

## Chapter 53 It's Not Over

When faced with Loraine's sudden counterattack, Kent panicked. "You cheated me!"

Loraine scoffed, "If you hadn't done anything wrong, you wouldn't be cheated."

Kent's face looked terrible. In a whimpering voice, he asked, "What do you want?"

"I want to fire you, of course," Loraine replied coolly.

Without delay, Loraine requested the construction team be changed. She then picked up a contract termination form and threw it at Kent.

"You... You..." Kent was so angry that he was unable to speak.

"Sign it, or we'll see you in court," Loraine advised.

"Fine, you win!" Kent signed his name on the form.

Loraine swiped the form back and shooed them away immediately.

"Bye," she said, her voice hard and dispassionate.

Kent had no choice but to leave with the workers. As he walked out, he turned back to Loraine and said, "Don't celebrate too soon, bitch. No one will take on

this project. I'll be waiting for you to beg me!"

Jolie watched them leave, rolling her eyes.

"He's all talk. I don't believe for one second that the project can't work without them."

"He's telling the truth." A man from the engineering department walked over to Jolie and Loraine. "We contacted other construction teams privately, but all of them refused once they heard it's a Universe Group project."

Jolie was shocked. "How could this be?"

In an instant, Loraine realized that someone was behind this.

It must be Elmo.

He was cunning. Rather than dealing with the smart city project, he focused on the amusement park project, trying to make Loraine suffer a loss.

Any delay to the construction project was a waste of precious time and money, and she couldn't afford any further delays.

Loraine was resolute; she would not give him what he wanted.

"Jolie, contact the undercover worker of the previous construction team. I want to know about them."

A young man named Hooper Douglas was quickly

brought before Loraine.

Having worked alongside the construction team, Hooper had become familiar with the workers.

He told Loraine, "Kent rules the construction team with an iron fist. He's usually very strict with the workers, and no one likes him. Recently, they are asking Kent for their salaries."

Loraine's eyes lit up.

If the construction team wasn't united as a whole, she might be able to undermine them from the inside.

With Hooper as her guide, Loraine went straight to the workers.

"Hello, I'm Loraine Torres from Universe Group," she said pleasantly. "I'm the person in charge of the amusement park project."

The sight of her made the workers uneasy. "Are you here to pay us?"

Loraine shook her head. "This project has been seriously delayed because of your slowdown. Now, not only can you not get the money, but you have to compensate for the loss, too."

"What?"

The workers glanced at one another nervously.

They hadn't even received their salaries yet. Why

should they be made to compensate for the loss?

"You can't do this!" cried a worker.

"It's not that we wanted to participate in the slowdown; it's that Kent forced us to do it."

The workers complained amongst themselves.

Lorraine expressed her sympathy. "Why don't you just leave Kent and sign the contract with us? Then you can enjoy all the benefits of being a part of Universe Group. That way, Kent can't take away any more of your salaries, and your salaries will be higher. What do you think?"

The workers' eyes lit up immediately, and Lorraine had their full support.

"We agree! We'll do whatever you say!"

Lorraine soon walked away with all of the workers in tow.

When Kent got the news, he rushed to find Lorraine.

Seeing his workers lining up to sign a contract with Lorraine, Kent flew into a rage. He grabbed a stick and lunged towards Lorraine.

"You want to poach my men, you bitch? Over my dead body!"

As soon as he made a move, however, the workers jumped in front of Lorraine protectively.

"Hi, Kent!" Loraine looked amused. "Now you are all alone. Even if you don't want to agree, you must."

Kent's face turned red. "Loraine, you bitch!"

He immediately wanted to run over and rip her to shreds.

Fortunately for Loraine, the workers positioned themselves between her and Kent, and they were all tall, strong men. Rushing at them would have been courting death, for sure.

"You just wait and see. Someone will teach you a lesson!"

And with that, Kent fled.

Loraine watched him leave, full of contempt. Did he think she was that much of a pushover?

Someone was going to teach her a lesson? She was going to deal with the people behind this.

This war wasn't over!