

## Chapter 1154 The Wilsons Reflect

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In the Wilson family, Jaylah was favored, yet Francis and his brothers shared a silent understanding that they truly had just one little sister—the one who had left home years ago and was still missing.

Even the typically calm Francis was shocked upon hearing the news of their sister's death.

The look on Damon's face confirmed he was serious.

Their father Joseph had previously assured them that their sister was alive and well, merely holding a grudge and staying away from home.

Though Francis wasn't very close to his sister, he understood the impact of this news. With a solemn expression, he asked, "Where did this information come from?"

Damon forced a bitter smile as he repeated everything Marco had told him before.

Confronted with this revelation, Francis set aside his concerns about Loraine's incident at the party. He pondered for a moment and then said, "I'll get someone to look into this. Keep it quiet for now, and definitely don't tell Dad."

Damon nodded, his expression reflecting defeat.

Several days later, the investigators Francis had dispatched came back with their findings.

With Damon's leads, Francis dispatched investigators to the rural orphanage where Loraine had lived, resulting in more detailed information gathered.

The information they found was quite different from what Jaylah and her daughter had led the Wilson family to believe but matched closely with Marco's account.

After her parents died in an accident, Loraine lived in the orphanage until she was nearly ten. She was then brought back to the Torres family.

Joseph had failed to recognize her in the picture before because the hardships she endured as a child had left her thin and unrecognizable.

Even Francis, known for his cold heart, felt a surge of emotion.

Though Vincent was absent, his attitude towards Loraine was amicable, so Francis did not request his presence and simply called Damon and Edwin over to present those findings to them.

The three of them fell into a long silence.

Francis had also uncovered the truth about the party incident. Glancing at Damon, he said sarcastically, "From now on, let's drop our arrogant demeanor towards Loraine and focus on doing something worthwhile for her. It's the least we can do."

Damon's face showed mixed emotions. Francis looked at him and sighed. "Damon, you have become less sensible over the years. It's no surprise you have stayed single so long!"

Caught off guard, Damon was speechless and couldn't respond. Francis added, "I have checked into that girl,

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Trudy. She's not allergic to alcohol. She was pretending!"

"But Kaley said..." Damon was taken aback again, instinctively trying to defend.

Seeing this, Francis almost burst out laughing from frustration. Both his brother and his son were being deceived by Kaley, and neither of them had noticed anything wrong.

It turned out that Vincent, their often unreliable younger brother, had the clearest view on this matter.

Francis scolded, "You're suspended from work because you're too dense. Honestly, you might as well retire!"

Damon had been pondering the events of the past few days and realized many things didn't quite fit together.

Now, following Francis's scolding, he began to see things more clearly.

Edwin, noticing even Damon was keeping quiet, gave up any attempt to defend Kaley and stood there, torn.

Marco's previous warnings rang in his head. Apart from the support of the Wilson family, he truly had nothing to boast about.

In contrast, Loraine had faced numerous difficulties yet had achieved so much, which was truly admirable.

Noticing that the two were finally considering their actions, Francis's expression softened. He warned them once more, "I have kept the news quiet since the party. Both of you should keep it a secret, especially from Dad!"

By this time, Francis understood why Loraine had kept the news about her parents' tragic death hidden.

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Joseph's health was finally improving due to the white lie that Loraine had told him. Learning the truth now could devastate him once more.

After finishing his warnings, Francis dismissed them.

As Damon was leaving, he encountered Kaley, who greeted him with her usual warmth.

Damon was about to reply, but then he remembered Francis's words and Kaley's actions at the party. Suddenly, the niece he had adored seemed like a stranger to him.

Ultimately, he responded briefly and excused himself quickly, avoiding the long conversations they usually had.

Kaley was surprised by Damon's coldness. Feeling uneasy, she went to seek out Edwin.

But even Edwin, normally the most warm towards her, kept his distance.

Now truly alarmed, Kaley hastily called Jaylah to seek her advice.

