

## Chapter 46 Being Difficult

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"I won't deny that your plan is very good, but you are just some designer, sitting in an office. You've never done any of the follow-up work involved in a construction project. You lack practical experience, so once we implement the plan, you're going to have to listen to me."

Loraine frowned at Barr's presumptuous speech. Something was off. The government had

already approved their plan.

Why was the government engineer treating her like this?

Lorraine felt certain that Barr was making things difficult for her.

She would need to investigate him.

Lorraine still had topics to discuss, but Barr was overt in his opposition. He slammed his hands down on the table in front of Lorraine.

"That's enough. I've been working in this industry for five years. Just listen to me!"

By this point, the other meeting attendants noticed that something strange was afoot. Their eyes darted between Lorraine and Barr.

Lorraine had zero tolerance for someone like Barr. She slapped the meeting materials down on the table.

"Since you have a problem with my plan, there is no need for us to continue our conversation. Goodbye."

Standing up, Lorraine left the meeting room. Her team followed.

The meeting room was suddenly empty.

Barr watched, sneering disdainfully, as Lorraine faded into the distance.

"What an impatient and impulsive woman," he muttered to himself. "As I expected, she is utterly incompetent!"

Loraine hadn't been gone long when Barr's phone started ringing.

He answered the call and a sweet female voice began to speak.

"Barr, how is the project going? Did you follow my instructions?"

"Don't worry, Keely," Barr replied smugly. "Dealing with a newbie like Loraine is a cakewalk for someone of my experience. It's a shame you couldn't see how I lectured her just now. People say she's the most successful young female architect. Bullshit! She can't hold a candle to me!"

Keely was overjoyed and began to flatter Barr, her cousin.

"Barr, you're the best. I'm so lucky you're there. If it weren't for you, Loraine would be ruining this project. You must keep an eye on her!"

Barr beamed. "I'll teach that stupid female designer how to behave."

"Then I'll leave it all to you." The excitement in Keely's voice was apparent even over the phone.

Barr changed the subject suddenly. "Keely, are you sure that Loraine has no solid background?"

"Don't worry, Barr. Loraine is just a poor country girl. What possible background could she have? At most, she's aligned herself with Cayson, the CEO of Universe Group. But she's just a director of the architectural design department; she hasn't given Cayson any reason to take her seriously." Keely's words were reassuring.

"But she's still Marco's ex-wife," Barr pointed out, his heart still troubled by doubt. "Do you think he would help her?"

"How is that possible?" Keely denied. "Marco divorced her, and now I'm the only one he loves. What's more, Loraine sued Marco's mother! He would never protect her."


Keely successfully assuaged Barr's fears.

"Okay. You just need to wait and see. She'll be suffering a lot over the coming days."

On one hand, this pleased Keely. She looked forward to seeing Loraine suffer. On the other hand, it made her a little uneasy.

"Barr, Loraine is working with the government on this project, and now Marco is, too. You

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have to keep an eye on her at all times. Do not let her get close to Marco! Do you understand?"