

## Chapter 45 An Apology

"Mom, have you made up your mind?" Marco asked expressionlessly. "If we go to court, we will only lose and have to give Loraine more money."

Laura's heart broke when she realized she would lose more money. After all, she didn't want to give a penny to Loraine.

However, she didn't want to apologize in public either. She didn't want to embarrass herself in front of everyone.

Laura felt losing money was better than carrying the humiliation for the rest of her life.

"Fine. How much does that woman want?"

"Ten million dollars," Marco said indifferently.

"What?" Laura recoiled in shock. "Ten million dollars? Is she insane? This is blackmail!"

Marco dropped another bombshell. "When the lawsuit starts, the compensation will be doubled. No matter how much it is, you'll have to pay it from your own pocket."

"Why?" Laura was taken aback.

"Didn't you agree to compensate her?" Marco asked coldly.

Laura defended herself. "Well... It's related to the reputation of Bryant Group. I shouldn't be paying for it all by myself."

"Do you even care about Bryant Group?" Marco hissed through his teeth. "Mom, I have warned you not to make any rash decisions. It's all your fault. You have to pay the price."

"Marco, I'm your mother!"

Marco had made up his mind and didn't want to show his mother any mercy.

Laura's heart broke as she realized she had to pay all the money herself. Therefore, she changed her decision.

She decided it was better to apologize in public than waste money.

After a moment's hesitation, Laura took a deep breath. "Fine, I'll apologize," she said through gritted teeth.

Marco nodded and finally let her go.

However, Laura was still unwilling to give in. She made sarcastic remarks in her apology.

"I have been recently reflecting on the rumors I have spread about Loraine Torres. It's all my fault. I'm old and made a wrong judgment. I misunderstood Loraine before knowing what happened. I'm sorry. Besides, my daughter is young and thoughtless. People took advantage of her. I hope Loraine can let go of her, at least for the sake of the relationship we once shared."

The apology caused a sensation on the Internet. Anyone could tell Laura was pretending to seem pitiful in the apology.

The statement quoted that she was old and Marina was still young, forcing Loraine to forgive them. It made it seem like Loraine would be at fault if she didn't forgive them.

A group of internet users mentioned Loraine in the comments.

Soon, Loraine saw the statement.

Her reply was simple and terse.

"Read."

The Internet immediately broke into an uproar.

"Loraine's awesome. Nice move!"

"Laura pretended to seem sorry and miserable. She should have considered Loraine's feelings

before slandering her."

"That's right. Laura is not in her seventies or eighties, and her daughter, Marina, is not a child. She should stop pretending to be pitiful. It's obvious they knowingly committed the offense."

Just as people got into a heated discussion, a video released on the Internet put an end to the arguments.

The video showed Laura being dragged out by the security guards when she went to Universe Group to cause trouble.

She was thrashing and screaming, unlike the noble lady she liked to portray herself.

The one who uploaded the video left a comment. "I am an employee of Universe Group. I saw her go to Loraine's office to make trouble. But Loraine and our CEO drove her out. She has no choice but to issue an apology now!"

Laura felt more humiliated.

Not just the Internet users, but even the wealthy ladies in the city were laughing at her.

The humiliation forced Laura to stay indoors even without Marco's orders. She didn't dare to

"We're divorced. I have nothing to do with him in the future." Loraine's nose scrunched up in disgust as she spoke.

Jolie was stunned. "What about the collaboration?"

"Never let personal life come in the way of business. That's my number one rule."

With that, Loraine calmly opened the door of the conference room.

"I see everyone is here. Let's start the meeting."

The clamorous room fell silent in an instant.

Everyone was embarrassed to look at Jolie and Loraine.

However, Barr Powell, the representative of the government's engineering department, looked at Loraine up and down.

Seeing Loraine take a seat as if nothing had happened, he snorted coldly. "You look young, but the arrogance is a big turn-off!"