

Chapter 1143 Asked To Leave

At first, Lina felt somewhat intimidated by Loraine's composed demeanor.

However, Kaley's support bolstered her confidence, allowing her to assert herself.

And her lingering anxiety quickly dissipated after Loraine's remark, which in retrospect seemed almost laughable.

Nita burst into laughter and remarked with a hint of sarcasm, "So, you're just a delivery girl. What's with the attitude?"

It was common knowledge that the store's latest inventory was highly sought after, as it came from "Claudette," an up-and-coming luxury designer brand.

The store had invested considerable effort to secure supplies from this brand, hence the staff rarely worried about sales figures.

However, encountering a high-roller like Kaley today could make any employee eager to serve her for a potential sales boost.

Kaley's friends snickered, but Loraine remained unaffected. She casually took out her phone and dialed a number. Moments later, she checked the caller ID and then coldly said into the receiver, "You don't need to deliver here anymore."

Just as Lina was about to dismiss Loraine's statement as mere boasting and urge her to leave quickly, she noticed the store manager hustling over, nearly tripping over himself. He stopped right in front of Loraine and her friend, greeting them with a mix of respect and humility.

This left Lina bewildered. As she opened her mouth to speak, the manager cut in, berating her instead.

"What is the matter with you? Are you blind? Don't you realize these are two distinguished guests from Claudette? Apologize now!"

Embarrassed, Lina attempted to defend herself. "Manager, it was they who first upset our customer. Even if they are in charge at Claudette, that doesn't excuse their rudeness. Moreover, this customer is Ms. Wilson, who has placed numerous orders with us!"

The manager paused for a moment, casting a glance at Kaley, then at Loraine, his face growing stern. He scolded, "Idiot! These two are not just any guests; they are our suppliers, and the CEOs at that!"

The store fell into stunned silence, while Jennie couldn't help but smirk triumphantly, stating, "Just so you know, Claudette is a brand I established, and as my partner and dear friend, Loraine definitely has the authority to stop the supply to your store if necessary."

Sweating profusely, the manager kept bowing. "Miss Fowler, I beg your forgiveness. There was a misunderstanding by our staff who spoke inappropriately. Please overlook this incident. I will handle the matter immediately!"

Jennie nodded, evidently pleased, and remarked, "It seems there are still some troublesome folks around..."

The manager strode up to Kaley and, with a contrived smile, said, "Ms. Wilson, I must ask you to leave."

Kaley's face lost its color, and she clenched her teeth in anger. "Why are you sending me away? I'm a VIP customer. You can't just prevent me from making purchases!"

"Being a VIP doesn't entitle you to engage in malicious return. Such actions are considered fraudulent and can lead to blacklisting as per our store policy," the manager replied, maintaining a polite yet firm tone, and subtly gesturing towards the exit.

Indeed, luxury stores like this one were frequented by the affluent. Even members of the Wilson family couldn't expect the staff to yield to them.

The manager clearly understood which side to take between the store's suppliers and the customer engaging in a malicious return.

Soon, Kaley and her friends were escorted out by the security guards, her expression dark and her companions shocked.

Nita, in utter disbelief, exclaimed, "How dare they treat you this way, Kaley? You are from the distinguished Wilson family. Are they out of their minds? You should give that woman a piece of your mind!"

Kaley bit her lip, holding back her words. She cast a resentful glance back at Loraine and finally muttered,

"Forget it, let's just leave."

Though Kaley was seething with anger, she restrained herself from speaking out. If the situation escalated further, Loraine might expose the truth that she was the actual Ms. Wilson, which could potentially embarrass Kaley in front of her friends.

After Kaley spoke, her friends paused, casting doubtful glances at her.

They had been friends with Kaley for years and they knew her well.

Despite praises of her being kind and charming, everyone was aware of Kaley's vengeful nature. So why was she backing down so easily now?

Though furious, Kaley managed a strained smile and said, "Even if they are being rude to me, I shouldn't stoop to their level. My grandfather always said not to use my status to intimidate others."

At the mention of her grandfather Joseph, Kaley's friends stopped pressing further, but it didn't dispel the growing suspicions among them. Some of them noticeably cooled in their demeanor towards her.

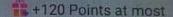
Kaley, noticing the change, was silently enraged and despised Loraine even more.

Disheartened by the day's events at the mall, she was overcome with gloom. After some thought, she decided to go incognito to a bar, craving some thrill.

