## Chapter 1161 Your Mother Married An Unfit Guy

Marco silently removed his engagement ring as he faced Joseph.

Loraine was stunned. If not for the trust they had built during their time together, she would have been furious.

She understood the effort and energy Marco had invested in organizing their engagement party and believed he wouldn't truly give up on her.

Reflecting on Marco's reassuring look, Loraine remained silent. Reluctantly, she also removed her ring.

Joseph exhaled deeply in relief and collected their rings. Observing Loraine's displeased expression, he felt a twinge of remorse.

However, rationalizing his actions, he thought that Loraine's temporary sadness would fade. He believed she would eventually find a better partner and lead a joyful, stable life, which would validate his intervention.

With this conviction, Joseph addressed Loraine. "You might not wish to rejoin the Wilson family, but I can't allow you to make the same mistake your mother did by marrying an unfit guy!"

Loraine frowned, puzzled by his conclusion. In her memory, her parents had shared a loving, happy Chapter 1161 Your Mother Married A # +120 Points at most relationship.

Joseph, exhausted, signaled to Jaylah and prepared to leave.

Jaylah, unable to conceal her delight as the rings were removed, helped Joseph up, masking her smile as she supported him out.

Loraine didn't attempt to stop Joseph. Despite harboring suspicions that Marco might have other motives, she was more troubled by the removal of her engagement ring.

Looking at Marco, her voice trembled as she asked, "Did you just give in?"

Marco understood that Loraine often masked her emotions with a facade of indifference. Feeling both sorry and powerless, he explained, "I didn't want you caught in the middle, so I made the decision for us. It eases your burden. Right now, it's crucial to ensure Mr. Wilson's stability given his fragile health."

Loraine lowered her head, fighting back tears.

She felt the sting of disappointment that their carefully planned engagement party had not gone as hoped, yet she recognized the reason in Marco's words.

Suppressing her sadness, she forced a semblance of ease. "Then, let's plan another engagement party in Vagow, where Aldo can witness and bless our union. He's come to accept you now."

Marco offered a reassuring smile, about to respond, when Jaylah reappeared, feigning concern to comfort

Chapter 1161 Your Mother Married # # +120 Points at most Loraine.

Loraine was in no mood to hear her platitudes. She dismissed her coldly, saying, "Your concern isn't needed. Please leave."

Jaylah, unfazed by Loraine's demeanor, maintained a polite smile. "Loraine, I must remind you—if my father learns you and Marco married secretly and it affects him adversely, you'll bear the blame."

This warning shocked Loraine, sparking anger as she met Jaylah's gaze with a frosty glare.

Seeing her reaction, Jaylah's expression turned malevolent. In a taunting voice, she remarked, "Had your mother not fled so impulsively, she might still be alive today. Then perhaps my father wouldn't be so obstinate... It seems, after all, you and your mother brought this upon yourselves. It's truly unfortunate. I just pity your mother—she didn't make it back alive!"

Jaylah expressed regret, but her smile betrayed a sense of satisfaction as if she had come solely to gloat in front of Loraine. After maintaining her facade for a short while, she departed.

Loraine's expression darkened at her words, confirming her earlier suspicions. The relationship between Jaylah and her mother was clearly complex.

From Jaylah's tone, Loraine even suspected that her mother's departure years ago might have been influenced by Jaylah.

Sensing her distress, Marco drew her into his arms and spoke gently. "I'm sorry, Loraine. I wish we could marry

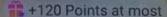
Chapter 1161 Your Mother Married A + 120 Points at most right now, but I don't want my own desires to put you in such a difficult position."

Loraine regained her composure and shook her head.

She understood Marco's intentions; she wasn't unreasonable. The engagement party had fallen apart, and while it saddened him, he still prioritized her feelings.

After a moment of comfort, Marco remarked, "Mr. Wilson has always been a man of respect, and as a senior soldier, it's unlike him to be so obstinate and irrational. Perhaps there's something unresolved in his heart, something we should help resolve."

Recalling Joseph's earlier words, Loraine murmured, still dazed, "He said my mother married an unfit guy..."



