

## Chapter 211 Reunited After Three Years

In Bryant Group

"Mr. Bryant, we've done everything you've told us."

The manager of the public relations department was flustered while reporting the situation.

But after he spoke, there was no response. The office remained silent.

The manager looked at Marco stealthily. Marco sat on his chair with a long face. The manager instantly broke out in a cold sweat. He couldn't help swallowing his saliva hard.

"We didn't notice in time that someone has used the name of Bryant Group to create hype. It's our dereliction of duty, sir. We are sorry. But I assure you that this kind of stupid mistake won't happen again."

It was only then that Marco reacted. He nodded slightly and waved his hand, indicating that the manager could leave.

The manager felt like his heart was in his throat. But when he saw that Marco didn't intend to punish him, he breathed a sigh of relief and hurried out of the office.

When he went out of the door, he happened to run into Carl, who was about to knock. They nodded at each other as greetings.

Carl walked into Marco's office and said, "Sir, Mr. Fowler of Henson Group wants to see you again."

"No," Marco refused without hesitation. "From now on, blacklist everyone from the Henson Group. They are not allowed to enter our company ever again."

Carl had already expected this, so he was not surprised anymore. He just nodded.

But when he was about to leave, Marco suddenly stopped him. "Did anyone from Universe Group call me?" he asked.

Carl shook his head. Marco's face darkened at once.

When Marco saw the fake news on the Internet, he got anxious. He was afraid that Loraine would misunderstand him. But he couldn't find an opportunity to explain to her, so he had to ask the public relations department to deal with it.

He thought that Loraine would at least question him about the authenticity of the news.

But it turned out she didn't care at all. He was the only one worrying about it.

Even Jennie, Loraine's best friend, was surprised by her calmness. Jennie sent her a message.

"Lorrie, did you see the statement released by Bryant Group? It seems that Marco doesn't care about the Fowler family. He is on your side this time."

But Loraine just sneered and replied indifferently, "That's because Lily is not Keely."

Jennie sent another message. "Lorrie, I'm not defending Marco. But don't you think it's strange? Why

didn't Marco come to Keely again? Even when Keely was in trouble, he didn't see her. Instead, he always protects you. I think he is pursuing you. He wants to get back with you."

Loraine was stunned for a moment. She couldn't help but recall those scenes when Marco saved her.

At the construction site of the signal tower, he got injured protecting her. He also risked his life to save her in the car accident. Marco seemed to have been around her recently.

This realization touched Loraine's heart. Had Marco moved on from Keely?

But as soon as this idea came to her, she shook it off.

It was impossible that Marco was pursuing her.

Even if Marco moved on from Keely, he wouldn't possibly go back and pursue her. He had never liked her for three years. How could he suddenly change his mind?

Loraine shook her head, shaking off those messy thoughts.

Finally, she replied to Jennie, "Don't think about those things anymore. You will only waste your time."

Then she put down her phone and went out of her office, heading for the airport.

The members of Shepherd would arrive in Vagow today.

This would be their first time reuniting after three years. And this time, with their real identities. They were a little strange to each other.

But since they had worked together for quite a while before, the embarrassment didn't last long. Soon, they found a sense of familiarity in a few greetings.

A tall blond young man winked at Loraine and said with a smile, "Alice, you are more beautiful in person than in the photos."

Among them, he was the most decently dressed, very different from the other band members. He was Godwin, the guitarist of the band.

Loraine was amused. Godwin had always been the calmest in the band. He spoke politely, and he had a high EQ. He could easily make people feel warm.

The remaining sense of estrangement was dispelled by their jokes.

They walked out of the airport, talking and laughing. Unexpectedly, the airport was already crowded with reporters. And when they saw the band members coming out, they all aimed their cameras and took photos and videos. Loraine was dazzled by the flashes of the cameras that she couldn't open her eyes.

Loraine stretched out her hand to cover her eyes. As the reporters swarmed up and asked questions, she couldn't help frowning. The security guards tried to maintain order in the area, but their efforts were in vain.

She couldn't stand steadily in the crowd, and she couldn't help but lean back. Fortunately, Godwin was beside her. He quickly reached out and held her in his arms.

He asked concernedly, "Are you okay?"

When she looked at him, she saw his eyes were full of worry.

Their intimate posture reminded her of the "kissing photo" of her and Marco taken by the reporter. She quickly stood firm to stay away from Godwin, but it was too late.

