

## Chapter 207 Gossip

Several marketing accounts published articles about Lily, saying she made a fantastic appearance at the party and won praises from the audience for her song Ode to the Moon.

The article even included photos of Marco to emphasize his presence, implying that he went there to support Lily.

As soon as the news came out, some people pointed out that Marco attended Lily's first concert after she returned.

Those who didn't know the truth thought Marco went to the concert for Lily.

The rumor about Lily's relationship with Marco spread and became a trending topic.

While people were in a hot discussion, Lily posted a picture of her and Marina. They looked very intimate, looking like good friends.

Lily captioned, "I visited Liza these days. Marina is still as lovely as before. I hope our two families can always be this good."

As soon as she posted this, the onlookers boiled with excitement. And they began to analyze the details one by one.

"There's one thing I want to tell you. I've heard that Henson Group is very close to Bryant Group. Bryant Group has a new CBD project and is looking for a partner. It seems that Henson Group is the one Bryant

Group wants to cooperate with."

"It was said that Lily was the only granddaughter-in-law Liza was satisfied with from the beginning. I'm sure it's true. Marco and Lily will get married for business, and it will make the two companies stronger."

"I didn't expect that an aloof man like Marco would dote on a woman so much. Every time Lily performs, he is always there."

As for those comments that questioned Lily's character and told the truth about the concert, they were immediately deleted.

The gossip about Lily and Marco was discussed on the Internet. So Lily's stigma of pretending to be Alice and plagiarizing the song was no longer cared for.

At this moment, Lily was in the living room, lying on the sofa with her phone in her hand. She was pleased to see that public opinion was going according to her plan.

Fortunately, she made preparations in advance and arranged for reporters to hype the issue.

People had a short memory of the news on the Internet. She now relied on this gossip to dilute the previous scandals. Then she would pretend to be pitiful to get people's sympathy.

When Lily thought victory was in her hands, the app suddenly went black and blank.

"What is happening?"

She frowned and tried to log in the app twice. But the system had already crashed. And when it worked again, the news about Lily and Marco's love was not

a hot topic anymore.

The trending topic was all about Loraine now.

"What? Marco kissed Loraine?"

"Loraine and Marco seem to get back together."

Lily's face darkened at once. She immediately clicked on the article and found that the hottest was a photo, which was obviously taken secretly.

In the photo, Loraine was holding Marco tightly. Her hands were on his shoulders, and she raised her head. Marco, on the other hand, lowered his head. It was as if they were kissing.

The person who took the photo had good photography skills and was quite familiar with the use of light and shade. He made the photo look artistic. The most important thing was that the two main characters in the photo were both good-looking. They just stood together, but it was very pleasing to the eyes.

The comments section below was full of praises. People felt they were sweet because they used to be a real couple.

The topic of Lily and Marco's relationship was instantly suppressed by the topic of Loraine and Marco.

This photo of Loraine and Marco was everywhere on the Internet, and it drove Lily crazy.

"Damn you, Loraine! Why are you so annoying?"

Lily was so angry that she smashed all the things on the table to the floor. It was only then that she calmed

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down.

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She stared at the photo on the screen for a while. Anger surged in her heart again, and she couldn't help reposting it with a caption, "Hmm... Why do I feel like this photo is edited? I'm warning you. Stop hyping."

Lily didn't believe Marco would kiss a bumpkin like Loraine.

Soon, her repost became a trending topic. It caused a lot of discussion online. Some believed in Lily, but some doubted that she was only jealous.

After all, Loraine had also been involved in an edited picture incident before. But at that time, the man was not Marco.

In less than half an hour, someone commented, "The photo is original. There is no trace it was edited."

Lily sneered and replied, "Why should I believe you? What if you are a troll paid by Loraine?"

Lily was very familiar with the fights on the Internet. If she couldn't win over someone, she only had to say that the other party was a paid troll.

It took a few minutes for the other party to reply. It turned out that he replied to Lily with a screenshot of his account.

His profile said, "Product Department of Bryant Group. Research and Development of image processing software products."

This reply was like a loud slap in Lily's face. And this attracted countless people's attention, making them watch and laugh at her.

"I can't stop laughing. How can a professional designer who designs image processing software be a troll?"

"He is a software designer of Bryant Group. An employee of Bryant Group has come out to speak for the CEO's ex-wife. What does this mean? Well, we can understand everything."

"Lily is full of dramas. She is just jealous of Loraine."

