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Harry stops Oliver just before they go in.

HARRY

Here. Let's hope this isn't discussed. Though it may be...

Harry hands Oliver the paper he's holding. THE HEADLINE: **Billionaire Struts Stuff on Runway Days After Explosive Breakup!**

There's a photo of Oliver from last night's show. Oliver rolls his eyes.

OLIVER

Great.

Harry holds the door of the conference open, they go in.

INT. VINEHOFF WORLDWIDE SHIPPING OFFICES- CONFERENCE ROOM - MORNING

The meeting is in full swing. There are 5 BOARD MEMBERS total. Older types with serious expressions and tailored suits. \*

At the front of the room is WALTER VINEHOFF, Oliver's ever-disapproving, silver fox father. \*

Oliver isn't paying attention, instead buried in his phone laughing at memes. Walter throws an annoyed look his direction and clears his throat.

*How do (see) about Thomas?*

START SC. →

WALTER

And, next order of business--

THOMAS (O.C.)

Motion to speak.

Reveal: THOMAS NETTLEY, 50s shifty and self interested, over eager, and, according to him, under-appreciated.

*Reveal*

WALTER

Very well...

THOMAS

I think we all know what your announcement is going to be, Walter.

*James*

WALTER

Oh? I didn't realize we had a psychic in our midsts.

*Deliberate*

A smattering of board members giggle.

THOMAS

Well, if we're here to discuss your imminent retirement and the selection of your replacement then I believe there are things we need to discuss--

WALTER

Thomas, thank you very kindly for spoiling the surprise.

Walter regains the floor.

WALTER (CONT'D)

As Thomas so astutely predicted, I am planning on stepping down as CEO of Vinehoff Worldwide next month.

As for my successor, the established company policy is that my son Oliver is to take the reins in my stead.

Oliver puts his phone down, realizing the meeting and all the eyes in the room have shifted to him.

OLIVER

Right. Yep. Put me in coach.

Oliver chuckles nervously. Thomas cuts in.

THOMAS

Yes, but, there is a small caveat. The board reserves the right to seize the shares of any member who presents an active danger to the company.

Walt sighs.

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THOMAS (CONT'D)

And I think we can all agree that following the incident with the yacht and all that business with the prince in Monte Carlo, that Oliver certainly represents a danger to the company's reputation and good standing.

Some rumblings from the other board members.

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OLIVER

Now hold on, the underground poker ring was the prince's idea. Not mine. And we were able to recover most of stern of the yacht.

(a beat)

Come on, that has to count for something.

THOMAS

(on a roll)

Not to mention the messy business of Oliver's many romantic escapades. His latest sensationalized breakup from a supermodel. And of course, his recent foray into modeling.

(instigating)

Is it true that Lisette Monique is planning a line of mens underwear?

Now more board members laugh.

OLIVER

You'll be the first to know, Tommy.

Walter rubs his forehead. The board member next to Oliver puts a hand on his shoulder, calming him.

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→ **WALTER**

Lets adjourn for now. The question of a replacement can be voted on when I retire at the end of month, // if the board still feels so inclined.

The board stands to leave. Oliver too. Walter stops him.

**WALTER (CONT'D)**

Oliver: A word.

The others shuffle out. Oliver faces his father.

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**WALTER (CONT'D)**

low so as not to be  
eavesdropped

You have a month to clean up your mess. If you don't find a way to get into the boards good graces, you're risking losing the family's stake and control of the company.

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*O-So what??*

*Look!*

WALTER (CONT'D)

If Thomas takes over, he'll set up some horrid merger and sink all of the work this family has done.

You're my only son and you've known this day was coming.



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OLIVER

Out of curiosity, how exactly am I supposed to impress the board?

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WALTER

You have a month to figure that out and quite frankly, I've been cleaning up your messes since you were a kid.

*(a beat, realizing he's being harsh)*

Just clean up your image. Be a good boy, show the board you're serious about taking over.

*Kind of look...*

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OLIVER

Clean up my image? How? I can't control what the tabloids write. And since when am I qualified to run an international shipping company? Those meetings are usually my scheduled nap time.

WALTER

Oliver, trust me, I'm painfully aware. But right now, it's more urgent that you clean up your image.

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OLIVER

How?

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WALTER

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Enroll in business classes at  
Columbia, volunteer at a shelter,  
walk around with an armful of sick  
puppies. I don't know!

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← END SC.