

Chapter 921 Clifford's Ulterior Motive

The smile on Marco's face disappeared, and his expression turned cold. Only then did he realize that Kaley had located him not through her own connections, but because Clifford had fed her the information.

Even Melvin was unaware that he had met Kaley while he carried out his work earlier. Nonetheless, Clifford was eagerly waiting for him and inquiring about how things were going with Kaley.

Marco tried not to sneer and kept his true feelings from leaking into his tone. "Don't you think you're meddling too much in my business?"

As things stood, if he really ended up marrying Kaley, he would get the support of the Wilson family, and, in turn, solidify his position within the Cruz family.

But Marco knew that no one in the Cruz family harbored any good intentions toward him, so Clifford likely had ulterior motives for what he was doing.

Clifford plastered a smile on his rotund face in an attempt to look like a harmless and concerned elder. "Well, I recently heard that Miss Wilson has taken a liking to you. Are the rumors wrong? You're not getting any younger, Marco. It's about time you think about marriage seriously. The Wilson family poses as the most suitable prospect for a marriage alliance, and since Miss Wilson fancies you, the thing is as good as settled. Your father is too busy with business affairs, but I have a lot of time in my hands. As your uncle, I have taken it upon myself to



handle your impending marriage..."

Marco scoffed and interrupted him. "If you really have so much free time, then I suggest that you work on Ariadna's marriage. My affairs are none of your business."

Clifford flushed in anger. "You insolent boy! I am your uncle, how dare you speak to me like that? I am doing this for your own good!"

Marco just rolled his eyes and went to his room without saying another word.

Clifford's jowls were trembling with rage as he watched Marco go. He had never expected Marco to be so disrespectful to his face.

Clifford recalled how the brat defied him when he had little power or influence in Vagow. How much worse would Marco get once he secured a firm footing inside the Cruz family? There might even be no place left for him, Clifford thought.

Seething in a mix of anger and resentment, he took out his phone and made a call. "What the hell is going on? Didn't Miss Wilson go to Marco?"

If she really had, then why had Marco returned looking all happy and giddy? She was supposed to harass him!

"Miss Wilson did go to him," the person on the other end replied. "But someone from the Wilson family took her away before she could make a move."

Clifford stop short, bewildered. "What?"

He confirmed the information once more before hanging up. His face was grim, but his eyes flashed with cunning.

Marco was right with his presumption—Clifford didn't really

want to fix him up with Kaley. There was no way Clifford would let him gain the backing of the Wilson family so easily.

The reason why Clifford had made such arrangements was because he had witnessed back in Vagow how much Marco was willing to sacrifice for Loraine. He had given up his position as the eldest son of the Cruz family. Even if push came to shove, Clifford was certain that Marco would not agree to an arranged marriage with anyone but Loraine.

At the same time, Clifford was well-aware that Kaley was a massive pain in the ass. After learning that she had a crush on Marco and had been subsequently rejected by him, Clifford set about informing Kaley of Marco's whereabouts.

At first, everything went according to Clifford's plan. Kaley was constantly pestering Marco, and had even messed things up for Marco and his business partners tonight. The more trouble that woman wreaked, the more distracted Marco would be. Then Clifford would use that to his advantage and swoop in to take over Marco's projects.

But he had never imagined that someone from the Wilson family would intervene and disrupt his schemes. The Wilson family was known for doting excessively on Kaley. They always gave her what she wanted. Was it all false news?

Clifford didn't dwell on whom that person from the Wilson family might be, but he did wonder if the rumors about Kaley were untrue. Was she actually so incompetent and easy to get rid of?

If so, then he needed to reconsider his original plans. He might have to dismiss the idea of using her to deal with Marco.

Clifford was in the middle of contemplating his options when he suddenly received a call from an unknown number.

There was a crackle on the line, then he heard a weird-sounding

voice. It took him a few seconds to realize that the other party was using a voice changer.

The person chuckled softly before saying, "Clifford, you ought to know that Marco has no right to take over the Cruz family. He is just a bastard who was taken in halfway through his pathetic life. Ariadna deserves to have her fair share of the family's power. She is the true and rightful heir!"

Clifford's eyes widened in shock, but before he could sputter out a response, the voice continued, "If you want, I can help you and Ariadna seize power over the family business. What do you think? Will you join hands with me?"