

Chapter 991 The Reason

After the incident where Marco pretended to be Obot, Loraine realized that Marco wasn't as earnest as he appeared.

He clearly couldn't just watch over her quietly as he claimed. His use of the Qbot showed that he was keeping an eye on her through the device.

Loraine acted as if she was unaware and discreetly communicated with the person behind the screen via the Qbot.

On the other side, Marco, actively managing the operation, promptly received her message through the Qbot.

Upon hearing her words, Marco's face showed a mix of emotions. His usual decisiveness in business didn't translate to personal matters. Consequently, he had Carl secretly watch over Loraine while the Qbot kept her company. He was hesitant to take any bold steps.

When Loraine's voice softened, Marco struggled briefly but finally gave in. He switched on the Obot's program and stealthily replaced the Qbot, using its voice to ask, "Why don't you talk to him directly? Mommy, haven't you forgiven him yet?"

Loraine instantly recognized the trick and let out a bitter smile.

She saw this as a chance to pretend ignorance and reveal her genuine feelings.

She cleared her throat and said, "The kind of love I want isn't influenced by external things, just the love that comes from the heart. Money can always be made again, but once trust is broken, it's hard to mend."



Qbot paused briefly before replying softly, "Daddy realizes he made mistakes. He promises to make things right and change his ways."

Loraine shook her head. "I haven't been focusing on these things lately. With everything going on at Universe Group, concerns about my parents, and other worries, I just don't feel like dwelling on love."

The symbol that represented Qbot flickered slightly, as if it hesitated to talk but then chose silence.

Having shared her thoughts, Loraine felt a sense of relief. She playfully added, "I've only shared this with you. Don't tell your dad, or I'll stop talking to you!"

Behind the screen, Marco managed a bitter smile, his thoughts growing deeper.

He vividly remembered what Loraine had told him back at the Solar Company.

She was right about the importance of trust. She had been accommodating towards him, while he had arrogantly hidden things, claiming it was for her benefit.

Even now, he was blindly committed to what he believed was protecting Loraine, yet he hadn't made a genuine effort to address the real issue between them, the lack of trust.

Marco quietly left the system, careful not to overhear the conversation between Qbot and Loraine.

He glanced at Loraine's photo on his phone and softly promised, "Loraine, just give me some time. I'll slowly rebuild the trust we've lost. I'll make you feel secure again. I won't disappoint you this time."

Without Loraine's knowledge, he made this promise. After her



talk with Qbot, which lifted her spirits, Loraine felt refreshed and ready to tackle her company's issues.

The minor incident at the construction site had been resolved effectively, allowing the original plans to proceed smoothly.

Seeking out Vincent for a chat, Loraine inquired about Maia's character.

Vincent talked of his teacher with deep respect and admiration, as though she were his family. He explained with a soft reverence, "Her family moved overseas during the chaotic times back then. Though born abroad, she grew up listening to stories of the homeland from her elders, and she longed to return to her hometown. She visited once as a child with her parents, and now, as she ages, she wishes to retire in the place they always talked of."

He glanced at Loraine and asked, "By the way, why were you looking for my teacher?"

Initially, he had acted disinterested and avoided asking too many questions, but now his curiosity got the better of him.

After pausing to choose her words carefully, Loraine replied, "I'm trying to track down a video. I've heard that only your teacher might still have a copy. It's connected to the secret behind my mother's legacy, so I need to talk to her about it."


Vincent nodded, grasping the situation, and breathed a sigh of relief. "Ah, I see now. You made it sound so secretive, and I thought it was something else..."

Recalling her earlier mention of her mother's legacy, Vincent cleared his throat and suppressed any inappropriate remarks, then chuckled. "I've watched most of my teacher's tapes. What's the video about? Maybe I've seen it."

Loraine hesitated, wary of revealing too much to Vincent or



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anyone in the Zodiac. She decided to show him a photo instead.

