

Chapter 1089 Confrontation

Jaden was unaware that Loraine was going to confront him.

She was now convinced that Huntley was prepared to testify and help bring down the person responsible for his family's downfall.

However, before she could focus on that, there were issues at the Universe Group that needed her attention.

Marco was with her as they visited the Universe Group branch. He noticed her detached expression as they exited the car, and his eyes filled with concern.

Loraine gave him a reassuring smile and said, "I'm fine. Thanks for being with me at all these places today."

Marco took her hand and smiled wryly as if to gently scold her for being so formal. Taking a deep breath, Loraine turned to gaze at the branch's entrance, which resembled their headquarters.

Dealing with Jaden, both physically and emotionally, left her feeling a profound sense of loss.

The person who had been like an older brother to her throughout her childhood, the trusted confidant of her grandfather, had changed, driven by his own interests.

She had to accept this harsh reality.

With a resolute and icy look in her eyes, Loraine said softly, "You can go back first, Marco. Within the Universe Group, I can handle whatever arises. I'll meet you for dinner after I'm done

here."

Marco paused, pondering her words.

This was not just an issue within the Universe Group but also a matter concerning the Torres family. It made sense that Loraine would want to handle it alone.

Having experienced similar situations with the Bryant family and Doris, he understood Loraine's current mindset and was prepared to give her the space she needed.

He gave Loraine a comforting look, nodded, and whispered, "Okay. But make sure you call me if anything happens."

Loraine nodded back, smiling. She watched him walk away, then gathered herself and walked into the building.

After returning to the car, Marco made a call. He started in a cheerful tone. "Have they arrived at the airport, Beal? Okay, I'm on my way to pick them up right now..."

Loraine strode with determination toward Jaden's office within the Universe Group branch. She knocked briefly on the door and then pushed it open without waiting for a reply.

Inside, Jaden showed no surprise at her entrance. A hint of malice flickered in his eyes as he regarded her.

Both knew that a confrontation was inevitable. Dropping any pretense of friendliness, Jaden sneered, "Now that you've driven away one of the key builders of the Universe Group, what more do you want, Loraine? Would your grandfather be proud to see you stripping power from one of his loyal supporters? You are so ungrateful!"

Loraine gave a sarcastic laugh. Ungrateful? Wasn't he describing himself?

She skipped the small talk and asked gravely, "You orchestrated my parents' accident, didn't you?"

Jaden's eyes betrayed a flash of panic, but he quickly regained his composure and laughed scornfully, "I haven't orchestrated anything. Do you have any proof I harmed your parents? You... you're the one scheming against others!"

His gaze was hostile as he said this, revealing that he was aware of the situation with Cayson.

But what of it? Loraine was at peace with her actions regarding Cayson. It was the Benton family who had initially been deceitful.

Loraine fixed Jaden with a stern look and responded icily, "You think I lack evidence?"

Jaden's expression shifted as he watched Loraine pull out a photograph of Denny lying in bed.

Denny's gaunt, lined face glared out from the photo like a specter. It seemed as though he might leap from the image to exact vengeance on Jaden.

Seeing the photo, Jaden's face turned ashen. He muttered, "This old man is resilient!"

Jaden eyed Loraine and then sneered, "I underestimated you. For years, I've kept everything concealed within Zodiac, yet you managed to uncover it. I confess, I was too lenient and chose not to eliminate them entirely."

Loraine remained silent. Jaden suddenly hardened and erupted, "How can you be so heartless? Cayson cared deeply for you. Why would you treat him that way?"

"Why would I treat him that way?" Loraine echoed to herself before looking up at Jaden with a cold smirk. "Don't you

understand? You were the one who manipulated him into his actions, weren't you?"

Jaden was taken aback and fell silent, his head bowed in thought.

Lorraine wanted to prevent any further debate. She stated wearily, "I've called the police. It's time for you to face the consequences of your actions, Jaden."

Suddenly, Jaden looked up and began to laugh wildly, as if he had lost his mind. "Ha-ha! Since you've cornered me, I have no choice but to be merciless. You've brought this on yourself, Lorrie. If I'm going down, I'm taking you with me! To avenge Cayson, I will make your grandfather suffer the agony of loss once more!"

