## **Desperation 148**

Chapter 148

Ashley knew that Frankie was missing because someone from the Ramos family had come to her.

That day, Laura arranged an outdoor variety show for Ashley. When Ashley left the set after recording it, she saw Charlie and

Ryan.

Charlie was a cultural relic restorer with a relatively indifferent and quiet. personality. He rarely appeared in public. The first time

Laura saw Charlie, and did not recognize him.

Ryan was a racing driver. People who were not interested in racing would. naturally not know him.

They didn't look like fans and came to Ashley, so Laura asked routinely in a cold tone, "May I ask what you want?"

Ryan wore a black jacket. He responded with a cold face, looking a bit. ferocious, "I am Ashley's fourth brother, and I have

something to do with her.

Upon hearing this, Laura immediately became vigilant.

Ashley held her shoulder, motioning her not to worry.

Laura lowered her gaze and thought for a while. She knew that Ashley had her own plan, so she left, leaving them room to talk.

But Laura didn't walk far away. If anything happened, she could go over in time to help Ashley.

Some staff members cleaned up the props on the set. When they saw what was happening at Ashley's side, they looked over

curiously but didn't approach to gossip.

Ashley looked at Charlie and Ryan. Her eyes were even colder than when. she faced strangers.

Ryan immediately asked, "Ashley, are you hiding Frankie?"

Ashley thought it was ridiculous. "Are you sure you want to ask such a stupid question?"

Ryan was furious. He suppressed his anger and shouted, "Don't say you don't know, Frankie hasn't been back to Ramos Villa

since that dinner. We called him, but his phone was off. We couldn't find him!

"He has been missing for five days now. We called the police but have found him yet. Dare you to deny that his disappearance

has nothing t do with you?"

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Ashley's cold. "Of course, it has nothing to do with me. I don't care whether Frankie disappears or returns to Ramos Villa."

Ryan clenched his jaw in anger, making his angular face become more.

and more fierce.

He roared, "Ashley! Frankie knew you were Attelia, and then he had a mental stimulus. He didn't go home or answer our calls. It

has been five days now. No one knows if he is missing or in an accident, alive or dead. As his biological sister, you don't care at

all. You are really inhuman!"

Ashley couldn't help but smile, but the smile looked sad and ironic.

"When I used to care about you, you didn't want it. Now that I don't care, you come to accuse me. What kind of logic is this?"

Ryan lost his tongue, knowing that he was being unreasonable, and his eyes became even more fierce.

He yelled at Ashley, "I'm your brother. Can't I accuse you? Ashley, it's all because of you that the Ramos family is in this

situation!

"Do you know that Jessica has been scolded and didn't even dare to go out? Mom was in tears all day long. She fainted

yesterday and is still in the hospital. Frankie is missing and cannot be found. We don't even know whether he is dead or alive.

Jeremy and Matthew didn't even go home all day long!

"The Ramos family is in such a miserable situation now because of you. It's all your fault. You caused the family to be like this!"

Ashley's gaze sharpened, and her voice was cold. "This is who you really are. You never reflect on yourselves.

"Ryan, the Ramos family deserve the current situation."

Ryan's expression turned even worse when he heard this. He was about to continue yelling at Ashley when Charlie, who had

been silent next to him, suddenly said, "Enough, Ryan. We are here to inquire about the whereabouts of Frankie."

Unlike the fierce Ryan, Charlie was gentle and said calmly. "Ashley, we are worried about the disappearance of Frankie. If you

know his

whereabouts, we hope you can tell us.

Ashley looked at her so-called second brother, who was refined, calm, and restrained.

In the past two years since she had returned to the Ramos family, Charlie witnessed her being bullied by other members of the

Ramos family, but he never intervened. Maybe it had nothing to do with him, or he was condoning it.

Now that he knew about Frankie's disappearance, he actually showed his anxious side.

Charlie looked at Ashley calmly. "From what I know of Frankie, he

should want to see you now and say something to you. If he comes to see you one day, I hope you can tell him and let him go

home. Our mom is very worried about him."

Ashley didn't respond but turned to walk towards Laura.

Laura saw her coming and asked, "Is the talking over?"

Ashley nodded. "Yes."

Laura said, "Well, let's go."

"Okay." Ashley left with Laura.

At the Kingsley Group, Valentin had just finished a high-level meeting and returned to the office to sit down when Joseph called.

He sat on the office chair, leaned back slightly, and loosened his tie, Then, he picked up the phone with the other hand and

answered the call.

"Valentin, have you heard that?" Joseph said excitedly, "Frankie seems to have disappeared. Is he hiding somewhere, or did

something unexpected. happen to him?"

Looking exhausted, Valentin rubbed his temples and was not interested. in that.

Joseph didn't receive a response but could still speak with great interest. "By the way, what is Frankie doing? Isn't he trying to

use the trick of torturing himself to arouse Ashley's pity?"

Joseph suddenly felt that his guess was reasonable.

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That trick was all-purpose and usually very effective. What if Ashley became soft-hearted?

Joseph expressed his guess but didn't receive any response. He felt a little depressed. "Valentin, what are you doing? Why are

you turning a deaf ear to me? Am I still your adorable cousin? Do you think I am noisy?"

Valentin casually glanced at the phone screen and lazily said, "I'm going to hang up."

Then, Joseph heard beeps.

He thought, 'How could you hang up so decisively? Do you dare to hang up if it is a call from Ashley?"

Joseph dialed again. As a result, the call rang for a long time and was not answered until it was about to be ended automatically.

Joseph grumbled, "Valentin, why did you coldly hang up on me? Do you know how much it hurts my heart? Do you even

realize ... "

Before Joseph had finished speaking, the phone was hung up again.

Joseph called again.

However, this time, Valentin didn't answer it.

Being ignored, Joseph typed on the screen and texted: [Valentin, answer

my call. I have something important to discuss. It's about Ashley.]

After sending the text message, Joseph called Valentin.

This time, Valentin answered it immediately.

Joseph wondered, 'Sure enough, Valentin is really concerned about Ashley

He suddenly felt even sadder, but when he thought about the gossip he would share with Valentin, he smiled evilly and said, "I

heard that someone with an unusual identity pursued Ashley. Have you figured out who it is?