Vincent studied the photo of the necklace for a moment, his brow furrowed in thought, and then muttered, "This looks really familiar, like I've seen it somewhere before..."



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Loraine and Vincent met at a relaxed pace, while someone was growing anxious.

Jaden had sent people all day to keep an eye on the construction site, but the police had completely sealed off the area. He couldn't gather any information.

Just when his anxiety reached its peak, news finally broke, but it only enraged him.

The plan had fallen through!

Not only had Loraine gotten away without a scratch, but the police had also caught the people he had paid off!

Jaden was thrown into a rage. He realized he had acted too hastily this time.

His cover-up was sloppy, which meant Loraine might figure out it was him!

Pacing nervously at home, Jaden's panic escalated, and he urgently called Cayson. With a grave look, he said sternly to his son, "Go and get Loraine. Make sure you bring her here!"

Cayson scowled, taken aback by his father's increasingly wild demeanor, yet he responded helplessly, "Lorrie's got her schedule packed. I tried to get her to come, but I can't even get through to her."

Jaden exploded in anger and shouted, "Useless! How can you be so utterly useless? Marco doesn't even need to invite Loraine. She heads his way with just a gesture. But you, she wouldn't

glance your way even if you pleaded! You're truly an embarrassment to me!"

Cayson's face turned pale, his fists clenched, but he was speechless.

Jaden snorted coldly and said, "Since I can't count on you, I need to handle this myself! Loraine either becomes my daughter-in-law, or faces destruction if she refuses!"

Cayson was shocked by his father's words and quickly asked, "Dad, what are you planning? You promised me a month! Lorrie and I have known each other since childhood. Must we harm her for the Universe Group?"

Jaden shot him a frosty look. "Even if I gave you another month, you'd fail! It's not that I want to be harsh. I'm doing this for our Benton family. After all, if Loraine discovers what happened back then, we're all doomed!"

Seeing his father's determined expression, Cayson realized that Jaden was serious. Panicked, he tried to reason in a hoarse voice, "Dad, Lorrie isn't heartless. Just give me a bit more time, I..."

Jaden closed his eyes and waved his hand to cut him off, saying coldly, "Stop thinking about anything else. If you want to save her, she has to be yours! If not, she has only one path left. It would be death!"

With those words, Jaden walked away without looking back. Cayson heard him making a call, saying in an ingratiating tone, "The plan at the construction site didn't work. Loraine is really lucky. She had help! Don't worry..."

Cayson's face turned white, his emotions swirling.

Meanwhile, Jaylah, on the other end of the phone call, was seething. After berating Jaden, she snapped, "Is Loraine really

that lucky? I can't believe it!"

Although Jaden was cursing inside, he asked softly, "Do you have any great ideas?"

Jaylah sneered, "Killing her is easy, right? The Wilson family can't stand Loraine anymore. I'll just throw another big party and invite all the top names in Zodiac. Then, I'll make sure the Universe Group gets an invite too. At the party, we'll embarrass her so badly she won't ever recover. Being a big shot from Vagow won't help her in Zodiac."

Jaden's spirits lifted at the plan. "Count me in, I'll help out any way I can!"

After a bit more plotting, Jaylah ended the call. Her eyes were stormy as she dug her freshly manicured nails into her palms. "Loraine has been nothing but trouble," she muttered fiercely. "She's definitely that person's daughter!"

Then, her lips twisted into a cruel smile. "If I can't end your life, I'll destroy your reputation. With the Wilson family behind me, even if you are that woman's daughter, Joseph will never take you back."

Thinking it over, she realized that once she was done, not only would the Wilson family reject Loraine, but the Cruz family would too.

Jaylah didn't know much about the dynamics in Vagow or Loraine's connection with Marco. At the moment, she believed that tarnishing Loraine's reputation would make Marco turn his back on her for good.

Then, that confident, vibrant young man would see that Kaley was the only right choice.