A few drinks later, she began to angrily rant about Loraine.

It was then that a masked waitress approached her and inquired, "Pardon me, are you talking about Loraine Torres?"

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Chapter 1144 A Feasible Idea

Kaley, slightly drunk, frowned at the waitress in the dimly lit bar. She said impatiently, "Yeah, but that's not your concern."

Her simmering anger intensified due to the waitress's interruption.

How dare a mere waitress interrupt her while she was venting!

Seated across from Kaley, the waitress spoke with a hint of malice. "Honestly, I can't stand Loraine either."

Pausing, Kaley scrutinized the waitress, sensing the animosity in her eyes hidden beneath her mask. A curious smile spread across Kaley's face.

"Do you know Loraine? What did she do to you?" Kaley inquired.

The woman behind the mask was Trudy, disguised as a waitress.

Thinking of her encounter with Loraine, Trudy gritted her teeth.

Following their departure from the gathering that day, she sought sympathy from Slater, but he, in a foul mood, offered only a few perfunctory words of comfort.

To preserve her facade of innocence and kindness in

Slater's perception, she couldn't directly request money from him. With Slater paying little attention to her lately, she had to return to her old profession to make a living.

It was Loraine who ruined that gathering that day.

When Slater revealed Loraine's family background to Trudy, her jealousy intensified. Hearing Kaley curse Loraine sparked an evil idea in her mind.

When Kaley questioned her, Trudy quickly embellished her story. "My boyfriend and I are deeply in love, so I bravely met his friends... But I never expected Loraine to embarrass me in front of my boyfriend with another woman."

Trudy wiped her tears as she spoke. Kaley, however, saw through the act and impatiently interrupted, "Who are your boyfriend's friends?"

"Marco Cruz and Jimmie Todd," Trudy answered with a glint of greed in her eyes. She had already made up her mind that if Slater uncovered her lies, she'd shift her focus to his friends, who were equally impressive, especially Marco.

The thought of the three of them vying for her attention excited her immensely.

Kaley's interest was piqued upon hearing about Marco. If this woman's boyfriend happened to be friends with Marco, she might glean new insights about Marco.

Therefore, Kaley invited Trudy to sit down with a friendly smile and asked softly, "I can't stand Loraine either. What else have you heard about her?"

As expected, Trudy eagerly shared everything she knew with Kaley.

"Loraine was once married to Marco but later divorced him. But I have no clue about how she managed to reconcile with Marco. In my opinion, Loraine must have seduced him!"

Hearing this, Kaley nodded in agreement. Sensing Kaley's interest in Marco, Trudy continued to disclose details about what unfolded after Marco's true identity was exposed in Vagow.

As she spoke, she studied Kaley carefully. Noticing Kaley's luxurious attire, Trudy thought momentarily and complimented, "Loraine is just from a regular wealthy family in Vagow, raised in the countryside and returning there years later. She doesn't have the same beauty and elegance as you, coming from a prestigious and wealthy family."

The compliment deeply touched Kaley. Being a Wilson was her source of pride, and she felt a brief moment of elation.

But she kept her composure outwardly. She casually glanced at Trudy and came up with an idea. Then she smiled and began questioning Trudy further about Loraine.

Shortly after, Kaley headed straight to Star Group to visit Francis.

Upon hearing that Kaley was there to see him, Francis unconsciously frowned.

He had never favored Kaley. They weren't related by blood, and he believed Kaley had led Edwin astray, particularly noticeable as Edwin's prospects dimmed upon his return home.

But despite Francis's reservations about Kaley, when he heard she had an idea to persuade Loraine to return to the Wilson family, he still welcomed her in.

"Uncle Francis, we can reveal Loraine's identity publicly during the cooperation banquet. Once everyone knows who she is, they won't dare to mistreat her. This way, she can officially join the Wilson family. Grandpa would be pleased to hear this," Kaley said confidently.

Francis remained silent, deep in thought. After a moment, he glanced at Kaley and gestured for her to continue.

Kaley feigned concern for Loraine and added, "Besides, I've heard that Loraine and Marco divorced some time ago. It seems they weren't right for each other. I'm willing to marry Marco in Loraine's place to keep the Cruz and Wilson families connected. We shouldn't let Loraine's marriage suffer again."

Her proposal aligned with Francis's thoughts. He glanced at her and remarked, "It's a feasible idea."