forget the warnings she had given them.

As soon as they opened the door and entered her room, she swiped her cane and hit the both of them.

They jumped and screamed in pain.

But Liza only kept hitting them. They had no choice but to beg for mercy while running around the room to avoid being hit again.

"Liza, you have to help us this time," Laura pleaded. "If not for anything but for the fact that if Marina and I are both in jail, the Bryant family will be disgraced!"

Liza finally stopped chasing them and tried to catch her breath.

Though she didn't want to help these two idiots, what Laura had just said was very correct.

After all, they were members of Bryant family. If something happened to them, Bryant Group would be affected.

Liza looked at them with a furious expression. After a while, she took a deep breath.

"I'll ask Marco to handle it. You two better behave yourselves from now on! If you keep causing trouble, I won't spare you again!"

"Thank you, grandma!" Marina said gratefully.

"Thanks, Liza," Laura said too as she wiped her tears

Liza didn't notice the lack of gratitude on Laura's face.

As far as Laura was concerned, she was the real hostess of the Bryant family, and Marina was the real heiress.

But they had to depend on Marco, an illegitimate child, and look up to him. Why?