The flashes of the cameras flickered crazily, aiming at the two.

After a while, Loraine and the other members of Shepherd finally left the airport with the help of the security guards.

## Chapter 212 A Heated Discussion

That day, the news that Loraine picked up a mysterious band was immediately on the hot searches.

When Shepherd was all the rage three years ago, the fans didn't know what they looked like because they all wore masks every time they performed.

So now, without those mysterious and cool masks, the fans relied on some other details to confirm their idols.

First, the number of people who showed up at the airport matched the number of band members who confirmed they would come. Second, the figures of the band members had not changed much in the past three years.

The fans were trying to link the people to the band members.

"This tall blond man must be Godwin, the guitarist. I didn't expect him to be so handsome. No wonder I've been loving him for many years."

"The shortest one should be the drummer, Carlos. The skinny one should be Larry, the bassist. And the fat one must be Leon."

After identifying all the band members, they couldn't help feeling disappointed.

"Unfortunately, Alice is not with them."

"The vocalist is the soul of the band. It's meaningless if Alice doesn't come."

However, these emotional comments were soon replaced by a heated discussion caused by the photo of Loraine and Godwin.

"Wow! Godwin held Loraine tightly in his arms."

"It turns out I'm not the only one who's noticed it. Godwin's movements looked so natural. They must have known each other a long time ago, right?"

"Yes, I agree. Shepherd has been silent for so long, and no one knows the members' whereabouts. But Loraine was able to find them. Obviously, she has a special relationship with Godwin."

Because of her frequent exposure online, Loraine had accumulated a considerable number of fans. They were interested in her relationships with different men.

After the gossip about Loraine and Marco being a couple, another topic about Loraine and Godwin as a couple became a hot topic.

At this moment, Marco was in his office in Bryant Group, watching the trending topic online. He saw that the ranking of the topic about him and Loraine had dropped. On the screen now was the photo of a blond young man holding Loraine in his arms. Looking at it, Marco was so angry that he almost crushed his phone. He immediately called Carl into his office to ask for the details.

"What's going on with the hot topic?"

Cold sweat immediately trickled down Carl's forehead.

Under Marco's cold and stern gaze, Carl wiped the sweat off his forehead and smiled. "These comments are all speculations from the fans. How can Miss Torres fall in love with that guitarist? I think it's just Shepherd's marketing strategy to hype their comeback."

Marco's face softened a little. He snorted coldly. "Find someone to keep an eye on this band, especially the guitarist. He doesn't look like a gentleman."

Carl was a little surprised, wondering when Marco had become good at knowing people's personalities. He thought maybe it was only because Marco didn't like the guitarist.

But of course, he would never dare to speak it out. He just answered, "Yes, sir."

Lily was also following the trending topic on the Internet. She saw people question why Loraine didn't invite Alice, the vocalist of Shepherd. Lily took the opportunity and went to Liam.

"Dad, let me perform on the same day as Shepherd's concert."

"No, you can't. Shepherd was invited by Universe Group. If you and that band perform on the same day, you will only make trouble for Henson Group. Stop messing around."

Liam's brows furrowed as he scolded Lily without hesitation.

He didn't have much patience with her now. After all, she brought him nothing but trouble.

Even if he didn't surf the Internet, he knew how



popular Shepherd was. Wasn't it humiliating for Henson Group to arrange for her to perform on the same day?

But Lily didn't intend to give up. She explained in a hurry, "Dad, Loraine failed to invite Alice, the female vocalist of the band. They won't attract much attention. Besides, Shepherd is an amateur underground band. I studied music abroad. Do you think I will lose to them when it comes to music?"

Liam was still a little hesitant, but he was somehow moved.

Upon seeing this, Lily seized the opportunity. "The most important things for a band is cooperation. Shepherd has not worked together for three years, so it's still a problem whether they can finish a whole song or not. I'm sure I can beat them. And Universe Group will be disgraced."

Liam squinted his eyes. He was apparently convinced now. He slapped his thigh hard.

"Yes, you're right! As long as we beat Universe Group and prove the strength of Henson Group, perhaps Marco will change his mind. And we may attract other powerful companies to cooperate with us too. So what's your idea about the concert? As long as it is feasible, I will give you my full support."

Now that Liam agreed, Lily was full of confidence.

"The target customers of the new business district are young people. Currently, idol groups have a large number of fans. We can invite them. With their fan base, coupled with our vigorous promotion, we will be able to beat the outdated band hired by Loraine."