

Never Say 497

Upon laying eyes on Hannah, Bainbridge reflexively touched his nose, memories from last night flooding back.

Dexter Schneider scoffed at Hannah's arrival.

"Our prestigious White Group must be scraping the bottom of the barrel, letting a newcomer own 25% of the shares and sit alongside us veterans."

Being the next largest shareholder after the White family, Dexter's opinion carried substantial weight.

Other board members joined the fray.

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"Switching up shareholders amidst ongoing issues like Mr. Byrum White's situation and the flawed product line could really tank our stock, couldn't it?"

"Exactly, we're already strapped for cash, dealing with faulty equipment, and now shares are transferring to an outsider? How is that logical?"

Jalen, losing patience, slammed his hand on the table.

"The point of this meeting is to address the recent machinery issues, not to scrutinize shareholders. This concerns the White family directly!"

"It's not just your family's problem. We're all shareholders here. If the stock tanks, we all suffer."

A few seemed to have coordinated their criticisms of Hannah.

"Why introduce this newcomer? Is she going to make up for our losses?"

"Yeah! Besides, had it not been for your decisions, would we even be in this mess, buying a load of defective goods that's straining our finances?"

The older board members exchanged sharp comments, leaving Jalen momentarily at a loss for words.

At that moment, Bainbridge was restless, seeing Hannah not only as a bad omen but also as someone who complicated things with Jalen.

Glancing at his wristwatch, he pondered his unreliable dad who had skipped the meeting, forcing him to fill in. Surely, his father had foreseen the day's chaos!

Since the meeting started, Hannah had been leafing through her papers, biding her time. Finally, she broke her silence.

"Your ineptitude is the reason I had to step up and manage the company."

The room went quiet, nobody had anticipated this verbal jab from Hannah.

Without waiting for a response, Hannah went on, "Yes, his choices were questionable, but were yours any better? You all have had your fair share of fun with White's Group's entertainment assets. Each visit was a million-dollar affair."

Slamming her documents down on the table, Hannah demanded, "Exactly what kind of deals have you all been striking? Do they even pay for themselves? Last month, Mr. Finch's niece embezzled three million."

Flinging a document towards Mr. Finch, Hannah queried, "Has that money been recovered? Just because my grandfather is incapacitated in the hospital doesn't mean you can exploit the situation with impunity."

Hannah looked up, flashing a seemingly playful grin at Dexter.

"Mr. Schneider, you're no stranger to bribes, are you? What makes you think you have the moral high ground to criticize the White family?"