

Chapter 1103 Her Mother's Background

Seeing Loraine sticking up for him warmed Marco's heart to no end, and he grew even more suspicious of the Wilson family's intentions. Nudging Loraine back with his elbow, he stood in front of her and stared coldly into Damon's eyes.

"Tell me what all this is about," he demanded. "Do you think I can be intimidated by government pressure or the Wilson family's influence?"

Damon was so taken aback by Marco's words that he coughed slightly. It was never his intention to intimidate anyone using his or his family's power. Nevertheless, he knew fully well that these two standing right in front of him were some of the very few people who had never felt intimidated either by the Wilson family or by his position in government.

So, he shrugged and said, "Well, if you say so. Come in, please."

Damon felt he had helped Loraine save face by not exposing her secret that she had undergone plastic surgeries and had also taken something belonging to the Wilson family without their permission.

When they'd all sat down, Damon went straight to the point. "Is it true that you have the Tear of the Sea, Miss Torres?"

Just as he expected, Loraine was shocked. Damon sneered inwardly now that he had confirmed that the results of his family's investigation was accurate.

But Loraine quickly regained her composure and asked him

warily, "Why this question, Mr. Wilson?"

Damon replied in a condescending tone, "It belongs to the Wilson family. I came here today to ask you to return it to us."

Loraine was even more shocked when she heard this. She glanced at Marco and saw the same shocked expression on his face.

Both of them knew fully well what the Tear of the Sea meant. It was what Loraine's mother had left behind for her! The Wilson family wasn't so greedy as to covet it simply for its worth, so what Damon had said was probably true.

Instantly, Loraine was reminded of Maia's video and that butler who presumably worked for a wealthy family that had bought Tear of the Sea. She had been investigating the issue for so long. All clues pointed to an influential family in Zodiac, yet she couldn't pinpoint the exact family.

Now that she thought about it, the Wilson family really had the power and means to hinder her from obtaining more information.

But now that one of them had come here to personally ask about this, why had they tried in the past to hinder her investigations?

A myriad of thoughts flashed through Loraine's mind at the same time. One last explanation remained in her mind: if her mother was truly part of the Wilson family, did that not mean that Loraine herself was also related to the Wilson family?

If the Wilson family could find out that she was currently holding the Tear of the Sea, why did they not attempt to look for her mother back then?

She couldn't help but recall what Rowan had once said: her mother had never talked about her family.

With this thought in mind, Loraine concluded at once that her mother didn't have a good relationship with the Wilson family.

At this point, her eagerness to reveal her mother's true identity immediately died down. Looking coldly at Damon, her mind began to replay the things the Wilson family had done.

Not only did they never try to look for her mother, but they had also been doting heavily on the daughter they later adopted. They even attempted to squash the Universe Group for the sake of this adopted daughter!

Loraine's expression changed multiple times as these thoughts ran through her head. Eventually, her heart grew very cold, and with a harsh expression on her face, she said to Damon in disgust, "Yes, I have the Tear of the Sea, but it's mine now. I'll never give it to anyone else, especially not the Wilson family!"

Now that she had figured out her mother's family background and recalled the Wilson family's attitude to her all these years, she was determined never to give any of her mother's belongings back to them.

Since till her death, her mother never wanted to go back to the Wilson family, Loraine would also never allow them to strike up any connection with her!

Damon frowned in displeasure after listening to her. With each passing minute, he was becoming more and more certain that Loraine wanted to shake down the Wilson family, which was the reason why she was being so uncooperative.

So he spoke with contempt. "You'll have to go to the Wilson family house to do your verification. Right now, you're trying to speak with so much confidence when it was you who took something of ours without permission. Isn't this proof of your guilty conscience?"

Loraine responded with a sneer. She was angry and sad

because of what happened to her mother. As a result, she no longer wanted to talk to Damon at all.

Marco, knowing very well what she was angry about, looked at Damon with a frown and rebuked him. "You'd better show some respect, Mr. Wilson! With me by her side, the Wilson family cannot do anything to her against her will!"

But Damon did not cower. He looked back into Marco's eyes and replied in an icy tone, "We are not afraid of the Cruz family. By the way, are you indirectly stating that the Cruz family has formally decided to cut ties with the Wilson family?"