Lily was now trembling with anger. She gritted her teeth and replied, "I am rich and talented. I have no reason to be jealous of Loraine."

"The Torres family is much richer than the Fowler family."

"Loraine is an excellent architect. She has never plagiarized. A plagiarist like you is no match for her."

"Sure enough, there is a gap even between two rich people."

Lily felt like she couldn't contain her anger anymore. She almost smashed her phone on the floor.

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The rumor about Loraine and Marco continued to be the hottest topic. What Lily did was useless. Worse was, it only made her look like a clown.

Since the rumors spread widely, they naturally reached Bryant Group and Universe Group.

In the CEO's office of Bryant Group, Carl analyzed the information before he raised his head from his computer and said, "Mr. Bryant, should I inform the public relations department to deal with the rumor?"

There was no reply from Marco. He was focused on his phone with his head down.

Carl had to cough hard twice to attract his attention.

It was only then that Marco slowly withdrew his eyes from the phone. He coughed slightly, propped his chin in the palm of his hand, and began to think.

After pondering for a while, he said lightly, "No. You don't have to do anything."

Carl didn't say anything more.

As expected, Marco acted strange when it came to Loraine.

Probably, he wished the trending topic would continue to be the same, so everyone would think he and Loraine were together.

Of course, Carl didn't dare to say it out. He turned around and left the office.

Marco lowered his head again and continued to look at his phone. On the screen was the photo of the two kissing.

He checked all the comments that said he and Loraine was a perfect match.

At this moment, Marco clicked on the link to a story about him and Loraine. Although he was expressionless, his eyes were fixed on it. And he read it for a long time.

Suddenly, the webpage went blank.

Marco frowned and called Carl back to his office. "What's wrong with the public relations department? I said you don't need to do anything. Where did the trending topic go? Why is the webpage blank now?"

Carl explained, "Sir, it wasn't us. Universe Group did it."

He wanted to say it was handled very quickly without any delay.

But, of course, he didn't dare to say this.

Marco's face darkened. He looked at his phone again and found that the topics of him and Loraine were gone. Except for some irrelevant topics, there were only ones about Lily.

And when he saw Lily's jealous speech, he was annoyed and instantly vented his anger. "Deal with these messy hot topics quickly. I don't want to see my name associated with another woman in the future."

So Loraine was not another woman? Carl nodded in a hurry, grumbling in his mind.

In Universe Group, Loraine sat in front of the

computer and rubbed her forehead, feeling a headache. She was annoyed. The phone beside her was connected to a call. She was talking to Cayson.

"Lorrie, the trending topic has been removed. Shall we issue another statement to clarify it?"

Loraine shook her head, looking a little tired. "I've experienced a lot of rumors. The more I respond to it, the more people will doubt it. The best way to deal with it is to ignore it. When another hot topic comes out, everyone will naturally shift their attention to it."

"But—"

Loraine interrupted, "Cayson, thank you for your concern. But you are already very busy with the project. So leave these trifles to me."

Cayson held his phone tightly.

Rationally, Cayson knew Loraine was doing the right thing in dealing with the situation. But he still couldn't help feeling jealous.

He was more worried that Loraine would no longer stay away from Marco, so he couldn't help but add, "I think Marco has ill intentions. He is close to both Henson Group and you. No matter Henson Group or Universe Group wins, he gets benefits anyway."

Loraine subconsciously retorted, "No, that won't happen. Marco won't use such a cheap method, not to mention that he has already shown his intention of cooperating with me."

This time, Cayson's voice sounded serious. "Lorrie, have you decided to cooperate with Marco?"

There was a short pause before Loraine replied, "Now



is not the time to make a hasty decision. I need time to make the decision."

"I understand. But I'm not in Vagow now, so be careful," Cayson said concernedly and hung up. He knew he couldn't change her mind anymore.

After talking with Cayson, Loraine called her assistant and instructed her to keep an eye on Bryant Group.

Not long after, her assistant came and reported that Marco went to meet Liam, the CEO of Henson Group.

Loraine's face darkened, and disappointment filled her eyes.

Was Cayson right? Was Marco getting along with both her and Liam to gain an advantageous position in business negotiations?

But the man she knew shouldn't be like this. Although she no longer loved him, she still didn't want to believe that the person she once loved was this despicable.

Loraine pressed her lips tightly and had mixed feelings. She waved her hand, hinting at her assistant to continue keeping an eye on Bryant Group.