

Chapter 968 She Chose To Leave With Cayson

Loraine completely ignored Marco, aligning herself with Cayson as though she agreed with him and saw Marco as an outsider.

Cayson felt a surge of delight and grew more confident. His decision to leverage the situation was paying off. Loraine chose him over Marco!

Right then, Cayson sensed he had a chance. He didn't have to go all tough like his father. So, like staking a claim on Loraine, he strolled over and leaned in to offer her his arm for support.

His main goal, however, was to ensure Marco couldn't get close to Loraine.

Marco's expression was cold. He shot Cayson a frosty look and clenched his fists.

A confrontation here would only cause trouble for Loraine.

Yet, as Loraine walked past, Marco couldn't resist reaching out to grab her wrist, hoping to plead for another chance to explain. To his surprise, his grip caused her pain.

Cayson looked serious as he grabbed Marco's wrist strongly. Marco was surprised when he heard Loraine cry out in pain. He quickly realized he had accidentally touched her wound. Cayson promptly pushed him away.

Regaining his composure, Marco wanted to express his concern for her injury, but Cayson was already there, blocking him and tenderly holding Loraine's wrist. With a worried and gentle look,

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he asked, "Lorrie, are you still in pain from the car accident?"

Remembering the car crash from that day, Cayson still felt a bit scared.

After all, when he arrived at the scene at that time, there were only the remains of two badly damaged cars. And the family cooperating with Jaden was so powerful that they managed to resolve the situation privately without involving any official authorities!

At that time, he stared at the scene, his mind going blank, and it wasn't until he learned that there was only one male corpse at the scene that he regained his composure. He frantically searched the surrounding area for Loraine.

Relief washed over Cayson when he found Loraine safe and sound. Yet his dissatisfaction with Jaden grew. If something had happened to Loraine in that chaos, what value would there be in gaining control of the Universe Group?

Due to his frustration, Cayson had kept his distance from his father since arriving in Zodiac; he chose to stay close to Loraine. He had two motives: he saw a chance to step in for Marco and genuinely cared for Loraine's well-being.

Now, Marco knew more about the accident. His face turned pale as he asked nervously, "Loraine, what exactly happened during that car accident? Are you okay?"

Loraine gave him a cool look and replied sharply, "It's nothing. It's all behind us. Mr. Bryant, please, I need to get back to work. Could you move aside?"

Taken aback, Marco hesitated, his hand twitching with the old urge to reach out to her, but he stopped, realizing those days were over.

Cayson raised his eyebrows in triumph, like a rooster

Chapter 968 She Chose To Leave With Cayson  +120 Points at most celebrating a victory. He exaggeratedly assisted Loraine and strode past Marco, throwing a disdainful look over his shoulder.

Marco's heart felt shredded as he watched the two walk away. His worry for Loraine overpowered all other concerns, and he dismissed any worries about her reaction to his actions. With a determined, cold look, he quickly sent a message to his team, ordering them to dig into the details of the car accident.

Feeling a deep sense of loss, he gazed at Loraine's photo on his phone and whispered to himself, "Loraine, I know I've made mistakes. Once I've sorted everything out, I'll make it right. I promise I'll never leave you again."

In the parking lot, once out of Marco's view, Loraine discreetly removed her arm from Cayson's grasp and stepped back. "Thank you, Cayson," she said earnestly.

Cayson paused for a moment but didn't try to pull her close again. He thoughtfully opened the car door for her and asked softly, "Would you like to try a different restaurant and have something to eat?"

Loraine shook her head, her face reflecting her fatigue. "I'm tired. I want to go back to the office."

Cayson frowned, concerned about her well-being, but instead of expressing it, he let out a frustrated reprimand. "I've always told you Marco isn't right for you. If he's hurt you once, he can do it again!"

Loraine's eyes flinched at his words, and Cayson hesitated. He held back from saying more and expressed himself sincerely. "Lorrie, my feelings for you are real. I hope you'll consider giving me a chance."

His look was earnest, a look Loraine had grown familiar with, which only added to her weariness.

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She felt overwhelmingly tired and needed a break from the conversation, so she briefly closed her eyes and responded, "Cayson, I'm exhausted. Let's not discuss this today."

