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Business isn't a sob story. If it were, the Mitchell Group would simply hire a group of criers and we'd thrive."

The room went mute. Anyone who spoke now would be labeled the fool.

Johanna sobbed, wishing she could disappear into the floor.

Omar, a smirk curling his lips, posed a question.

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"Mr. Mitchell, are you saying people should keep their mouths shut to avoid ridicule?"

Bryson's eyes narrowed. He regarded Omar and responded, "It's better to keep quiet than to spout nonsense and become the joke of the room."

Omar's expression soured upon hearing Bryson's sarcastic ridicule.

Seeking to defend Omar, Winona interjected, "Lots of people begin with zero knowledge of the business world."

"Sure, but that's assuming they have the talent to begin with.

Otherwise, the whole idea of a self-made success becomes a joke, and they might as well wait for bankruptcy," Hannah retorted with a half smile.

"I'm trying to talk business here, while they're busy undermining it. The White Group could go under at any moment. What will you do then, Miss White? Take up street sweeping or dishwashing?"

Turning her gaze to Johanna, Hannah continued, "Your family sent you overseas for an education, and you come back like this? Maybe you should get your head examined."

Caught off guard, Johanna had no reply. She fled the scene, tears streaming down her face.

Christy, visibly uncomfortable, spoke to Hannah with a tinge of accusation.

"Granted, we're at fault here, but she's still your cousin."

"We share nothing more than a business interest. You have no right to Lecture me," Hannah replied icily.

Christy was taken aback. Hannah was not the same accommodating person she had first met.

Standing off to the side, Brewster nudged Bryson and remarked, "Your girlfriend's got some fire in her. She'll be a valuable asset to you."

"You're not wrong," Bryson said, gazing at Hannah.

"But I also want her to pursue her own passions. I hope you'll support the White Group's project, Mr. Perry."

Smiling, Brewster responded, "Miss Moore's pitch was excellent. The best I've seen, in fact. I would have reached out to her even if you hadn't brought it up."

Noticing Hannah was a force to be reckoned with, Winona began to turn away, only to be stopped by Hannah.

"What? Leaving so soon, Miss Vargas? Are you considering giving up?"

Annoyed, Winona spun around to face Hannah.