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Teaser

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Eight BOARD MEMBERS (White males, 70+) sit around a conference table. None of them can figure out the iPads and it shows.

Finally, BOARD MEMBER #1 smacks his iPad down onto the table and looks up at the only black man in the room, MICHAEL DONALDSON, 35, Chairman of the Board, in frustration.

BOARD MEMBER #1
Damnit, Mike! Get the files on paper. I can't work this thing.

Michael reaches down and grabs a stack of files from under the table and begins to pass them out.

MICHAEL
We need to make a decision by the end of the day. What are you all thinking?

BOARD MEMBER #2 holds up a candidate file.

BOARD MEMBER #2
Not her.

He shakes his head as he tosses the file onto the floor.

MICHAEL
And why not?

BOARD MEMBER #2
C'mon, Mike. Really?

MICHAEL
Yes, really! She's qualified. She knows the company. She's young. She's motivated.

BOARD MEMBER #3
And she only got her job because of her daddy.

BOARD MEMBER #4
It wasn't even a position before she came aboard.

BOARD MEMBER #3
Still isn't.

MICHAEL

Didn't Ralph bring her on because he wanted her to take over one day?

BOARD MEMBER #2

Why don't you go ask him?

MICHAEL

From the looks of it, Francis will be able to ask him before anyone else...

Michael glances toward Board Member #8, the oldest person in the room, who is asleep in his chair.

BOARD MEMBER #3

Let it go, Mike. Ralph's plan was to promote her when she's ready... She's not ready.

MICHAEL

You and I both know the real reas-

Board Member #1 puts his hand up to signal that Michael should stop speaking.

BOARD MEMBER #1

Mike, we're not having this conversation again. I have no problem with a woman running this company... Just, not her. Understood?

Michael's takes a deep breath and tightens his jaw.

MICHAEL

Whatever. If not her, then who?

BOARD MEMBER #1

Let's think about this on a much broader spectrum. Morale within the company is at an all-time low, and the two CEOs we hired after Ralph died didn't do a damn thing to change that... So, let's go in a completely different direction here. What is the complete opposite of the last two frat stars who held this title?

Michael shuffles through the pile of applicants in front of him, then turns around to a different stack of files on the table behind him. He grabs a file off the top of the stack, opens it briefly, then tosses it on the table.

MICHAEL

You want the complete opposite?
This is your guy.

Board Member #1 reads the contents of the file. He smiles and shows it to the board member sitting next to him.

BOARD MEMBER #1

That could be fun...

BOARD MEMBER #3

That could be a disaster...

BOARD MEMBER #1

Well, if it doesn't work out, then
we give the girl a try.

MICHAEL DONALDSON

Let me see that file again.

Board Member #1 tosses the file toward Michael. He opens the file and stares at the headshot of the applicant.

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