Cayson had hoped that Loraine's decision to leave with him tonight signaled her readiness to open up to him. Yet her detached demeanor made him realize he still had no real place in her heart. Tonight, she had simply used him to avoid an uncomfortable situation.

His expression showed his frustration. Without another word, he hopped into the driver's seat and drove off.

Cayson felt reassured. Loraine picked him today. Faith can make miracles happen. One day, she would be his!



Chapter 969 One Last Month

Zodiac was home to many influential people, and the Wilson family ranked among the most formidable. However, even for a family as powerful as the Wilsons, orchestrating a car accident in Zodiac and keeping it under wraps involved substantial risk and expense!

At that moment, Jaylah was listening to a report from one of her subordinates, her expression darkening. To her, killing an ordinary small-town girl should have been trivial.

Yet she had not succeeded!

The target of her plot had survived, whereas the driver she had paid off had perished in the accident!

Fury twisted Jaylah's usually composed features. She threw a cup at her subordinate's head and snapped, "Useless! You can't even manage this simple task!"

The subordinate trembled, kneeling in fear, afraid to wipe the blood from his forehead. He said in a quivering voice, "Loraine is just a fragile woman. How could she ever escape? I suspect the informant wasn't truthful with us!"

Jaylah paused to consider this. She found it hard to believe that an average girl like Loraine could evade death on her own.

Reflecting on the betrayer, Jaylah's expression hardened, and she sneered, "If Jaden thinks he can deceive me while trying to attach himself to the Wilson family, he's in for a harsh lesson! Prepare the car. I'll handle this myself."

Soon, a luxury car pulled up at the Benton family's home in

Zodiac.

Wearing fancy and classy clothes, Jaylah looked down at the Benton family's house with contempt, snorting as she strutted inside in her high heels.

The servants, spotting Jaylah in her fancy attire, didn't dare to interfere. Jaylah didn't bother waiting for an announcement; she marched straight to Jaden's study. Meeting him, she got straight to the point, asking aggressively, "What's the deal with that situation involving Loraine? She's alive, and now I've got to handle the mess that driver made!"

Jaden was surprised by her direct entrance, feeling a bit uneasy. When she asked her question, he felt a pang of guilt and cleared his throat before answering, "Accidents happen. Perhaps Loraine was just fortunate to escape this time."

Jaden knew that Loraine was alive and that Cayson had been with her. Nonetheless, he believed his plan had worked, attributing Loraine's survival to Cayson.

Jaylah was foolish enough to overlook human lives, as her actions inadvertently created opportunities for Cayson.

While inwardly sneering, Jaden maintained a facade of respect on his face.

Dissatisfied with his response, Jaylah pressed. "If the accident failed, why didn't you intervene directly? Remember, if that woman dies, the Universe Group will fall entirely under your control!"

But Jaden acted all troubled and shared. "There's something you're unaware of. The true powerhouse of the Universe Group, Aldo, is alive. He's a stubborn old fellow who's fiercely protective. If he learns his granddaughter's fate, he won't rest until he finds justice. Had the car accident worked out, it would have been a different story, but since Loraine survived, any more



obvious attempts on her life would leave clues that could lead to an investigation."

He furrowed his brow and sighed, "Moreover, Loraine isn't just nobody. She has connections to the government. If this escalates into a major investigation, it would be difficult to resolve."

Jaylah scowled. She was only interested in outcomes, not excuses, so to her, Jaden's rationalizations were merely signs of his failure.

She didn't feel the need to respect Jaden as a member of the Wilson family. With a sneer, she said, "No wonder you're just a lackey for the Torres family. You're utterly useless! It looks like I'll have to handle this myself."

Jaden responded with a sycophantic grin, "Then I wish you all the best in advance. Once you succeed, I will gladly follow your lead after taking control of the Universe Group!"

Jaylah snorted at his attempts to flatter her, then turned and left.

Left alone in his study, Jaden's smile vanished as he spat in disdain.

Cayson, who had been listening in for a while, quietly entered the study. Frowning, he said unhappily, "The Wilson family is after Lorrie's life. Why are you still working with them?"

Jaden looked at his son with a dismissive roll of his eyes and retorted, "I am protecting Loraine! Can the Torres family stand against the Wilson family here in Zodiac? By conceding now, I can bargain with the Wilson family to spare Loraine's life in the future, especially if she stays with you!"

