

Chapter 898 Slapping Himself

Loraine noticed Jaden's excitement and tried to hide her doubts. She greeted him with politeness, though her manner was somewhat distant.

She had just seen Florrie whine at Jaden, and he acted like he was all too familiar with such behavior. Loraine couldn't fool herself into thinking Jaden was unaware of Florrie's wrongdoing.

Loraine had grown up. She was no longer the little girl who used to be carried on his shoulders, eager for an adventure. She had faced challenges and learned to handle crises with grace and independence.

With a gentle smile, she said to Jaden, "My visit to Zodiac was quite spontaneous. I wanted to avoid any inconvenience, so I didn't inform you beforehand."

Jaden responded with a helpless smile, "You've always been thoughtful since you were a child. Your visit could hardly be a bother."

Loraine returned the smile but quickly became serious, shifting her attention to Florrie.

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"Mr. Benton, the reason I'm here at Zodiac," she began, "is that my grandfather wished for me to check on our branch office as the president of Universe Group. However, I've run into some unpleasantness... I was surprised to encounter such arrogance here. I've heard she's connected to the Benton family. Is that correct?"

Upon hearing this, Jaden felt his heart race, shocked by the transformation of the young girl he once knew into a figure of authority.

His expression was a mix of embarrassment, irritation, and panic. Seeing Florrie, he couldn't hide his annoyance.

What a disappointing girl! All she seemed to know was how to create problems for him!

Yet, he blamed Loraine for it all. Her unexpected arrival took him by surprise, which left him unprepared.

Jaden, who had years of experience working with Aldo and running the Zodiac branch, maintained a calm appearance, but let out a sigh, feigning remorse.

"Well... Oh no, it's all on me! Her aunt is my wife. She's well-educated with a strong resume, so I allowed her a chance in our company without any special treatment. I never thought she'd misuse my name."

Hearing this, Loraine smiled, and said, "Mr. Benton, I get that you're busy and can't keep an eye on every employee. But Miss Greville's actions are unacceptable. She demanded I kneel and beg for her forgiveness, or I'd be kicked out of Zodiac."

Jaden paused, his expression frozen as he glared at Florrie. He raised his hand and slapped her cheek. His face contorted with anger, he said angrily, "Florrie, you've let down your aunt and me! We asked you to put in effort at the company. And what did you do?"

Florrie, always spoiled, experienced a slap for the first time and stared in shock. "Uncle, did you just slap me?" she asked, her voice filled with anger.

Although her family, while not as wealthy as the Benton family, held significant influence in Zodiac. This allowed her to act rude in the company, hardly holding Jaden in high regard.

She cried, "You hit me over her! I'll tell auntie about this! How can you do this? You once said the Bentons wouldn't listen to the Torres..."

Before she could finish speaking, Jaden's assistant quickly placed a hand over her mouth.

Jaden, visibly anxious, attempted a reassuring smile. "Lorrie, after all my years with Mr. Torres, I've learned that Universe Group has no place for those who misuse their influence to bully others. I overlooked her misbehavior previously, but not anymore. She will be dismissed immediately!"

As Florrie tried to protest, Jaden's assistant intervened, assuring Loraine and Jaden, "I'll escort her out now. Please, continue your discussion."

Loraine watched as Florrie was pulled away, and then she turned to Jaden with a serious expression.

Her mind was on Florrie's unfinished words.

The Bentons wouldn't listen to the Torres... Could it be that the Bentons wouldn't listen to the Torres family anymore? If these were Jaden's own words, perhaps his sincerity was questionable.

Jaden gritted his teeth, resolved. In a surprising move, he struck himself twice on the cheek and confessed to Loraine with regret, "Lorrie, I'm to blame here. I failed to properly oversee our staff. The responsibility is mine alone!"



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