## **Never Say 499**

"We're talking hundreds of millions here, not a small amount! You shouldn't have shouldered this burden. I'm the one who put you at odds with the other directors," Jalen said, his brow furrowed in concern.

"Don't you get it?" Hannah turned to Jalen and asked, "Isn't it clear? Someone doesn't want me involved in the directorship or meddling in White Group affairs. Any idea why?"

While Jalen had some business acumen, it was largely because his father had previously been deeply involved in the company. Now that he'd taken the reins, things were chaotic. Plus, his moral compass made it hard for him to understand the situation.

Seeing his confusion, Hannah sighed a bit.

"Your dad was a business genius, you know. Perhaps business just isn't your calling."

Even though Hannah's words were less than flattering, Jalen remained composed.

"Perhaps you're right. With Dad gone and Grandpa in the hospital, I wouldn't have rejoined the family business if not for these circumstances."

Jalen studied Hannah intently before saying, "Grandma might be onto something. You are the most competent grandchild of theirs."

Hannah's eyebrows knitted together.

"What did Grandma say?"

"Never mind." Jalen shook his head and said, "Whatever you choose to do, Hannah, know that you have my full support."

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Recognizing his reluctance to elaborate, Hannah let it go.

"I'm off to visit Grandpa. Carry on with your work."

Upon reaching the hospital, Hannah found Bryan standing by the bedside. He had skipped the board meeting to stay at the hospital instead.

"Good to see you, Hannah."

As Hannah approached, Bryan stood and said, "The doctor mentioned the medicine you sent from Valmere is working wonders. Your grandpa's condition has improved substantially."

Approaching her grandfather's bedside, Hannah saw he looked better.

"Once Grandpa is a bit stronger, I want to take him back to Valmere.

The healthcare there is superior."

Bryan's expression remained neutral.

"I heard you stirred the pot at today's shareholder meeting, claiming you could tackle the issue of the flawed machines. How do you plan on fixing that?"

"It's a matter that money alone can resolve."

Hannah glanced at Bryan and remarked, "You skipped the shareholders 'meeting today to avoid getting entangled in the White Group's issues, didn't you?"

"It's not that simple. The mess was mainly caused by Jalen. Should we also be blamed for it?"