When he didn't get any response, he looked at the two of them in contempt and sneered, "I never expected that the Cruz family would have such a great example of blind love. To be honest, your taste is much worse than your father's. You're going against the Wilson family just because of a liar, a scheming hypocrite, and a fake woman whose face isn't even her own!"

Loraine found his insults amusing. But one thing she couldn't bear was his scornful statements directed against Marco. So she promptly retorted, "Since you have come to the conclusion that I'm a liar, what's the point of having me go there in person? Yes, I'm fake. Call me anything you want, but I will not have anything to do with the Wilson family!"

Chapter 1104 The Origin Of The Necklace

Damon found Loraine's words a little strange. What was she implying? She had never had any connection with the Wilson family!

But then he recalled that Loraine had undergone plastic surgery in order to look like Tessa. Perhaps she had always intended to return to the Wilson family, posing as Tessa's daughter.

Loraine had admitted it in person, and it meant that Joseph's guess was right.

Damon had formed a favorable opinion of her during their time together, but now it was all gone. Coldly, he demanded, "Since you've admitted it, hand over Tear of the Sea. It belongs to the Wilson family and an outsider has no right to keep it."

Loraine remained expressionless despite the sadness she felt inside.

It was now clear why her mother had never mentioned her family. She came from a family incapable of discerning right from wrong.

Understanding Damon's accusation, Loraine realized the crux of the misunderstanding. Even Ghosthand and Denny, who had only seen photos of her mother, mistook her for her mother due to how similar they looked.

In fact, all Wilson family members had a similar set of eyes and eyebrows. Their shared features explained why Vincent and

Damon had seemed familiar to her at first sight.

Sadly, this blood connection brought with it no familial warmth. Instead, the Wilsons suspected her of altering her appearance to extort them with Tear of the Sea.

Loraine's disappointment with the Wilsons grew even more. She recalled Vincent's reaction during the crew incident. He was so quick to judge without even a proper investigation. If this was typical of the Wilsons, she wished she wasn't related to them by blood.

Suppressing her thoughts, she regained her composure swiftly.

Casually, she sent a message on her phone and adopted a negotiating tone. "Even if it once belonged to the Wilsons, it's mine now."

Marco, observing quietly, smiled and relaxed, waiting for Loraine to assert herself.

Damon, frowning, retorted coldly, "Miss Torres, I thought you were a law-abiding citizen. Are you planning to illegally keep someone else's property? My father bought Tear of the Sea at the highest price. We have the receipt! It doesn't matter what lies you tell. It rightly belongs to the Wilsons and you can't have it!"

Without even raising her eyes, Loraine said slowly, "Mr. Wilson, I don't know what you are talking about. I bought the necklace through legal channels. It's a fact that you can't change no matter how much you argue."

Damon's face darkened, ready to retort. Just then, Remy knocked on the door and handed a document to Loraine.

Loraine raised her chin slightly towards Damon. Remy handed him a copy as well.

Damon lowered his head, scrutinizing the document. His expression shifted from disbelief to surprise as he read further.

The receipt clearly indicated that Loraine had redeemed the Tear of the Sea from a pawnshop. This receipt proved that Loraine had obtained the necklace legally and now held rightful ownership of the Tear of the Sea.

Fury bubbled within Damon as he inwardly cursed the incompetence of the Wilson family's investigators. However, he quickly composed himself and said calmly, "This only proves that you are very clever and far-sighted. You must have pawned the necklace yourself and then redeemed it. That doesn't make it legitimate."

Loraine chuckled, unable to contain her amusement, "Don't flatter me. But perhaps your eyesight is failing you. Why don't you take a closer look at the date on the receipt?"

Suppressing his irritation, Damon picked up the receipt again. His eyes widened as he noted the date—it was over twenty years ago!

He was stunned; heat creeping up his neck.

Loraine, savoring his discomfort, smiled and remarked, "You can continue to insist that I planned the whole thing. After all, I must be a genius to have pawned it as a baby and then bought it back over twenty years later."

Damon, already feeling humiliated, felt even more enraged by Loraine's mocking tone.

Seeing the mockery in her eyes, Damon was on the brink of exploding. Unable to find words to counter her, he glared at Loraine and spat out, "You will regret this!" before storming out and slamming the door behind him.