Jaden appeared genuinely convinced he'd done something commendable. After a brief self-approval, he shifted his



attention to Cayson, asking, "Why didn't you visit me in Zodiac first? I heard you took Loraine out to dinner last night. How did that go?"

Cayson looked down, disheartened and speechless, while Jaden sneered as though he had anticipated this reaction.

"Cayson, if you truly desire her, don't let feelings cloud your decisions anymore! I'm giving you one last month. If you can't convince Loraine to marry you willingly by then, don't blame me for taking matters into my own hands!"

Upon hearing this, Cayson's fists tightened, and he declared in a firm tone, "Don't harm her for a month. I will make her agree to marry me!"



Chapter 970 Make Use Of Her Grandpa

Since Jaden tricked her, Jaylah couldn't stop plotting how to teach Loraine a lesson, and she couldn't help but frown.

She lived in a single villa in the prime Zodiac area, a gift from Joseph, who adored his daughter and granddaughter.

In the villa, with servants tending to their needs, only Jaylah and Kaley remained. It was clear the Wilson family cherished them.

At that moment, Jaylah entered the bright, luxurious villa. Before she could sit down, her daughter Kaley came running, grabbed her, and asked, "Mom, what happened with Loraine? Is Loraine dead?"

With so much going on lately, Kaley had focused all her energy on the Cruz family due to Marco's disappearance. Now, with a moment to spare, she hurried to ask Jaylah about it.

If Loraine were out of the picture, Marco would lose his false hope and stay with the Cruz family, and by extension, with her!

Seeing her daughter's hopeful face, Jaylah found it difficult to share the news, saying, "Loraine was lucky; she survived! And I ended up unnecessarily cleaning up the mess for that driver!"

Kaley's smile vanished instantly, and she angrily said, "What? Can't the Wilsons handle a woman from such a modest background?"

Jaylah had previously boasted to Jaden, but now she realized

he was right. Loraine wasn't easy to handle.

If they couldn't stage her death as an accident, they'd face serious consequences.

Moreover, since they had already attempted a car accident, it was unlikely they'd fool her again, whether Loraine was on guard or not.

Jaylah furrowed her brow and pondered, then said, "Well, Loraine is a president who had once been praised by the government. She's not just some nobody you can easily overlook. It looks like we can't handle her covertly."

Kaley blurted out, "I don't care. I need to teach her a lesson! I'm a member of the Wilson family. How could I let her bully me?"

Caught in a tough spot, Jaylah brainstormed, and then her eyes brightened. "There's only one way left!"

She waved for Kaley to come closer and whispered in her ear. After a moment, Kaley's eyes also sparkled, and she nodded in agreement. Smiling, she assured, "Mom, I've got this. Don't worry. Loraine won't survive this time!"

Jaylah nodded, her eyes reflecting a cold resolve.

Loraine wouldn't make it out this time.

On the second day, at the Wilson family's old house.

A white-haired, dignified old man entered the room, supported by the butler. Despite his age, he was spirited, with keen, sharp eyes.

In Zodiac, he commanded respect not just for his wealthy family but also for his military achievements.

The old man was Joseph, who currently headed the Wilson

family.

Joseph cleared his throat and asked slowly, "How have the young ones been lately?"

The old butler responded respectfully, "Mr. Francis Wilson is overseas on a project. Mr. Damon Wilson is also abroad, representing our country in diplomatic affairs, and should return soon. Mr. Vincent Wilson is back but is preoccupied with a filming schedule and hasn't visited yet."

At that moment, a servant hurried in and whispered something into the butler's ear. He smiled and announced, "Miss Kaley Wilson has returned to visit you."

A smile broke out on Joseph's face. He instructed the butler to assist him in greeting his granddaughter, muttering as they walked, "Those three are too caught up to visit, and Jaylah is gallivanting about. Only my dear Kaley comes to see me!"

The butler, sharing the smile, hastened his steps to lead Joseph inside.

Meanwhile, Kaley was glancing toward the door periodically. When she caught sight of Joseph's stooped figure, she quickly bowed her head and feigned wiping tears from her eyes.

Thus, when Joseph entered the room, he found his beloved granddaughter apparently in tears. His eyebrows shot up in concern, and he approached her urgently and said, "Sweetheart, what's the matter? Who has upset you?"

