

## Chapter 419 Escalating Contradictions

"It's a get-together for old friends. I am not sure why Keilani's butting in." Bella pursed her lips.

Keilani? Sabrina wondered if it was the same Keilani she knew.

She was snapped out of her thoughts when Bella said, "Sabrina, can you come with me to the next door?"

"Why?"

"Blayze is there. Collen and the others are holding a party for him."

Collen had told Bella about the party for Blayze, but she hadn't expected them to choose the same club as she did. Even their chamber was right next to hers. Had it not been for Keilani, Bella wouldn't have known about it.

"Okay, I see."

Understanding lit up Sabrina's eyes. She suddenly remembered her recent chats with Blayze. He was concerned about how she was settling down in Philade and had mentioned a few times that he would visit soon.

In the next room, several young adults of similar ages gathered around a round table with a lavish feast.

"Blayze, cheers," William proposed with a smile as he filled a glass with wine. Then, he offered the glass to Blayze.

"Cheers."

"Hey, Blayze, it's been a while. Let's make up for lost time with a good drink," Collen remarked happily.

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At this point, Collen, who already had his fair share of drinks, was feeling flushed and his face was slightly red.

Prompted by Collen's words, the others all raised their glasses to Blayze in a toast.

"Folks, enjoy yourselves." Blayze finally capitulated and downed the wine. He waved his hand and said, "I just got off the plane. I can't handle any more alcohol."

"Blayze, what's wrong with you? You change," Collen challenged with a sly smile.

"Blayze, Collen's challenging you! Aren't you going to prove him wrong?"

Keilani, who just came in from outside, only heard the tail end of the conversation. "Prove what?" she asked.

"Nothing," William replied with a smile.

Collen immediately changed the topic.

The room was buzzing with energy.

Several old friends, who hadn't seen each other for a long time, were drinking and chatting happily.

At this moment, Bella, who was holding a glass of wine, knocked and entered. "What a coincidence."

The room fell into silence, all eyes on Sabrina and Bella at the door, each gaze expressing different emotions.

Sabrina calmly surveyed the room. She saw Blayze, Collen, Keilani, William, and three others she didn't recognize in the room.

So, Keilani was really here.

Apparently, Keilani was the one Bella cursed moments earlier.

It suddenly occurred to Sabrina that Bella and Keilani were both

Chapter 419 Escalating Contradictio +120 Points at most from wealthy families and close in age. Most definitely, they moved in the same circles, so it should come as no surprise to her that they knew each other.

"What are you doing here?" Keilani snapped. She was the first one in the room to find her voice. As much as she was annoyed to see Bella, it was the fact that Sabrina came with Bella that threw her for a loop.

After a moment, Keilani snorted to herself. Of course, she shouldn't be surprised to see that Bella and Sabrina, both annoying brats, were moving around together. After all, birds of a feather flocked together.

"It's none of your business," Bella retorted without missing a beat.

"Keilani!" William interjected loudly just as Keilani was about to respond.

Collen stood up, a wide smile on his face. "Bella, Sabrina, you're here too? Come and have a seat. I'll ask the waiter to add a couple of seats."

"No, we're here to celebrate Sabrina's new job. Heard you guys were around and wanted to say hi. We won't stay long, especially with a certain someone here spoiling the mood." Though Bella's tone remained polite, her words held an underlying implication.

Bella's other two friends were still next door, and she had no intention of staying in this chamber anyway.

Collen glanced at William, puzzled. Wasn't Sabrina working at Saleel Studio? Why a new job?

William stared back at Collen calmly, expression blank.

"You..." Keilani bellowed, unable to stomach Bella's veiled insults.

"Alright, both of you, tone it down!" one of their friends shouted. He glanced at Blayze and added, "Let's keep it civil for Blayze's Chapter 419 Escalating Contradictio # +120 Points at most sake."

William grabbed Keilani's hand and pulled her down. With a huff, Keilani allowed herself to be guided back into her seat.

