

Chapter 1152 Strained Relationship

Kaley's expression stiffened, and irritation flickered across her face. Upon hearing that Loraine had grown up in the countryside, she assumed Loraine wouldn't know anything about tasting wines at all. She had intended to embarrass her, but to her surprise, Loraine not only knew about it but was quite knowledgeable.

Now, Loraine even managed to impress everyone present.

Only Marco remained unsurprised, gazing at Loraine with a faint smile of appreciation and affection.

Loraine had long demonstrated her expertise in this field. Little did the others know that Loraine's uncle, Wesley, was Mr. T himself, or they would have been even more astonished.

How could the Torres family's young princess, raised under Mr. T's influence, not know her wines?

Standing beside Loraine, Marco gently wiped her mouth with a handkerchief, advising, "Don't drink too much; it's not good for your health."

This gesture surprised everyone, eliciting envy from some of the women.

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Recalling Kaley's earlier comment about Loraine's supposed inability to drink, which led to Trudy drinking on her behalf, Damon's impression of Loraine soured further.

He spoke coldly. "If you can drink, why did you make others drink for you? Even without the Wilson family upbringing, this is something you should have understood! I wonder how your mother raised you."

At the mention of her mother, Loraine's previously impassive expression turned stormy.

She glared at Damon with anger.

She had refrained from mentioning her mother's passing to spare Joseph's feelings, yet now it was being used against her?

What right did the Wilson family have to criticize her, given their own actions?

Damon faltered under Loraine's icy stare, filled with complex emotions that made him momentarily timid. He opened his mouth to continue his reproach, but was cut off by Loraine's frosty tone. "Did you witness me forcing Trudy to drink for me? How can you be certain that what you said was true?"

Damon hesitated, glancing toward Kaley, as she was the one who had informed him of the situation, but she avoided his gaze, a flicker of uncertainty in her eyes.

Loraine's sneer deepened. She knew that the arrogant Wilsons didn't care about the truth.

Yet, Damon's mention of her mother struck a painful chord, stirring both heartbreak and anger within her.

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With a cool indifference, she stated, "If necessary, I can drink on my own. I never asked anyone to drink for me. Trudy took the glass and drank it herself. Whether you believe it or not is your choice."

Loraine glanced at Slater, who seemed on the verge of losing his temper, with a touch of disdain. She asserted, "Yes, I did grow up in the countryside as a child, and I also spent time in an orphanage. But I'm not ashamed of it. These experiences taught me to rely on myself and not ask for help from others."

Slater fell silent, well aware of Loraine's past. He couldn't muster a retort under her unwavering gaze.

Meanwhile, the Wilsons were taken aback by the mention of the orphanage.

How could Loraine have lived there?

Damon suddenly recalled meeting Loraine in the village during a charity event.

He hadn't known her background then and had been surprised to learn she had grown up in an orphanage. Upon discovering she had been taken in by a wealthy family, he had dismissed the thought.

Now, Loraine's mention brought it all back. Considering her current abilities and demeanor, she must have been taken in by the Torres family long ago and surely hadn't spent long in the orphanage. So why bring it up now?

To him, it seemed like a bid for sympathy, and he felt a surge of irritation. As he opened his mouth to speak, Loraine cut him off with a sneer, "You believe whatever others say... It's truly embarrassing to be related to you, Uncle Damon."

The way she addressed him dripped with irony, leaving him speechless.

Before Damon could respond, Loraine continued her scathing remarks, "Trudy claimed I made her drink, so you assumed I harmed her. In that case, the Wilson family, who invited me here, should bear more responsibility."

Damon's face flushed with anger, the words he intended to say forgotten.

Truthfully, he didn't know much about Loraine.

Normally, she seemed so gentle and compliant, but when provoked, her sharp tongue could leave even those familiar with her speechless.

Loraine sneered. "You act high and mighty as an elder, but what right do you have to lecture my mother? How long did the Wilsons raise her? How much do you know about me? What gives you the authority to be arrogant before me? You're nothing more than a stranger. How dare you mention my mother!"

Damon was left speechless, then erupted in fury.

Loraine gave him a scornful look and turned to leave.

In a trembling voice, Damon ordered, "Where are the bodyguards? Take her back! I'd like to teach her some manners!"

Marco intervened, protecting Loraine and allowing her to leave unhindered.

Once she was gone, he addressed Damon icily. "It seems you've forgotten Mr. Castillo's advice."

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Damon was shocked to hear Marco mention Terry. Then he realized that Terry's warning to him that day was not random.

Marco had clearly manipulated his suspension.


The realization only angered Damon even more. He glared at Marco and spoke through gritted teeth. "Loraine must have picked up a thing or two from you. I heard that you are also a bastard who holds no respect for your elders. It makes sense, you and Loraine are practically cut from the same cloth. You are both arrogant and ignorant to the rules of society!"

Marco narrowed his eyes. If it weren't for the fact that Loraine was related to the Wilson family, and that he still held Joseph in high regard, he would definitely make Damon pay for his crass comments.

As for Damon, he suddenly remembered that Loraine had once stayed in an orphanage. He sneered, thinking that he finally had his trump card. "Loraine just wants to get some sympathy because she was raised in an orphanage, right? What's there to feel sorry for? She was taken home soon enough, and went on to live the life of a wealthy young lady!"

Marco didn't say anything for a while. Just when Damon thought he had hit a nerve and won the argument, he noticed something strange in Marco's gaze.

His eyes were icy as usual, but Damon thought he saw a hint of pity there. He swallowed a lump in his throat as a

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Marco didn't really want to share Loraine's story, especially without her knowledge. But at the same time, he couldn't stand it when clueless bystanders just started assuming things to slander her. He felt that, at the very least, the Wilson family needed to know the truth.

Marco looked Damon in the eye and began speaking in a low, measured voice. "Loraine never got a chance to meet her parents, because they passed away soon after she was born."

Damon froze, and his face turned ashen. "What did you say?"

Slowly and calmly, Marco told him everything that Loraine and the Torres family had discovered about the last twenty years.


Damon deflated as he listened to how her parents had died miserably shortly after she was born, which led to her being sent to live in an orphanage for almost a decade. "That can't be true, can it?" he muttered under his breath.

He couldn't even bear to think about his sister dying such a horrible death, and how her only daughter had to endure so much undeserved suffering.

And yet, despite all that, Loraine still grew to be a strong, independent, and kind person. Ironically enough, it was her own uncles who had been repeatedly undermining her at every turn.

To think that he himself had told Loraine right to her face that her mother had failed to discipline her, he knew there and then that he would regret those words for the rest of his life.

"Do you not believe me?" Marco suddenly asked in a cold tone. "What would it benefit me to lie about this?"

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Damon didn't even know what to say, which was just as well, because Marco didn't want to stay a minute longer and wanted to catch up to Loraine. He turned to leave, then paused in front of Slater, whose face was twisted into a complicated expression.

If he were to be honest, Marco was rather disappointed in Slater. But he refrained from confronting Slater, on account of their friendship.

Marco thought of the way he felt when he saw Trudy, then said, "Don't go lashing out without knowing the facts. If I see you attacking Loraine again, you might as well forget we are friends."


Slater had no idea about Loraine's miserable childhood, and he was still reeling from the shock. "It doesn't change the fact that Trudy was sent to the hospital, though," he retorted without thinking. "I said nothing wrong, and you're the one who's covering up her faults! Didn't you see the red spots all over Trudy's body?"

Marco cocked his head to the side and sneered. "Have you forgotten what you told me before? If Trudy was truly allergic to alcohol, how could she possibly have met you in the bar? How was she able to hang out with us in the bar last time?"

His questions struck Slater like a bolt of lightning. He did find Trudy in the bar, but...

He opened his mouth to defend Trudy, but Marco had already walked past him. For a while, Slater just remained where he stood, his thoughts and emotions raging inside him. When he finally moved, he turned on his heel and headed straight to the hospital.

Damon and Kaley were left to process the bomb that had just exploded in their faces.

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Francis arrived before long, having finished dealing with some business at the banquet. He frowned upon seeing Damon's lost and defeated expression. "What's wrong? Did something happen?"

Although she hadn't said anything, Kaley was secretly glad that Loraine's mother was dead. That meant Jaylah could rest assured that Loraine's mother would no longer be able to compete with her. So when she heard Francis' question, she instantly perked up.

She was about to pin the blame on Loraine yet again, but before she could utter a word, Damon raised his head and spoke in a trembling voice. "Francis, our little sister is dead."