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She frowned and said, "If you're determined to destabilize the company, could you at least avoid dragging Jalen into your mess? It's common knowledge that newcomers like you aim to prove your capabilities. Should things take a turn for the worse, Jalen will have to manage the situation!"

Nodding, Johanna added, "Exactly. Selling at such low prices would lead to cash-flow issues, and that would be something you couldn't handle, Hannah."

Before Bryson could interject, Hannah silenced him with a glance.

Turning to Johanna, she said, devoid of any deference, "Are you even a part of the White family? You claim to act in the family's interest but live off them while secretly aiding outsiders."

Johanna's complexion flushed red.

"Hannah, what are you implying? How could I ever do such a thing?"

"If that's not your intention, then you're just foolish. So foolish, you're basically worthless," Hannah retorted.

Hearing the sharp rebuke, Christy stepped up to defend Johanna.

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"Hannah, is such severe criticism really necessary?"

"Absolutely. She may lack insight, but are you equally senseless?"

Hannah shot back.

Hannah glanced at Christy, remarking, "Do I need to spell it out for you? Jalen's poor choices could cost the White family anywhere from hundreds of millions to billions. Maybe then you'll think twice before speaking out of turn. Losing tens of millions, by contrast, is pocket change for us, and this partnership is to our benefit."

She smirked, her patience for the pair running thin.

"If you two are such business prodigies, why aren't you directors? You criticize me, shift the blame onto me, hinder the business cooperation out of spite rather than careful consideration, and yet you claim to be part of the White family? Isn't it ironic?"

Christy's face drained of color. Hannah's words stung, but they made her grasp the White Group's precarious position.

On the other side, Johanna, publicly humiliated, broke into tears.

A sympathetic man spoke up on her behalf.

"Johanna's just inexperienced. Isn't this woman being overly harsh?"

"Seriously, public shaming just because she's not skilled in business?"

"How can she publicly degrade another woman?"

Just then, Bryson chimed in dismissively, "Since when do fools have a say in business matters?"

His comment left the crowd speechless.

Bryson's words carried a sharp sting, making those who had defended Johanna feel like they'd been hit hard.

"If ignorance is her defense, then why open her mouth at all?"