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Jessica and Matthew stood beside the CEO's chair in the Executive Meeting Hall. They were the only ones not sitting. Even though they tried to look calm and serious, they kept fidgeting.

They were too excited to hide it. Both of them were proud of their achievement. They had just been hired as the secretaries to the new CEO of Nova. To them, this was the biggest job they had ever gotten.

Claudia had never met them in person before today. She had selected them purely based on their applications and the high scores they got in the online evaluation test. It was meant to help Ryan, especially since she would be assisting him more at home than in the office. Two strong, experienced secretaries, working under the CEO, would take a great deal of workload off his shoulders.

Matthew cleared his throat and took a slight step forward toward Claudia.

"Good afternoon, Ms. Claudia," he said respectfully, his voice a sounded a little too eager. "We are the two applicants who received the interview emails from you after passing the selection criteria for the CEO's secretary roles. We just wanted to say thank you again for the opportunity."

Claudia gave a light nod and smiled. "Yes, that's right. I sent out the emails after reviewing the applications. Your tests were impressive, and the position was critical to fill. The CEO's workload is immense so he'll need two capable hands to assist him efficiently."

Jessica smiled beside him. "We're extremely honored to be here, ma'am. Thank you for trusting us with such a great opportunity."

Claudia glanced between them and nodded slowly. "Well, I trust you'll both do your jobs diligently. But let me be clear. the CEO is the one who will officially approve you. I only shortlisted you. You'll have to earn his

full trust and follow his instructions carefully. He's new here, so I expect you to be professional and supportive."

"Of course!" Matthew said quickly. "We understand completely. We're ready to work and make him proud."

"We'll do anything he needs," Jessica added sweetly.

Claudia tilted her head slightly. "You'll also be sharing an office, so I hope you two can cooperate well."

"We've known each other for years," Matthew said with a grin. "We're used to working together. He is my boyfriend," Jessica said eagerly.

Claudia smiled faintly, then glanced at the time on her watch. "The CEO should be here any minute. I just left him downstairs. He stepped out to make a quick phone call. He'll be up shortly. After he approves you, you two will get to work immediately."

Jessica scrunched her nose. "We were downstairs just a few minutes ago. We didn't see anyone around."

Matthew joined her. "Yeah, we only saw a black Maybach parked near the entrance, but no one was inside. It looked completely empty."

Claudia raised her brow. "The black Maybach? Yes, that's the car I arrived with, the CEO was inside it with me, but he stepped out right after we arrived."

Jessica glanced at Matthew, and something clicked in his memory.

"Wait..." Matthew said, rubbing his temple. "Actually, we did see someone. There was this guy dragging around a janitor bucket. Looked like he was cleaning. That was all we saw."

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She let out a soft laugh, completely oblivious to what was coming. "Poor guy. He's still living the same miserable life, it seems. Imagine ending up cleaning toilets at Nova of all places, eww!"

Matthew chuckled along. "He used to brag so much back in school. Said we'd regret leaving him behind. Now look at him."

Jessica shook her head, chuckling. "Talk about pathetic."

Claudia remained still for a moment. She didn't interrupt, but her expression began to shift. She leaned forward slightly, as if trying to confirm something within herself.

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