Bella didn't say anything else. She just turned to Blayze and greeted, "Blayze, it's been a while."

"Indeed, it's been a while, Bella," Blayze returned with a smile. Then, his attention shifted to Sabrina. "Sabrina, I didn't expect to run into you here. I was planning to come to you in a couple of days. How has the past month in Philade been?"

Sabrina walked in and said, "Pretty good, I..."

"Blayze, how do you know each other?" Keilani interrupted, her expression relaying her confusion. She couldn't understand why Blayze and Sabrina spoke to each other in such a familiar way.

Blayze turned to look at Keilani. "Do you know Sabrina?"

Keilani glanced at Sabrina and pursed her lips at Sabrina's smiling eyes. "I've seen her a few times, but we're not close."

Of course, It was more than that. There was a huge rift between them.

Keilani, upon realizing that Sabrina was a photographer, suddenly remembered Blayze's passion for photography. Despite Blayze's fame in the photographic field, his status prevented him from pursuing it professionally.

When Blayze first came to Philade, he met William through photography and Lance through work, and through them, Keilani.

Not long after they met, Blayze had a clear idea of Keilani's character. After seeing the odd expression on Keilani's face, he started to suspect something but chose not to comment on it. "I see."

Blayze cast a glance at everyone around the table and said, "Allow me to make the introduction. This is Sabrina Chavez, a

Chapter 419 Escalating Contradictio # +120 Points at most friend and student of mine, new to Philade. Please look out for her."

"It's my pleasure."

"A friend of yours is a friend of mine. Take it easy," most of their friends echoed, accepting Sabrina easily.

William curled his lips and said nothing. He suddenly remembered that not long ago, Blayze had mentioned giving his contact to a friend coming to Philade.

Blayze said his friend might decide to work in Philade as a photographer and would likely reach out to William. William waited for a long time, but no one contacted him.

After a while, William concluded that the friend Blayze had mentioned probably didn't stay in Philade or had decided not to pursue photography professionally.

He was quite shocked to find out that the friend Blayze was talking about was actually Sabrina. Sabrina was a newcomer in Philade. He should have thought of it.

Smiling, Sabrina raised her glass to everyone in the room. "Thank you, Blayze, for introducing me to Collen and Bella. They helped me settle in very quickly. It's an honor to meet everyone here. I'll keep it short and toast to you all."

"No need for formalities," came the reply.

Everyone had lifted their glasses to Sabrina in a toast. Keilani scoffed, looking around. She rolled her eyes but remained silent.

Blayze picked up the wine glass on the table and strode toward Sabrina. After clinking his glass with hers, he said, "There's no need to be so polite with them. If you need anything, just say so."

Sabrina lifted her glass to him in acknowledgment and smiled. "Alright."

"Well, we've said our hellos and had our drink. We'll head back

Chapter 419 Escalating Contradictio # +120 Points at most now." Bella waved goodbye.

"Okay, go ahead." Blayze simply nodded.

"Blayze, let's catch up another time," Sabrina said to Blayze.

"Sure, I'll treat you to dinner when I'm free," Blayze replied with a smile.

After that, Sabrina left with Bella and closed the door.

Collen turned to William and stared at him curiously. "What was Bella hinting at? Celebrating Sabrina's new job? Wasn't she already at Saleel Studio?"

Everyone looked at William.

"There was a misunderstanding a while back. She's left Saleel Studio." William immediately turned to Blayze and added, "She got the job through an interview and didn't contact me. I just found out that she is your friend."

Then, William glanced at Keilani and wanted to say something but stopped on a second thought.

"There's no need to create so much fuss. Isn't it normal to quit if you can't handle it?" Keilani snorted. She shifted all the blame on Bella. Bella was always poking her nose where it didn't belong. Bella must have brought the issue of Sabrina's new job up on purpose.

Blayze followed William's gaze to Keilani. Idly playing with his glass, he asked coolly, "What misunderstanding?"