

Chapter 1159 Joseph's Objection

Lorraine's cheeks flushed slightly at Marco's words, and she swiftly changed the topic, nudging him to go change his clothes.

As the scenery of the theme park transformed, music that complemented the setting began to play. The ceremony officially started after the host made the announcement.

With blessings from friends and family, Marco gently took Lorraine by the hand and they made their way into the venue.

Both dressed in elegant formal attire, the couple was not only a visual delight but also shared a harmonious temperament.

Jennie was live-streaming the event for Aria, her excitement adding to the vibrant, joyful atmosphere.

Even Wesley, usually laid-back, had donned formal wear and looked strikingly handsome. He, alongside Rowan, stood as the elders and were the first to deliver a speech.

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As they prepared for the ring exchange—the ceremony's climax—the crowd erupted in cheers, heightening the excitement. Just then, a commanding voice interrupted, "Wait a minute!"

All eyes turned to see a woman aiding an elderly man as they approached slowly.

The man, appearing frail and recovering from an illness, walked with determination in his eyes.

He was immediately recognized by many as Joseph, the esteemed patriarch of the Wilson family.

Some guests stood to show their respect for Joseph, though their expressions conveyed surprise. Why had Joseph made it here?

Even though Loraine being Joseph's granddaughter was revealed to the public, her strained relationship with the Wilson family was no secret; not a single Wilson was in attendance.

Joseph's arrival didn't seem celebratory, casting a wave of tension over the crowd.

His gaze swept over the beach-themed venue and landed on Loraine, who was draped in a chic evening gown covered loosely with a man's coat. His displeasure was evident as he declared firmly, "I do not agree with your engagement!"

The coat draped over her was clearly Marco's doing, a gesture of possession. His expression darkened instantly upon hearing Joseph's objection. He stepped forward to respond, but Loraine held him back.

She faced Joseph, noting the anger rising in his chest, her expression a mixture of surprise and concern. She was taken aback by his unexpected appearance and worried about his health.

Unable to address Joseph harshly, Loraine spoke with heartfelt sincerity. "Grandpa, Marco and I truly love each other, and we've been planning this engagement for a long time. I can't just give it up."

Joseph's glare intensified with his anger. Loraine paused, then tactfully offered him a way to save face.

"I assumed you hadn't fully recovered, so I didn't send an invitation, and I also didn't inform Aldo, because this is merely an engagement party. If you're upset because you weren't invited, I promise to personally come and bring you to our wedding. Would that be acceptable?"

Joseph, quick to anger, was about to snap back, but Loraine's earnest look halted him.

He recalled how his stubbornness had repeatedly disappointed Loraine's mother, pushing her away.

Now, seeing his granddaughter, who already harbored significant reservations about the Wilson family, he realized that any outburst on his part would only alienate her further.

With this realization, Joseph stifled his anger and chose his words carefully, trying to gently persuade Loraine to reconsider her relationship with Marco.

Without hesitation, Loraine signaled to her best friend. Jennie, ever perceptive, warmly greeted Joseph and helped him to take a seat, while Remy promptly started the video projection.

As the video unfolded on the screen, it showcased the story of how Loraine and Marco first met and their shared journey, captivating everyone present.

Joseph listened as the video recounted tales from Loraine's childhood. He paused, then settled into a quiet contemplation to watch.

The video captured a pivotal moment from Loraine's youth, detailing how Marco had come to her rescue—an act that planted the seeds of her deep affection for him, which flourished over time.

The video then recounted the misunderstandings and challenges they faced and the poignant moments when they resolved these issues.

As the scenes shifted, the narrative moved to their professional interactions, highlighting their mutual

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attraction, seamless collaboration, and the remarkable achievements that followed. It detailed how, together, they tackled obstacles and spearheaded the amusement park project, transforming a daunting challenge into a success.

The heartfelt story moved many guests to tears, eliciting cheers, applause, and vocal admiration.

Even their closest friends were previously unaware of the extent of the hardships they had overcome.

Joseph remained silent, his expression complex as he processed everything.

Then, as the couple approached him, he looked up intently at Loraine, emotions brimming in his eyes.

But a conversation with Jaylah earlier that day hardened his resolve once more.

He declared firmly, "I still cannot support your union —as long as I'm alive, you'll never have my blessing!"

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Loraine was taken aback by Joseph's declaration and stared at him in disbelief.

