

Chapter 1137 I Want You To Stay Out Of My Life

Lorraine stepped out of the ward, carefully closing the door behind her and appearing calm.

Everyone outside immediately turned their attention to her.

Marco, standing closest, quickly noticed her reddened eyes. He gently took her hand and shook it, silently assuring her of his support.

Judging by Lorraine's reaction, Marco inferred that her conversation with Joseph had gone well, possibly touching on the topic of her parents. He knew she was sentimental and would naturally feel sadness.

Despite the positive discussion with Joseph, Lorraine's relationship with the other members of the Wilson family remained strained.

Marco shielded Lorraine from their eyes, ready to leave with her.

At that moment, Kaley, who had been silent until now, stepped forward. She cast a short glance at Marco, trying her best to hide her feelings for him.

In a soft voice, she suggested, "Marco, Lorraine is now part of the Wilson family. It's something to celebrate. Why don't you stay and have a meal with us?"

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Looking at Loraine and sensing her discomfort, Marco declined without hesitation. "No, we're heading back."

Kaley bit her lip, her eyes welling with tears. She hesitated before addressing Loraine, "Loraine, sis..."

Loraine felt a lump in her throat at the way Kaley addressed her.

Suddenly, she thought of Trudy, Slater's girlfriend, and found striking similarities between Trudy and Kaley. Both seemed capable of turning on tears at will—perhaps they missed their calling as actresses.

Kaley, in particular, seemed adept at it. She indulged in a moment of self-pity, subtly hinting at her insecurities about being adopted, then swiftly transitioned to a bright, cheerful smile.

"Loraine, I'm really glad you're now part of the Wilson family. You know I've always liked Alice."

Damon and Edwin, who had been lingering nearby, approached Loraine too.

After some hesitation, Damon spoke up. "Loraine, you managed the charity event excellently. We are proud to have you."

Edwin stumbled over his words awkwardly, "I'm sorry about what happened at the auction. Please stay and join us for a meal."

Clearly, the Wilsons could perceive Joseph's feelings towards Loraine by observing her expression as she left the ward.

They all felt compelled to display friendliness towards her, especially those who had bullied her in the past.

However, Loraine had no interest in spending time with Kaley, Damon, or Edwin. Her tone was chilly as she replied, "No, thanks. I have other commitments and can't stay."

Feeling slighted, Kaley sniffled dramatically and asked in an exaggerated tone, "Are you jealous of what happened between me and Marco? I'm sorry. I didn't know about your relationship back then! And I promise I'll step back. I won't interfere again!"

Marco, perplexed by Kaley's statement, glanced at Loraine. He had always been transparent with her about everything. Why would she be jealous?

Loraine remained impassive. Yet, it appeared that Kaley and her mother aimed to complicate matters.

Jaylah stepped forward, scolding Kaley sharply and telling her to apologize to Loraine.

Loraine raised an eyebrow, observing the spectacle in silence.

After Kaley apologized, Jaylah turned to her and asked, "Feeling better now, Loraine? If Kaley tries to interfere again, I'll handle it. Why don't you stay today?"

Loraine smiled faintly at Jaylah's attempt to paint Kaley's actions in a certain light, but she chose not to engage in the drama. She spoke plainly. "Just keep her away from me."

Pausing briefly, she turned to Marco and added, "She can do as she pleases, but my fiancé is not someone she could covet."

Marco glanced at her, sharing a knowing smile with Loraine.

Kaley's embarrassment was palpable, and she was on the verge of tears. Edwin, frustrated, interjected angrily, "Loraine, don't push it. We've apologized. What more do you want?"

Loraine's voice remained cold as she responded, "I've already told you. I want you to stay out of my life. Is that too difficult to understand? I've made it clear I have no interest in being part of your family. You can eat without me."

Marco looked at Edwin pointedly. With a sneer, he mocked, "When you can manage a project like the theme park, then maybe you can start telling others what to do."

With those words, they turned and walked away, ignoring the stunned Wilsons behind them.

