

Chapter 125 Concealment

"Lorraine, are you okay?"

"Hang in there, Lorraine. You're safe now."

"Lorraine, don't be afraid. I'm here..."

In her barely-conscious state, Lorraine thought she heard Marco's voice. His deep, masculine voice whispered frequently into her ear, checking on her anxiously.

How annoying!

It was too noisy.

It must be a dream, she thought. What other possible explanation was there for a bastard like Marco treating her so gently?

Furthermore, why was she even dreaming of him? What a nightmare!

When Lorraine opened her eyes, she was lying in a soft, warm bed in her home.

"Lorrie, are you all right?"

"Lorrie, how's your head? Are you still dizzy? Would you like some water?"

"Lorrie, are you hungry? Would you like something to eat?"

Lorraine's field of view quickly filled with three concerned-looking men.

Watching their faces, Lorraine felt a wave of relief wash over her fatigued body. Her grandfather and uncles all looked down at her, waiting for a response. Her mind cleared, her racing heart slowed and her core temperature returned to normal.

She smiled. "No worries. I feel much better now."

The three men breathed a sigh of relief.

"It was fortunate that Cayson arrived in time to bring Lorrie back. Otherwise, the consequences could have been too dire to consider," Aldo said thoughtfully.

Rowan was sitting by the bed, his face grim. Looking down at Lorraine's pale face, he felt heartbroken.

"Don't worry, Lorrie, I'm not a man to be trifled with. I will make those bastards pay!"

Wesley set aside his sense of humor for a moment and said sincerely, "Lorrie, forget about

the live stream. It's been handled. All the relevant pictures and videos have been secured, and the sharing of any such materials is prohibited."

Though she had been framed, Loraine felt incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and protective family.

"Grandpa, Uncle Rowan, Uncle Wesley, it's so good to have you around."

"Don't be silly. You're our princess. It is our duty and pleasure to look after you."

Aldo lovingly stroked Loraine's hair.

Loraine welcomed the tender family atmosphere, but she couldn't shake the thought that she had forgotten something.

Why did she have a foggy memory of Marco carrying her out of the suite?

By her family's accounts, it seemed that Marco had never shown up.

Bewilderment flooded Loraine's mind.

Noticing Loraine's expression, Aldo asked worriedly, "What's the problem, Lorrie? Are you feeling ill again?"

Lorraine quickly put her puzzlement aside.

"Grandpa, I'm fine, really. I'm just a little tired."

"Well, get some rest then. We'll leave you alone."

Aldo, Rowan and Wesley headed for the door.

As soon as they stepped out of the room, their faces changed.

"Maybe we shouldn't keep the truth from her. What do you think?" As an army man, Rowan was always straightforward. "Marco had helped a lot this time."

Aldo glared at him furiously. "What did he do? That brat held onto Lorrie like a crazy person. It didn't matter how hard Cayson beat him; he wouldn't let go of her. The doctor ended up having to treat Lorrie in his arms. What a pain in the ass!"

Rowan sighed. "I can't agree with you there. After making sure Lorrie was okay, Marco had his men collect the evidence immediately. If it wasn't for Marco's evidence, I wouldn't have been able to arrest the officials who offended Lorrie so soon."

Wesley raised his eyebrows. "It was through the collective efforts of Bryant Group and Starlight Entertainment that any leaks to the media were

avoided and all videos were scrubbed from the Internet. Now there'll be no trace of Lorrie on the web, not even a single finger. Bryant Group's AI retrieval technology is very impressive indeed."

Despite Rowan and Wesley's dislike for Marco, they had to admit that he had made a great contribution to the handling of the situation. Without him, it wouldn't have been so thoroughly and efficiently resolved.

Should they share the truth about Marco with Lorrie?

After endless debate, the three men still couldn't come to a decision, so Aldo made the final call.

"It doesn't matter how much Marco helped; he owed it to Lorrie. Don't forget what he did to her over the past few years. What's more, he did it all on his own. Let's just keep it to ourselves. Otherwise, Lorrie will feel indebted to him."

Rowan and Wesley both nodded in agreement.

Even though the Torres family and the Bryant family had worked together, the matter didn't completely end there.

On one hand, the Internet was shocked by Keely's

viciousness. On the other hand, there were still some voices questioning Loraine's innocence.

It happened just as Keely had intended; even though Loraine proved that she was framed, the scene of her lying half-naked on the hotel bed surrounded by a bunch of men still stirred up waves of criticism.

Loraine had already been involved in online gossip, and this time, the release of such a pornographic video put her right back into the eye of the storm of public scrutiny. She was now seen as someone with a degenerate lifestyle.

Online engagement surrounding Loraine's controversy increased.

"Where there's smoke, there's fire. Do you really believe that Loraine Torres is as innocent as she claims?"