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After the Wilsons found out that Loraine was related to them, Jaylah was overwhelmed by a surge of panic. This feeling was intensified by the shady doings she had committed with Lennox. She had been looking after Joseph and trying to gain his favor ever since he regained consciousness. She was quite disconnected from what was happening in the outside world.

Upon hearing her daughter's words, Jaylah quickly asked about the details of what had happened.

While on the phone, learning of Loraine's mother's death caused Jaylah to feel an unexpected thrill of pleasure. She looked toward Joseph's room, her face breaking into a contented smile.

With that woman out of the picture, Loraine was just a girl without a mother. How could she stand a chance against her?

Therefore, when Kaley mentioned that Marco's disclosure of Loraine's history had made Damon and Edwin pull away from her, Jaylah wasn't particularly concerned.

She knew the Wilson men well enough to guess that Trudy's incident likely alerted Francis, leading him to warn his son and brother.

If Kaley were to act now, it might only increase their suspicion and dissatisfaction.

So, Jaylah gently consoled her daughter, "Act as if you know nothing about this. Keep a low profile for now. Don't go near Loraine or Marco. Your uncles will eventually realize

they have wronged you and won't continue to ignore you."

However, Kaley was not convinced by this strategy.

She had worked hard to win the Wilson family's favor, all to use their influence for her own benefit. If she couldn't have Marco, what was the purpose of all her efforts?

Annoyed, Kaley shouted, "If I wait any longer, Loraine and Marco will end up married! Then how will I ever be with Marco?"

Remembering Marco and Loraine's closeness at the party, where Marco had ignored her completely, Kaley gritted her teeth. "It's all because of Loraine. Now Marco thinks even less of me, and my uncles aren't supporting me. How will I ever marry Marco?"

Jaylah frowned but calmly reassured her daughter, "Don't worry, I have a plan. You won't have to do anything. They won't even get engaged!"

Meanwhile, after the meeting, Francis visited another informant to gather more information and uncover some hidden truths from the past.

However, it took the Torres family over twenty years to piece together the full story of Loraine's parents' tragic death, and Francis could only uncover a fraction of that.

The clues hinted that Loraine's father had taken his wife and daughter on a trip when a trusted associate betrayed them. This led to a catastrophic accident that instantly killed both her parents, leaving Loraine as an orphan who ended up in an orphanage.

For a moment, Francis felt a surge of sympathy for Loraine. He then frowned, thinking to himself that Loraine's father had failed miserably at protecting his family and had paid with his life.

He thought that if his sister hadn't impulsively run away from home, and if the family had arranged a proper marriage for her, she could have married a more suitable man and avoided such a tragic fate.

This reflection solidified Francis's decision to arrange a marriage for Loraine, particularly after learning from his informants that Loraine had been unhappy in her three-year marriage to Marco.

It was only after her divorce from Marco that Loraine began to truly thrive and display her talents...

All this indicated that she shouldn't be with Marco!

Keeping the cautionary tale of his sister in mind, Francis believed that any harm to Loraine would devastate Joseph.

After contemplating, he decided to call Loraine.

Meanwhile, with Marco's help, Loraine set up another meeting with Kenji to revisit the possibility of collaboration.

In the conference room, Loraine passionately presented her argument, which touched Kenji. With Marco's endorsement, Kenji started to lean towards agreement.


After a lengthy pause, Kenji nodded and said, "I agree to a short-term collaboration with Universe Group. We'll evaluate how it goes before deciding on any further commitments."

Loraine's face lit up with joy, confident in her ability to maintain the partnership.

She smiled and said, "You won't regret this, Mr. Glyn!"

Kenji looked at her, feeling a deep sense of admiration.

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He had been at that party too and, despite their first unpleasant encounter, he had followed the developments and learned about Loraine's challenging past.

Her resilience and courage not only impressed him but also made her a figure worthy of respect and compassion.

He decided to trust that Loraine would not repeat the mistakes of Star Group.

