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The receptionist's curt remarks had reached the ears of Jalen and his secretary as they entered the lobby.

Amya's demeanor changed the moment she saw Jalen.

"Mr. White... I..."

The general manager instructed that the board meeting today is off-limits to unrelated personnel."

Jalen, expression icy, signaled to his secretary behind him.

"Contact Duncan. Tell him to come down here immediately."

Without missing a beat, the secretary dialed the number and stepped away.

"Hannah, head upstairs. I'll deal with this."

To their surprise, Duncan was quick to act, appearing from the elevator almost instantly after receiving the call.

"Mr. White, you asked for me?"

Jalen fixed him with a frosty stare.

"Did you instruct the receptionist to keep Hannah from going upstairs?"

Duncan turned toward Hannah and then said to Jalen with a grin, "Boss, here's the situation. We have a board meeting today, and there's a situation with Miss Moore's stock holdings. I took some precautions, thinking she might sway the company's course of action."

"Does the White family's business now fall under your jurisdiction?"

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Jalen questioned, eyes narrowing.

"Would you actually interfere with a major shareholder in the White family business?"

Duncan, a trusted advisor to the White Group's second-in-command, held considerable resentment toward this newly appeared shareholder but kept his feelings well hidden.

"Sir, the thing is, it's Miss Moore's debut. She doesn't know our procedures yet. The other shareholders seem to think it's best if she stays out of corporate matters."

Jalen's brow furrowed.

"This is a White family business. Right now, all decisions rest with us. She owns 25% of the shares, so she's a significant shareholder. Who's barring her from the board meeting?"

"Well... Duncan hesitated, careful not to irritate Jalen.

"Alright, let's include Miss Moore then. She'll be involved in future decisions anyhow."

Hannah stayed mostly silent, not seeing the need to interfere in matters Jalen could handle.

By the time they made it to the upstairs conference room, everyone except Jalen and Hannah had already arrived.