## Chapter 1162 Visiting Jaden

Loraine remembered Vincent mentioning that Joseph had never truly moved on from her mother and that as he aged, his stubbornness only grew stronger.

If Joseph harbored any lingering concerns, they were undoubtedly connected to her mother.

She recalled their encounter at the hospital where Joseph, burdened with guilt and regret, had cautiously probed for the real reasons behind her mother's departure.

Marco, recalling Jaylah's reactions earlier, agreed, "That seems very likely."

He shared his observations and suspicions that Jaylah might have been stirring the pot.

As they were discussing, Rowan and Wesley returned, their expressions somber.

It was evident they had heard about Marco's decision to remove the engagement ring.

Upon seeing Marco still embracing Loraine tenderly, Wesley's temper flared.

He forcefully separated them, grabbed Marco by the collar, and berated, "I thought you'd protect Lorrie. Turns out, you're a coward! How could you let someone demand the removal of the engagement rings right after the proposal? What do you think that

makes our family look like?"

Marco maintained his composure and did not attempt to break free from Wesley's grip. Despite his reasons, he recognized his failure to shield Loraine. He hadn't confronted her grandfather aggressively for her sake, but the fact that their engagement party was completely ruined lingered, leaving him still blaming himself.

Loraine, worried that Wesley might harm Marco, hurriedly clarified the circumstances.

They had all witnessed Joseph's severe ultimatum. Though still upset, Wesley released Marco with a disdainful scoff. "No wonder our sister-in-law never talks about her family!"

Seizing the opportunity, Loraine inquired, "Rowan, Wesley, how did my dad meet my mom?"

Rowan and Wesley looked at each other before Rowan responded, "We've told you all we know. There aren't any more details... But I remember when your father brought her home, Jaden was with them."

Loraine and Marco simultaneously recalled Jaden's frenzied outburst, insisting that he should have been the one to save Loraine's mother.

Loraine wondered if Jaden was privy to more details about the story of her parents.

After Loraine shared this suspicion with Rowan and Wesley, Wesley snorted dismissively, "Our family treated Jaden well, yet he turned on us. His deceit was already in place even back then."

He concluded sternly, "Lorrie, don't take his words to heart. Your parents truly loved each other. Jaden was not in a position to meddle in their relationship."

Loraine smiled and nodded in agreement.

Rowan then posed a cautious question. "Do you want to approach Jaden about it? He's backed into a corner now and might not be forthcoming."

Holding Marco's hand firmly, Loraine replied with resolve, "He's incarcerated. Regardless, he can't cause further harm. With Marco by my side, I'm safe."

Hearing this, Rowan held his peace, but Wesley, ever the schemer, had a playful suggestion. "Since Jaden had feelings for your mother and you resemble her so closely... perhaps you could dress like her to coax information out of him. It might just work."

Loraine considered the idea, found it plausible, and nodded. "We'll tackle that in a few days. Let's sort out today's issues first."

Two days later, Loraine and Marco convened at the prison entrance.

Marco had arrived early to prepare and was waiting when Loraine's car pulled up. His expression softened as he opened the door and assisted her out.

Their engagement party had been totally ruined, and the subsequent days were consumed with explanations to their friends and family, leaving no opportunity for meetings. Although it had only been two days, it felt much longer. Their reunion was Chapter 1162 Visiting Jaden # +120 Points at most marked by a deep sense of longing.

Feeling overwhelmed by his intense look, Loraine averted her eyes and inquired about the preparations.

Marco responded, "I suspect it was Jaylah who informed Joseph about our engagement. The Wilsons have been quiet, but Francis and Damon have been seen at the old house a few times."

He paused, then shared his suspicion. "I also suspect that Jaylah may have informed Joseph about your mother's death. The Wilson family is probably figuring out how to calm Joseph."

Loraine's expression hardened. The thought of Jaylah, who had grown up privileged within the Wilson household, using her mother's death to manipulate Joseph, filled her with indignation. She stated coldly, "Once this is resolved, I'll ensure Jaylah faces consequences for her actions."

Marco squeezed her hand in silent solidarity, then nodded towards the prison gate. "Let's proceed. Right now, our priority is to extract useful information from Jaden."