"It's likely that Loraine was framed by Keely this time, but there were rumors about her having an affair with Cayson Benton and Rowan Torres prior to this. Not to mention her relationship with Mr. T."

"Personally, I think she's a slut who uses men to get what she wants!"

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Marco was pacing around his office.

Ever since Loraine was taken away after the treatment, he was worried about her condition.

Since he couldn't see Loraine at the moment, all Marco could do was mobilize all his resources to tie up loose ends for Loraine.

Seeing the trend turn against Loraine on the Internet, Marco sensed something must have gone wrong. He called on Carl to check up on the current situation.

"What's going on? Why are there hate comments about Loraine all of a sudden? Where are the PR personnel? Why are they waiting for? Have these unnecessary criticisms taken care of right now!"

With a worried look, Carl replied fretfully, "It's not their fault, Mr. Bryant. Your grandmother has restricted them from meddling with Miss Torres' situation."

Marco's eyebrows knit together.

He rushed back to his grandmother's home.

In the living room, Liza was sitting sofa, casually browsing the news on the web with a triumphant look.

Marco's heart sank as soon as he saw Liza.

"Grandma, Loraine is being brutally attacked on the Internet. Did you have anything to do with that?"

Faced with Marco's confrontation, Liza answered, "I did it. So what? Loraine is getting what she deserves! Such an obscene woman would have been burned to death in the past!"


It was his grandmother's doing!

Marco took a deep breath to steady his nerves.

"Grandma, have you ever considered that your schemes would offend Universe Group? Loraine is still one of the directors of the company and, as her supervisor, Cayson thinks very highly of her."

"Don't worry about that. Universe Group won't offend Bryant Group over a mere employee." Liza seemed rather intrepid about her assumption.

"What do you mean?" Marco glared at her.

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Liza sneered. "I've already thoroughly looked into Loraine's background. Cayson's girlfriend is Aldo Torres' granddaughter. He won't offend us for Loraine's sake."

Marco was stunned at first but felt a sudden wave of relief when he processed what Liza was saying. If Cayson was seeing someone else, it meant that nothing was going on between him and Loraine.

"That girl has been living abroad these days. That's why that despicable woman, Loraine, decided to take her chance and seduce Cayson. I wonder what kind of spell Loraine cast on Cayson. Just wait and see. A substitute can only be that—a substitute. Sooner or later, Loraine will be discarded."

Liza was convinced that the legitimate heir would eventually return to replace Loraine.

"Is that it? That's the reason you're doing this to Loraine?" Marco burst into an uncontrollable fit of laughter.

Liza narrowed her eyes. "She is too arrogant. I'm not the only one who wants to see her downfall."

Liza festered a grudge against Loraine for a long

Chapter 126 The Girl Cherished By T! 🎁 +120 Points at most time, so she was itching to teach her a lesson or two.

This time, Loraine had displeased many people. As long as Liza beckoned, many of them were willing to lend her their aid.

Liza was rather scheming. She wouldn't take a risk unless she ensured her plan was perfect.

With a long face, Marco protested, "Grandma, how could you be so cruel to Loraine?"

"That's enough. It's just one woman, isn't it? Listen to me, Marco. You can have as many women as you want. Loraine doesn't deserve you. You've divorced her anyway. Why do you still care about her?"

Liza justified her actions apathetically. Destroying a girl's life wasn't a big deal to her.

Marco clenched his teeth, the blue veins bulging out on his forehead in strain. He could do nothing to Liza and had no choice but to hold back his anger.

"Grandma, I hope you don't regret your decision in the future!"

Knowing Liza was too stubborn to reason with,

Marco left the house, seething.

He must find his own way to defend Loraine.

Liza didn't think she was doing anything wrong. She was immersed in her victory. She didn't just rely on using online criticism to smear Loraine's name; she even contacted Klein.

"Mr. Moore, you must have seen the comments by now. Loraine has brought so much negative stigma to the project that I suggest you consider removing her from the smart city project. This way, losses can be minimized. Bryant Group has invested a great deal in this project, not in cleaning up after her mess. Don't you agree?"

Under Liza's blatant pressure, Klein could only grin bitterly.

"Mrs. Bryant, I understand your concern. I am currently in discourse with the higher-ups. You can be assured of one thing—we are handling it as soon as possible."

"Well, in that case, I'm looking forward to the result."

Liza hung up the phone in good spirits.

Her wishes were about to come true.

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Lorraine's name was ruined. Once the government decided to kick her out of the project, Universe Group would be weakened as well. Then, Bryant Group would be solely in charge of the smart city project.

The scandal about Lorraine kept spreading with time.

The first phase of the smart city project wrapped up smoothly. The government was planning a ceremony to celebrate it.

However, Lorraine Torres was not among the guests who were invited.