

Chapter 12.

In this chapter of "The Last One at the Wedding," the characters are gathered at a wedding celebration, where conversations and interactions reveal their various personalities and dynamics. Hugo, a charming staff member, quickly engages with Gerry, indicating a behind-the-scenes professionalism. Tammy expresses her fascination with Hugo's allure, while Gerry provides context about Hugo's background, highlighting the mix of cultures present at the event.

Conversations shift among the guests, with Tammy and Sierra discussing the couple's relationship amid a jazz backdrop. The discontented and skeptical eyes of Frankie, a key character, observe Tammy's acceptance of the pairing, causing tension regarding age gaps. This discomfort is contrasted with Abigail's whimsical behavior, indicating a carefree atmosphere among certain attendees.

As the night unfolds, Frank struggles with unease from various unsettling incidents—the privacy document, an unsettling conversation with Brody Taggart, and an encounter with Gwendolyn. His concerns deepen with the absence of Maggie's fiancé, Aidan, raising suspicions. Tammy attempts to dispel Frank's paranoia, but hints at past relationships that add to Frank's anxiety.

Frank's awkward foray into mingling with Aidan's friends further emphasizes his generational disconnect, reinforced by youthful banter and trends that feel foreign to him. Khalani's invitation to partake in THC gummy bears signals a carefree attitude among the younger crowd, which Frank finds disconcerting. A glimpse of Catherine Gardner, Aidan's mother, from an upper window adds a layer of intrigue, with the chapter hinting at her elusive nature.

Eventually, Frank's pursuit to meet Catherine leads him to Gwendolyn, who cryptically warns him of hidden dangers within the wedding's facade, urging him to persuade Maggie to reconsider the marriage. Gwendolyn's warnings heighten the suspense, making Frank realize that something ominous lurks beneath the celebratory surface, setting the stage for a thriller as the story progresses. The chapter culminates in a tension-filled interaction with Gwendolyn and her ominous advice, leaving Frank—and the reader—on edge about the unfolding mystery .