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The Magic of Different Minds



Read the text below, choose the correct answers (A, B, C, D) .

I've always been the type of person who can sense when things are off. Maybe that's why I ended up as an event planner—it's my job to make sure everyone feels comfortable and that things run smoothly. But when you're working with strong personalities, it's not always easy. This wedding we were planning? Definitely a test.

From the start, Jade was overwhelmed. The bride's request for peonies—a flower nearly impossible to get in June—had her in a meltdown. "We're doomed! Doomed!" she cried. I could see the stress in her eyes and leaned in. "Jade, I get it, but let's not panic. We've handled worse." I gave her a smile, hoping to calm her.

Luca, on the other hand, was calm—borderline too calm. He had everything meticulously planned, down to the minute. "Relax, Jade. I've already contacted florists. We'll have the peonies imported." That was Luca's solution: stick to the plan. I appreciated how organized he was, but sometimes it was a bit much. I knew we had to move on before Jade spiraled further.

Then there's Ben. Sweet Ben, who thinks everything through a hundred times. He was staring at the seating chart for what felt like hours. "What if the flowers don't arrive? Or what if it rains? The outdoor ceremony could be ruined..." His voice trailed off, listing potential disasters. I touched his arm gently. "Ben, there's a tent for the rain. We're covered, okay?"

At the ceremony site, clashes started. Jade fussed about the floral arch. "It's too basic. We need more flowers, more lights!" Luca didn't budge. "We agreed on an elegant theme. Adding more would overwhelm the space." I stepped in. "What if we add a small arrangement at the base? It'll add something extra without cluttering the space." Thankfully, they both agreed. But Ben wasn't done worrying. "What if the flowers wilt before the ceremony?" Luca cut him off. "The tent will protect them. Let's stay on track." I shot Ben a sympathetic look and mouthed, "It's okay. We've got this."

On the wedding day, even with all the chaos, we pulled it off. Jade whispered, "I hate to admit it, but it's perfect." Luca smirked, "Told you. Stick to the plan." Ben finally exhaled. "I guess we didn't need that backup florist after all," he muttered. Working with strong personalities isn't easy, but it's what makes us a good team. Jade's drama brought excitement, Luca's control kept us organized, and Ben's overthinking made sure we didn't miss a single detail. As for me? I kept it all together with a little empathy and a lot of patience.

1. Why does Jade react strongly to the bride's flower request?

- A) She dislikes peonies.
- B) The flowers are difficult to source during that season.
- C) The flowers are too expensive for the budget.
- D) She prefers a simpler design.

2. What did Luca do to help get the peonies for the wedding?

- A) He bought the peonies from a local florist.
- B) He asked the bride to choose a different flower.
- C) He arranged for the flowers to be delivered from abroad.
- D) He worried with Jade about the peonies.

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3. What is Ben most anxious about during the planning process?

- A) The peonies not being available in time.
- B) The wedding decorations clashing.
- C) The wedding venue being too small.
- D) The guests not showing up on time.

4. What was the overall outcome of the wedding day, according to the story?

- A) It was a disaster.
- B) It was average.
- C) It was perfect, as Jade admitted.
- D) It was saved by the backup florist.

5. The narrator's ability to manage emotions and mediate between team members suggests that she is...

- A) A control freak.
- B) A drama queen.
- C) An overthinker.
- D) An empath.

