

## Chapter 6 Why Don't You Tell Them

Katelyn stared at the man, puzzled about why he was speaking to her.

She then glanced at Aimee, worried that her identity had been revealed.

After a brief pause, Katelyn replied with a smile, "You're not late at all. Your timing is perfect."

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Both Lise's and Neil's expressions changed to shock when they realized that Vincent was the business partner Aimee had mentioned.

What left them even more confused was the fact that Katelyn and Aimee walked into a private room together, arm in arm.

Given the nature of the meeting, it was unusual for an outsider, even a friend, to be present. Katelyn's presence seemed out of place.

Upon seeing Vincent's indifferent nod, Lise's frustration grew. She asked, "Aren't you supposed to be working with Iris? Why is Katelyn joining the negotiation?"

Aimee retorted, "Why shouldn't Katelyn be here?"

Lise and Vincent exchanged puzzled glances, wondering what she meant. ○

Only the most reliable individuals were allowed to participate in such negotiations. It was hard to believe that Katelyn had managed to gain Iris' and Aimee's trust to this extent.

Lise felt uneasy. She couldn't allow Katelyn to have the opportunity to meet Vincent and potentially elevate her status so suddenly.

With a scowl, Lise said to Katelyn, "Katelyn, you've always been composed and reliable, but this time you've overstepped. How can you deceive Mr. Adams?"

Katelyn furrowed her elegant brows. "What exactly did I lie about?"

Lise, fists clenched, answered with indignation, "Iris is a renowned designer known for her meticulousness. You're an outsider here. How did you become involved? Miss Stephens is too compassionate to reject you. You need to recognize your place and stop interfering. If Mr. Adams finds out the truth, he will be very displeased."

Neil observed the situation with a cold gaze. Since he had not publicly announced his divorce from Katelyn, her actions could reflect poorly on him as well. He warned her firmly, "Every project Mr. Adams personally oversees involves at least billions of dollars. If any details are leaked, you'll face severe repercussions. Apologize to Mr. Adams immediately!" ○

The two of them seemed to unite in accusing Katelyn of deception and overstepping boundaries.

Aimee struggled to suppress her amusement.

She had encountered many foolish people before, but none as clueless as these two.

She had permitted Katelyn to join the meeting, yet they still hadn't grasped who Katelyn really was.

She wondered if their ignorance was due to unwillingness or simply a lack of courage.

A sarcastic smile appeared on Katelyn's face.

Lise approached with a worried expression. "Katelyn, I understand you want to prove yourself, but fabricating stories won't help. The truth will eventually come out. I'm saying this for your benefit. It's fine to make mistakes as long as you correct them." ○

Katelyn recoiled with disdain. "Hmm... Are you being overly intrusive? Aimee hasn't complained. Why does it concern you?" ○

"You..." Lise felt embarrassed. She didn't expect Katelyn to respond this way in front of Vincent.

Seeing Lise nearly in tears, Neil remarked coldly, "Lise has only acted out of concern for you. You fail to appreciate her efforts. I'm quite disappointed." ○

Acting as though she was heartbroken, Lise sighed and addressed Vincent with a helpless tone. "Mr. Adams, as you can see, Katelyn is quite stubborn. I apologize for her behavior. She didn't mean any harm; she's just eager to prove herself."

Vincent observed them with a faint smile. "Perhaps you should think before speaking. Is Miss Bailey truly as inadequate as you claim?"

Katelyn was taken aback, her eyes wide with surprise. Due to his reputation for being aloof, she hadn't really expected Vincent to defend her.

While watching with delight, Aimee felt that Iris and Vincent were actually a perfect match.

Lise was stunned. "You... What are you talking about, Mr. Adams?"  
With a casual smile, Vincent said to Katelyn, "Miss Bailey, why don't you tell them that you're actually Iris?" ☹

