

## Chapter 68 What Did I Do

"Marina, what are you doing here?" Marco called out.

Marina was wearing a green custom Givenchy dress with a whole set of Cartier pink diamond jewelry all over. Adding to that, she had delicate makeup on her face. She was busy socializing with the other ladies.

Marco's brows furrowed.

Immediately Marina caught sight of Marco, she answered timidly, "I've been grounded for a while. Why can't I come to this party?"

Marco pulled Marina to a corner. "How did you get the invitation?"

Only those with invitations were to be allowed into the party. Marco had no recollection of sending any invitation to his family.

With a pout, Marina said, "Keely gave me the invitation. It was a very kind thing she did. Just let me stay, Marco. I promise to be on my best behavior."

Marco stepped back and eyes Marina up and

down with a stern expression.

"How did you get your dress and jewelry?"

Marina's credit card had been suspended. How was she able to have the money to buy these luxurious outfits?

A trace of guilt flashed across Marina's face. She quickly explained, "These are Keely's. I borrowed them for the party."

Those were Keely's? Marco was skeptical about it. The dress and jewelry Marina had on seemed a bit familiar.

Marina feared Marco would press more as she saw the change in his expression, so she formulated a means of escape.

"I need to use the bathroom, Marco. Enjoy yourself."

Marina then lifted up her dress and skipped away, without waiting for Marco's response.

When Marina walked to the center of the banquet hall, she caught sight of Loraine, dressed to kill.

Loraine had on a well-fitted Valentino beige dress. Looking smart and elegant, she stood beside Cayson, who looked immensely



attractive in his suit.

The scene grated on Marina's nerves.

"She doesn't qualified to attend such an event! She even looks more eye-catching than me! She should remain as invisible as she was!"

Marina's jealousy filled to the brim. She forgot all about Marco and stormed towards Loraine.

"I thought I had mistaken you for someone else. What thick skin you have, Loraine! How could you show up here after that scandal? Shame on you!"

Immediately Marina was done speaking, the atmosphere in the room changed.

The amiable smile on Cayson vanished immediately.

Marina, however, paid no attention to the change in Cayson's expression. "As the chief executive officer of the Universe Group, how could you stoop to the level of a woman so low and degrading? Haven't you acknowledged the filth she is?"

"Hold your tongue. This is not the place for you to drag someone's name through the mud at your pleasure!" Cayson warned.

"For what reason should I stop? Since Loraine has the guts to do these despicable things, she shouldn't be bothered by the comments, right?" Marina was on a roll.

Cayson's gaze went dark. Just as he was about to teach Marina a lesson, a slender hand pressed gently on his.

Loraine then asked Marina calmly, "What is it that I've done?"

Marina retorted haughtily, "You seduce men and you are without morals!"

"That's funny. I'm single, so I have the right to choose who I want to be with. So what's the problem? Let's be honest, I'm not in the wrong here. So the phrase you used to describe me, low and degrading, does not fit me at all. Don't you agree?"

Loraine's smile was deliberate as she defended herself.

The crowd recollected what Marina had done not so long ago. She stole Bryant Group's confidential information and sold it to one of its opponents.

Instantly, they turned to Marina with contempt.



"Lorraine, you bitch!"

Marina's rage doubled.

Seeing how pissed off she was, Lorraine sneered.  
"You haven't learned enough from last time?  
You want another slap in your face?"

Marina shook in anger and her face contorted in rage.

She was clearly not as lucid as Lorraine. Just as she was about making a scene, A deep male voice cut in the next second.

"Marina, that's enough. Apologize to Lorraine!"

## Chapter 69 The Wrong Person

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All eyes were on Loraine as Marco gently asked, "Are you alright, Loraine? Marina was out of line—"



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Lorraine didn't let him finish. "I'll be fine as long as you and your family stay away from me."

The party officially began after the altercation ended.

The attention of the crowd turned to the stage when Klein walked up, followed by Rowan and his assistant, Hubert.

"Ladies and gentlemen, an inspection team will be inspecting the smart city project in Vagow in the coming month. Please do give them your cooperation and support during their stay!"

All attention quickly shifted to Hubert.

News of the sex scandal had spread all over the city.

Although the official news blurred the man's face in the picture posted, the original version without blur had been posted anonymously after. Everyone now knew who the mysterious senior official was.



The people present all assumed that Hubert was the high-ranking official, so the focus naturally switched to him.

Hate filled Marina's heart as she tried to blend in with the crowd.

"Lorraine is so sophisticated. Imagine that she was already sleeping with the official a long time ago. How else would she be able to hide her incompetence to carry out this project if she didn't curry favor with someone who could cover her ass?"

Marina didn't keep her voice down and many people heard what she said.

Their faces morphed into expressions of scorn as they agreed with her.

While they were thinking bad thoughts, Klein was busy smiling as he introduced Rowan to everyone.

"I present to you Mr. Rowan Torres! Please give him a grand welcome!"

Rowan walked up to the center of the stage as everyone looked on, astonished.

"I hope everyone is having a wonderful

evening. I'm Rowan Torres." Rowan's deep voice washed over the place as he spoke. He gestured to Hubert who stood behind him and added, "And this is my assistant, Hubert Vance."

The crowd was dumbstruck.

How ironic! Their assumptions were wrong from the start.

The person they thought was the mysterious government official was just a humble assistant.

The real person of importance was the amazing forty-something-year-old man addressing them with a stern expression.

"What?" Marina's eyes nearly bugged out of her head.

It didn't take long for her to rethink things though.

Wasn't this even better?

It meant that Lorraine had wasted her time barking up the wrong tree.

The realization filled Marina with a



malicious joy.

"Ha! I knew it! How could someone as lowly as Loraine be acquainted with an important government official like Mr. Torres? It turns out Hubert is merely an assistant. How sad for her!"

The people around Marina felt like they were watching a huge mystery unravel.

Marina got more excited as she spoke. "I'm pretty sure Loraine is behind the scandal. She probably wanted to use the opportunity to hype up their relationship and get attention for herself."

"Are you serious? Wasn't Loraine an advocate for the independence of women? How could she be so shallow?"

"It shouldn't be that surprising though, seriously. She's from the countryside so she probably hyped up her relationship with a senior official because she wanted to climb up the social ladder."

"Wow, she made a huge mistake then. The person she slept with is just an assistant.

"She missed the mark! That's shameful!"

Once again, they made assumptions about Loraine and started making crude jokes. Their conversations grew larger and larger until even Rowan, who was trying to give a speech on the stage, could hear bits of it. Rowan frowned and glared at the gossiping group.

"It seems that you are very curious about the relationship I have with Loraine. Why don't you all come up and share your thoughts with everyone?"

The gossipers shriveled under Rowan's gaze. They all stopped talking.

However, now that Rowan himself mentioned it, everyone was curious about his relationship with Loraine.