The Wilsons were left feeling embarrassed. As Marco passed Kaley, he paused briefly, casting a disdainful glance her way. "And Loraine is right. Stay away from her. Don't stir more trouble for her."



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Marco's warning reminded Kaley of accusing Loraine of stealing from the crew and attempting to push her against the stage wall.

However, she concealed everything with the influence of the Wilson family, leaving even Vincent clueless, and he had to close the case without uncovering the truth. She pondered that, despite Marco's suspicions, he lacked evidence.

Kaley's eyes darted. After a moment, she composed herself and fought back tears as she whispered, "Marco, I'm not sure what you're accusing me of. Even if you don't like me, that's a bit unfair..."

Upon hearing this, Edwin stepped forward to shield her and gave Loraine and Marco a stern look. "Enough! Don't go too far. Loraine, now that you hold the Wilson family in lower regard, then..."

Before he could complete his sentence, Francis said coldly, "Step aside, Edwin."

Edwin hesitated but stayed silent when he saw Francis' expression. He could only step aside in frustration.

Francis faced Loraine and simply said, "You are free to leave."

He then glanced at Edwin and said with a chuckle,

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"Some fool here acts foolishly when provoked. My apologies."

Damon scratched his head, sensing Francis might be hinting at something. Was Francis calling Edwin a fool?

For Loraine, it was unexpected that Francis would come to her defense.

She raised her eyebrows, looked at Francis appreciatively, then nodded, leaving with Marco without a word.

After leaving the hospital, Marco frowned, feeling a bit down. The more he pondered, the more he realized how foolish he had been. How could he have missed Keely's obvious deception?

But now, he could read Kaley like an open book.

He felt disdain for Damon and Edwin and sneered, "Francis was right. Damon and Edwin are fools. They can't see through Kaley's tricks!"

Kent chuckled and said after a moment, "Why let it bother you? I certainly don't care."

Marco began to think hard. "I need to hold onto this feeling so I don't turn out like them. Today, I feel like Kaley is just like Trudy, Slater's girlfriend. Both of them have ulterior motives."

He gazed at Loraine and said in a soft voice, "Now that I've gone through it myself, I understand more how much I hurt you. I'm sorry."

Even though their past with Keely was behind them, it

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wasn't until now that he finally grasped something.

He felt a pang of guilt, realizing he had almost wronged Loraine on Kaley's behalf.

Loraine's forgiveness touched him deeply.

Observing him reflecting, Loraine couldn't help but smile to herself and sigh.

Some things were beyond forcing. Occasionally, she pondered what might have been. She wished Marco had treated her this well earlier. Their marriage would have been wonderful if they had always been so kind to each other.

But without these experiences, Marco would not have evolved into the gentle and attentive man he was now, who took such good care of her.

Maybe things turned out for the best after all.

She grasped his arm and said with a smile, "Your reflection isn't late. It shows you've grown up."

Then she sighed with relief and said, "I'm glad. I guess now you won't easily be tricked by those with hidden agendas."

Marco quickly grabbed her arm and said earnestly, "I will protect you from anyone who might hurt you and ensure you're safe. I don't need anyone else around. You're the only one I care about!"

Despite his frequent sweet nothings, she remained shy. She gently patted him. "Enough of that. Go get the car. It's time to head home."

Seizing the moment, Marco bent down and kissed her cheek. He then said, "As you wish. Stay here. I'll be right back."

Loraine touched her flushed cheeks and laughed.

She was indeed shy, yet... She enjoyed his kiss.

While waiting for him, she casually scrolled through her phone. Suddenly, it rang. Without checking the caller ID, she answered it.

She paused for a moment, then recognized it as Francis' number. Remembering he had defended her earlier, she didn't hang up.

As expected, Francis' voice came over the phone. He went straight to the point without any greetings, as direct and decisive as ever. He said, "I will assign you two projects as compensation."

Loraine was momentarily stunned by his offer. Then she quickly asked, "What projects are you talking about? What conditions?"

Francis chuckled, pleased with how quickly she reacted. He said calmly, "Rest assured. Both projects are beneficial for the Universe Group. And the conditions? There is only one. Break up with Marco."