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"What?"

Katherine's face turned frosty. She shot Sarah an icy glare. "You dare say it again?"

She was on the verge of putting these fools in their place — of revealing that Robin was, in fact, the new chairman — but from the corner of her eye, she caught Robin subtly shaking his head. Her words froze in her throat. Understanding his unspoken request, she swallowed her anger.

Marcus immediately grabbed Sarah's arm. "Apologize to General Manager Katherine!"

"Why should I?" Sarah snapped. "We did nothing wrong!"

"Sarah!" Marcus's face darkened. They were here to get the proposal approved — the last thing they needed was to provoke the general manager. If she said one word to the chairman, the partnership would be as good as dead. "Apologize now!"

"I'm not apologizing! For all we know, it might actually be the truth!"

SMACK!

Without warning, Marcus slapped Sarah across the face. "Why are you being so stubborn? Apologize to her!"

Tears stung Sarah's cheeks as she clutched her burning face. She turned to Katherine, voice trembling. "I'm sorry."

"Hmph!" Katherine scoffed. "Go back to your seats and stay silent. One more word out of place, and you'll both be kicked out for good!"

"Thank you, General Manager Katherine." With his head lowered in shame, Marcus grabbed Sarah's arm and led her back to their seats.

Katherine's gaze then dropped to Robin. "You — follow me."

"Okay," Robin replied indifferently, standing up and following her out of the hall.

The moment they left, Marcus and Sarah's faces lit up with excitement. The sting of humiliation was long gone — replaced by something else entirely.

"Hah. He brought this upon himself." Sarah sneered in satisfaction. Turning to Marcus, she asked with a grin, "What do you think she'll do to him?"

Marcus chuckled. "We should ask Chief Liaison, Liam."

"Hmph!" Liam scoffed. "For daring to impersonate the chairman, I doubt any of you will see him again. Most of you don't know, but beneath General Manager Katherine's calm demeanor lies her ruthlessness. That loser won't walk out unscathed."

"Good." Marcus and Sarah were gleeful to hear that. They cheered happily.

In the CEO's office, Katherine's demeanor shifted the moment the door closed. She respectfully bowed to Robin and gestured to the chair behind the desk. "Please sit, sir."

Robin said nothing. He calmly took the chairman's seat. Instantly, he looked sharper and more refined, with an air of nobility about him. Katherine couldn't help but be momentarily dazzled.

He's so hot!

"Send Liam in," Robin's voice cut through her thoughts.

She blinked, shaking her head to clear it. "Huh?"

"I said, send Liam in."

Her brows furrowed slightly in confusion, but she didn't question him.

"Yes, sir." She said and turned to leave.

But Robin's words halted her in her tracks.

"You can just ask someone to inform him." He said dismissively.

Katherine nodded and reached into her suit pocket, pulling out her phone. She pressed a button. "Ask Liam to report to the chairman's office immediately."

Back in the conference hall, Liam, Marcus and Sarah were discussing the partnership deal.

"Don't worry," Liam said confidently. "Nothing can go wrong. The new chairman will be here soon. With me there, he'll definitely sign and approve your proposal."

Marcus grinned. "I can't wait."

The guests around them watched with envy. With Chief Liaison Liam on his side, Marcus was surely set to seal the deal.

Just then, Regional Manager, Ethan Slade walked in and approached Liam. "Chief Liaison, General Manager Katherine asks you to report to

the chairman's office immediately."

"The chairman is here?"

His words immediately caused the room to erupt in a frenzy.

Liam stood up. "Why am I being asked to report to the chairman's office? Could it be about the partnership?"

"No idea." Ethan said coldly and walked away.

Liam frowned at Ethan's attitude, but he said nothing. Turning to Marcus, he smirked. "Once I meet the chairman, I'll have him sign the proposal."

Marcus beamed. "My family will never forget this. You'll be our most honored guest."

Liam nodded and left. He walked at a fast pace. He couldn't afford to keep General Manager Katherine or the chairman waiting. In less than five minutes, he arrived at the chairman's office.

Taking a deep breath, he knocked softly.

"Come in," Katherine's voice called.

Another deep breath. Then Liam opened the door and stepped inside.

One glance and he froze.

Katherine stood in front of Robin, respectfully pouring him tea, while Robin lounged comfortably in the chairman's seat, legs crossed, exuding an effortless authority.

"You, loser, what are you doing in the chairman's seat? Security! Security!"

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"After being momentarily taken aback, Liam's first reaction was to call for security. He fumbled for his phone, ready to make a call.

Robin's lips twitched. Even now, Liam still didn't get it. Was there really anyone that dumb?

Katherine's expression iced over. Setting the tea jug down with a sharp clink, she strode over to Liam.

Before Liam could react, Katherine's foot lashed out in a swift, precise kick, striking him squarely in the shin. The impact was sharp and jarring, forcing Liam to stagger backward, his face contorted in pain.

"You fool!" Katherine barked, her voice sharp and cutting. "The chairman gave you a second chance, and you're still too blind to realize what's happening? Are you that dumb? Kneel and apologize before you destroy your future!"

BANG!

Liam's knees hit the floor before his brain could catch up. His mouth hung open, his eyes wide with disbelief.

He was completely taken aback!

Robin was the new chairman!

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As that finally dawned on him, his mind started racing with thoughts.

Sarah and Marcus had been kicked out because they offended Robin. Katherine hadn't reacted when he refused to bow and greet her like the rest of the guests.



She hadn't punished him for 'impersonating' the chairman — instead, she'd taken him away.

But now, it all made sense!

Cold sweat broke out on his forehead.

"I'm such a fool. I'm such a fool," he muttered, feeling like slapping himself.

How could he have missed all those details?

He immediately crawled over to Robin and bowed face flat on the floor.

"I'm so sorry, Chairman! I was a fool not to recognize you and even dared to offend you. Please forgive me!"