She had never anticipated such harsh words from him.

Regaining her composure and attributing Joseph's stance to something Francis might have suggested, she responded earnestly, "Grandpa, yes, we did part ways once due to misunderstandings, but as you saw in the video, those have been resolved."

She continued with heartfelt sincerity, "We have built our relationship to this point together, our feelings are pure, untainted by any ulterior motives. You're my grandpa, and I still hope for your acknowledgment and blessings."

However, Joseph's stance was resolute, and he voiced his objection sternly. "No need for further discussion, I disapprove. If you marry him, I will go on a hunger strike."

His words cast a chilling silence over the surroundings. Loraine frowned, Marco's expression grew icy, and the guests stepped back, visibly shaken.

Amidst this tension, only Jaylah's lips curled into a subtle, almost imperceptible smile.

Hearing the disturbance and hurrying over, Wesley and Rowan approached with grave faces and positioned themselves protectively in front of Loraine.

Wesley's voice grew cold as he replied, "I respect you because you are Lorrie's grandfather, but do not overstep. The affairs of the Torres family are not your concern!"

Joseph's complexion flushed with a mix of embarrassment and rage that seemed as if it could overwhelm him. Loraine, wanting to avoid any serious confrontation between them, gently restrained Rowan and Wesley, whispering, "Rowan, Wesley, let me handle this. Could you please entertain the guests for a bit?"

With tensions rising between them, the other guests felt increasingly uncomfortable, casting a palpable awkwardness over the venue.

Rowan and Wesley exchanged glances with Marco, assured that Loraine was in no danger of being coerced, and with a dismissive snort, they walked away.

Calm yet firm, Loraine then addressed Joseph. "Grandpa, this isn't right. Our marriage concerns only Marco and me. We love each other. How can

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you use such a threat against us?"

Joseph gripped his chest and inhaled sharply, his expression still severe as he declared, "There are many worthy young men in Zodiac, and you're still young, with plenty of opportunities ahead of you. I will bless any union, as long as it's not with Marco."

He fixed Loraine with a piercing look and demanded, "Lorrie, who do you choose—me or him?"

Loraine's complexion drained of color as she clenched her fists, her lips pressed tightly together.

She struggled to comprehend how Joseph could force such a decision upon her.

After a tense silence, she spoke with a strained voice. "I refuse to choose. If you've come here to undermine my happiness, then you shouldn't claim any moral high ground. The Wilson family didn't raise me. You guys have even picked on me previously. Perhaps I shouldn't even consider myself a Wilson, and as such, you guys have no right to dictate my life!"

Joseph exhaled deeply, visibly struggling, while Jaylah rushed to his aid, her face etched with concern as she patted his back. Yet, unbeknownst to him, a flicker of satisfaction crossed her features.

She adopted a scolding tone towards Loraine. "Even if you wish to distance yourself from the Wilson family, must you distress your grandfather

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At that moment, Jaylah's demeanor softened as if she were a considerate elder genuinely concerned for Loraine, adding, "Your grandfather's health is fragile. Please, show him some consideration."

Joseph's eyes grew slightly moist, touched by her words.

Yet, Marco caught a glimpse of complacency in Jaylah's expression. He frowned and suddenly realized something.

The engagement announcement had not been purposely hidden, yet not a single member of the Wilson family had been invited.

The Wilson brothers, always proud and aloof, were too embroiled in their own indignation to share anything that might embarrass them with Joseph.

Considering Joseph had left his recuperation to rush here, his arrival was likely spurred by someone else's prompting— most probably Jaylah.

Marco suspected that Jaylah's influence might have also fueled Joseph's staunch opposition due to some misunderstandings she might have instigated.

However, seeing Joseph visibly upset and without

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concrete proof, Marco chose not to escalate the situation. He turned and saw the distressed expression Loraine wore as she was forced into a decision, deepening his anguish.

Unable to watch Loraine struggle with this decision alone, he stepped forward and addressed Joseph. "Mr. Wilson, there's no need to pressure Loraine. I will respect your wishes."

This statement stunned everyone present.

Joseph paused, taken aback, then his expression hardened as he turned to Loraine and said, "See? This is the man you've chosen!"

Loraine's complexion paled, but meeting Marco's reassuring gaze eased her fluster.

Yet Joseph persisted harshly, "Words are not enough. Remove your engagement rings now!"