Chapter 1090 Replay

Loraine could sense the madness in Jaden's voice, and with a slight shift in her expression, she asked sternly, "What are you planning to do? Jaden, are you trying to add more crimes to your list?"

At her question, Jaden laughed loudly, "What should I fear now? You've already blocked all my way out! Loraine, you didn't even spare Cayson. How could I expect you to spare me or the Benton family?"

As Jaden walked closer, Loraine felt a wave of panic and stepped back. She almost reached the door and swiftly turned to leave.

But her expression shifted drastically when she pulled the door handle.

To her astonishment, the office door was locked!

Loraine's expression darkened as she gazed at the electronic door before her. She had made it clear earlier that someone should keep it unlocked while she entered.

Jaden's laughter grew louder, and he doubled over, tears streaming down his face. Between gasps, he said, "How can you be so naive? Do you really think I'm the only one who wants to deal with you? Many people dislike you!"

Loraine stayed quiet, leaning against the door, her gaze turning icy as she looked at Jaden. Meanwhile, her hands, hidden behind her back, were clenched with nerves.

Such an encounter at the Universe Group was completely

unexpected for her.

Jaden seemed assured that Loraine had no escape and took pleasure in her distress. He took his time approaching, savoring the panic on her face.

He smirked and said, "Even if I'm doomed after today, I'll drag you down with me."

Loraine had gathered her courage, her hidden hand swiping across her phone. She had set Marco as her emergency contact. Feeling the phone vibrate with the sent message had given her a bit of relief and the courage to negotiate with Jaden.

But without any self-defense tools, Loraine hesitated, then took off her high heels and held them, her hands slightly shaking as she said, "Don't make another mistake."

Jaden observed her with interest as she gripped her high heels for defense and chuckled. He looked at her intently and said thoughtfully, "You're really like your mother. The first time Farley and I saw her, she was also using her shoes to defend herself against a trafficker, desperate yet determined."

He narrowed his eyes, peering through Loraine as if back in time, remembering the young, naive version of himself, captivated by Tessa's beauty.

As he turned and saw Farley wearing a similar look, Jaden's heart dropped.

Though older than Farley, within the Torres family, he was just a subordinate. Feeling lower yet unwilling to accept it, both he and Farley pursued the same beautiful woman.

Lost in these painful memories, Jaden's face twisted with both madness and anguish.

Loraine, caught off guard, asked cautiously and with confusion,

"What are you talking about?"

Jaden's eyes suddenly snapped open as he took a step forward and said in a deep voice, "I was the one who saved her first. Why did she end up choosing Farley?"

It seemed he was speaking to Loraine but didn't actually expect an answer. He then answered his own question with a laugh, "Because I was merely working for the Torres family, and she was nothing but a gold-digger!"

Loraine's eyes widened in shock. She recalled her grandfather telling her that her parents first met when her father rescued her mother.

She hadn't realized Jaden had been involved too.

As Jaden approached, she defensively raised her high heels. Despite her nerves, she remained composed and said, "My parents truly loved each other. Even if you had been in my father's place, my mother would never have chosen someone as selfish and mad as you!"

Jaden's face turned dark as if the words had bitten him, and his expression quickly turned fierce. He charged at her without thinking.

Despite being struck by the high heels, he did not retreat. He grasped Loraine's hand with more force and shouted, "Nonsense!"

His eyes were red with fury, and he yelled wildly, "It's her fault for lacking taste. She chose poorly, so I sent her to hell!"

He mocked her, saying, "You're just like your mother, blinded by vanity. Why else would you pick Marco over Cayson? Since you didn't die with your damn mother, I'll ensure you join her today. Your entire family will meet again in hell!"

Laughing sinisterly, Jaden pinned Loraine down with one hand and choked her with the other. His grip tightened.

Loraine struggled and put up a fight, yet the difference in strength between her and Jaden was too much. Given Jaden's frantic and desperate condition, she couldn't break free from his hold.

She soon began to struggle to breathe, and veins throbbed on her forehead. Tears started to form in her eyes.

Her hands, which had been pushing against Jaden, started to weaken gradually.

In that desperate moment, she heard a click from the door lock behind her. Suddenly, the pressure around her neck eased, and she fell into an embrace she knew well. Marco's worried voice called out, "Loraine!"