**Narrator:**

Let’s dive back in…

MS. LEE took the paper and scanned it quickly. Her eyes widened as she recognized some of the titles. They were books that dealt with topics such as racial identity, LGBTQ identities, social justice, feminism, and other issues that were considered "woke" by some people.

She looked at him in disbelief.

**MS. LEE:**

"Mr. Jones, you can't be serious. These are some of the most popular and acclaimed books in our collection. They are important for our students to have access to and learn from. Why do you want me to remove them?"

**Narrator:**

MR. JONES sighed and rubbed his temples.

**MR. JONES:**

"Ms. Lee, I agree with you, but you have to understand the situation. We have received several complaints from some parents and community members about these books. They claim that they are indoctrinating our students with radical and divisive ideologies. They say that they are against our values and traditions. They threaten to sue the school or withdraw their children if we don't comply with their demands."

**Narrator:**

MS. LEE shook her head in disbelief.

**MS LEE:**

"That's ridiculous. They are not against our values and traditions. They are part of them. These books reflect the reality and diversity of our world and challenge our students to think critically. We have the right and the duty to provide these books to our students. We can't let some narrow-minded and intolerant people censor our library."

**Narrator:**

MR. JONES looked at her with a pained expression.

**MR JONES:**

"Ms. Lee, I agree with you. I personally have no problem with these books. But we have to think about the bigger picture. I have to balance the academic freedom and the social responsibility of our school. avoid any legal or financial troubles that could jeopardize our reputation and resources. I have to do what's best for our school, even if it means making some compromises and sacrifices."

**Narrator:**

Let’s pause here…

Take a few minutes to discuss in small groups or reflect on your own: