## Chapter 28 Motivation

Loraine was more motivated to beat the competitive Bryant Group.

She returned to the company and began preparing for the bidding.

Soon, Loraine proposed her idea of participating in the smart city project during the first department meeting after she became the director.

Everyone was excited to participate in such a prestigious project. However, one person looked discouraged.

"Are you kidding me? Bryant Group has already bagged such an important project. Our company will never be able to beat them. You should know where you stand. God, it's a stupid idea. Stop striving for quick success and instant benefits. You'll only end up failing." Eliza snorted with disdain.

"Eliza, what nonsense are you saying?" Jolie retorted. "You're an employee of Universe Group, not a member of Bryant Group. How could you appreciate them and belittle our company?"

"Nonsense? Everyone in the city knows that Bryant Group is the only company that works in close cooperation with the government. Bryant Group has been growing stronger since Marco took office. He has not only won over the best designers in the world but also assembled the best scientific research team. What makes you think we'll win? It's just a waste of time and effort."

The enthusiasm of the people in the conference room died in an instant.

Although Eliza sounded rude and pessimistic, she was right.

Eliza secretly felt happy to know everyone had lost their ambition and drive.

She disliked Loraine's behavior after she became the director. Eliza's main aim was to kill her every move.

However, Eliza's arrogance didn't last long.

"Eliza, if you don't have the potential, you should quit," said Loraine. "Stop discouraging the team members."

Eliza's face flushed with embarrassment. "What do you mean?"

Loraine ignored her and turned to look at the other employees. "I admit that Bryant Group is powerful, but Universe Group is no lesser. We are equally powerful. Why should we be afraid of Bryant Group? One must always move forward in the business world. Otherwise, we'll fall behind. If you're afraid of competition, you'll never grow. As long as you work hard and successfully win this project, you can enjoy bonuses and other benefits. Don't you want them?"

Loraine's words excited everyone. They were all motivated.

"Well said, Loraine!"

"That's right. Loraine has won two big projects: the resort and the children's park. I think we can compete with Bryant Group. Trust her!"

"Forget it. I'll do my best for the bonus!" Loraine's speech was a morale booster.

Eliza's anger reached its peak when she heard all her colleagues wanted to work with Loraine.

"It's easy to talk at lengths about success. I would like to see what you will do after you fail."

However, no one seemed to pay attention to Eliza's complaint. Everyone was in high spirits and devoted their time to work on the project.

Loraine worked harder than her subordinates. She worked overtime, day and night, to finish the task.

While Loraine was engrossed in work, she got a call from Rowan.

"Lorrie, I heard you wanted to win the smart city project. Why didn't you tell me earlier? I'll introduce some friends to you, so you won't endure losses in the competition with Bryant Group," Rowan said earnestly. He didn't feel guilty about helping his niece.

Loraine refused without hesitation. "Uncle Rowan, please don't!"

However, Rowan tried his best to persuade her. "Lorrie, I'm your uncle. What's wrong with me helping you? Moreover, Bryant Group works in close collaboration with the government. Marco has developed the group into a strong company at such a young age. I'm sure he must have achieved it by some dirty means!"

Loraine massaged her temples. "Uncle Rowan! I know you are afraid I might suffer losses. But don't you trust your niece? I can win the project without anyone's help!"

Rowan compromised ultimately.

"Fine! You are right! I believe you can win the project with your own ability. I'm going to contact some of my friends and ask the government staff to make this tender open for public assessment. Since you don't want to use any connections, I'll make sure others don't secretly use their influence either."

Meanwhile, two uninvited visitors came to Marco's office.

"Marco, what has kept you busy lately? If we didn't come to your office, we wouldn't have been able to see you." Slater slumped on the sofa and complained.

Marco was still engrossed in work. He didn't

bother to look at him.

Jimmie looked at him and sighed. "Gosh, you are a workaholic! I thought we could hang out more often after your divorce. But I barely get to see you now. Things have gotten worse after you divorced."

However, Slater wasn't happy to hear that.
"I disagree. I'm glad that Marco is divorced.
That woman is good for nothing. She is never good enough for him. Marco has done the right thing divorcing her."

Marco's hand stilled on the document. His head snapped up as he looked at Slater, and his jaw tightened.

"Slater, Loraine is not as bad as you think.

She is already the director of the architectural design department of Universe Group."