

Chapter 425 Standards Of Daughter-in-law Selection

Kassidy stood rooted to the spot, the sharp rebuke leaving her speechless. Tears of hurt sprang instantly to her eyes.

What on earth was happening?

Before Loraine's arrival, Florence had been incredibly kind to her, her words expressing contentment with Kassidy. It had been crystal clear that Florence was accepting of Kassidy marrying into the prominent Cruz family.

But why had everything shifted so drastically with Loraine's entrance?

Florence turned away with a frosty look, her smile warming as she greeted Loraine.

She completely disregarded Kassidy.

To her, Kassidy was merely a distant relative!

Driven by her desire to create bonds with the influential Bryant family, Florence had selected Marina as Grady's wife. In doing so, she managed to irritate Loraine. Feeling regret, she welcomed Kassidy, who expressed her desire to join the Cruz family through marriage.

Florence appreciated Kassidy's efforts to win her over, so she didn't refuse her. However, she didn't make any promises either.

Florence merely saw Cassidy as a backup plan. She wished to find a superior match for Grady.

And behold, Loraine stood without a doubt as the perfect choice!

The identity of Mr. Torres had been revealed to the masses. As the second son of the Torres family and Loraine's uncle, he held significant power. This fact indicated a powerful future for Loraine. Furthermore, under Loraine's skillful management, the Universe Group thrived through fruitful collaboration with the Bryant Group. Not only in Vagow, but even in Zodiac, Loraine's assets made her widely recognized and admired. She was undoubtedly the ideal match for Grady.

Cunningly, Florence addressed Loraine, "Cassidy seems to have misread our intentions. While her family and the Cruz family are friendly, we have never contemplated marital union!"

Loraine found Florence's declaration amusing. It seemed they were all eager to explain things to her.

It appeared they feared Cassidy wouldn't despise her enough.

Unsurprisingly, Cassidy was left stunned and hurt by Florence's words, her eyes shining with unshed tears.

Nevertheless, Florence paid her no mind and affectionately grasped Loraine's hand. With a beaming smile, she complimented, "Loraine, just look at you! Young, stunning, wealthy, and successful. The perfect picture of who my future daughter-in-law should be!"

Florence lauded Loraine, aligning her with the standards of

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her future daughter-in-law. Observing this, the other guests
exchanged surprised glances, taken aback.

"Is Loraine to be the next addition to the Cruz family?"

"The Cruz family does enjoy support from their family in
Zodiac. Grady and Loraine would make a good pair."

"I wonder if the Cruz family in Zodiac would approve of
Lorraine..."

The attendees were abuzz with discussion. Some exhibited
envy, while others showed skepticism and scorn.

Only the women close to Florence began to shower her with
congratulations.

"Mrs. Cruz, we're delighted for you! You've finally found the
ideal daughter-in-law!"

Florence greeted these praises with a smile, subtly
concurring as if the matter was already decided.

Kassidy was seething, a bundle of nerves, yet powerless to
change the situation.

Oblivious, Grady stared blankly at the scene unfolding
before him, unable to believe what he had just heard from
Florence.

With a mix of shock and anticipation, he glanced towards
Lorraine, cheeks tinted a light shade of pink, his response
held at bay.

However, Loraine's brows furrowed.

Since when did she become the future daughter-in-law of
the Cruz family?

A sardonic smile crept across Loraine's face as she watched Florence's reaction.

Her initial suspicions weren't unfounded; it was evident Florence harbored hidden intentions!

With everyone's eyes on her, Loraine courteously untwined her hand from Florence's grasp, taking a step backwards.

With an icy tone, she declared, "Mrs. Cruz, your consideration of me as a standard for selecting a daughter-in-law is flattering. Upon finding one, do let me know. I'll certainly bring a significant gift to the wedding. After all, Grady has always been like a brother to me."

At Loraine's words, a stunned silence fell over those who had been commending Florence, and all eyes turned towards Florence with perplexity.

While Loraine had tactfully phrased her refusal, the message wasn't lost on anyone.

Loraine had publicly rejected Florence's implications!

Florence's hopes were merely her own wishful thinking! Loraine had not committed to Grady and had no desire to join the Cruz family through marriage.

Someone from the crowd chuckled, teasing Florence, "Mrs. Cruz, you've been snubbed. I was under the impression Loraine and Grady were getting engaged, based on what you stated. Seems like Loraine hasn't been notified yet."

A ripple of laughter ran through the crowd, darkening Florence's expression.

Grady, gazing at Loraine, was a mix of disappointment and

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fear. His face drained of color. He realized Florence had caused trouble once more.

But he had been silent. Now that Loraine had publicly rejected Florence, he feared she would interpret his previous silence as approval of Florence's words.

With this in mind, he hastily clarified, "Loraine, my mother meant no disrespect. She simply admires you. Please, don't take it personally!"

A softer look crossed Loraine's face. She knew Grady was a simple soul with a broad mindset, someone she genuinely viewed as a brother.

Before she could respond, Cassidy cut in, latching onto Grady.

"Grady, don't mind her! She clearly despises the Cruz family. Why are you defending her?"

Faced with continued instigation, Loraine's patience ran thin. With a cold glare, she responded, "Miss Rivera, we all have our ambitions, but sadly, I'm not interested in yours."

Caught off guard, Cassidy's cheeks flared a brilliant red.

On hearing Loraine's sharp retort, Florence felt a wave of embarrassment, and whispered, "Loraine, what are you trying to say?"

