

MBC-TV Wed-Thu Mini Series



<On the Verge of Insanity> (70min x 16eps)

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Genre: Comic Office Drama

<Synopsis>

This is a drama about the fierce survival of middle-aged office workers struggling to survive in a turbulent workplace.

Ban-seok, a home appliance developer with 22 years of experience is ousted by a younger colleague and Ja-young, an HR team leader with 18 years of experience has Ban-seok join the team as a rookie. Se-gwon, Ja-young's ambitious ex-husband, whom she divorced a year ago and is the root of all these problems, becomes her boss!

<Main characters>



1. Dang Ja-young (Female/ 43) / Moon So-ri

Administrative manager, HR, Headquarters -> Team head, HR Team -> ?

Generous and easy-going, she is a workaholic that actively finds work to do while being part of the HR team, the most passive team of the company. She dreamt of becoming an executive since she was an entry level employee of the sales team and worked her butt off to make her dream come true, but by the time she becomes an assistant manager, she realizes she won't get to be an executive no matter how hard she tries. So she transfers to HR and puts everything into her job for 10 years. It seems like her goal is within arms reach, but she gets a bad feeling when she is promoted to team leader of the HR team within the Home Appliances Business Division where her despised ex-husband works. To make matters worse, a home appliance developer with 22 years of experience as a developer, but none in HR joins the team. She doesn't know what he's thinking, but he willingly says he'll learn everything from scratch. What is he up to?



2. Choi Ban-seok (Male/ 46) / Jeong Jae-young

Hardware developer -> Manager, HR Team

Objective, rational, and warm-hearted, he loves to crack jokes. He is a middle-aged engineer that wants to be a developer until he turns 60. Ban-seok created several popular home appliances and has quite a few patented technology. His colleagues envied him when he is recruited by the Display Business Division, the top department at Hangyeol Electronics in Suan. However, the LCD market soon suffers as LED becomes the main trend in 2002. Anxious that he will be laid off, he studies for three years to become a software developer, but becomes branded as a has-been for some unknown reason and is sent to the HR team. His pride is hurt and he thinks of quitting, but decides to survive within the HR team until he finds an opportunity to go back to being a developer.



3. Han Se-gwon (Male/ 39) / Lee Sang-yeop

Robot vacuum cleaner development team leader -> Development team head-> ?

He studied electrical engineering at Korea's top university, but isn't that good of a developer. He looks good on the outside, but is a huge coward that easily kisses up to others. This is because of his sense of inferiority of not being able to become part of the Han family that owns Hangyeol Group. He is the third cousin of Han Seung-gi, the 38-year-old CEO of Hangyeol

Electronics. Unlike Seung-gi, he struggles through university and barely graduates after 8 years because his father's business goes bankrupt. He was born with a golden spoon, but ended up in the gutters. However, he longs to be appreciated. The only woman that understood his sad desires was Dang Ja-young, his ex-wife. However, he turns his back on his father-in-law that has a stroke, choosing to attend the memorial service of the founder of Hangeol Group. This ends up leading to their divorce. He is accepted as part of the family and becomes No.2 of the Character Research Lab. Luckily, the "no-detergent dishwasher" he highly supported also becomes popular, leading to the highest point of his career. Yet, he also finds Dang Ja-young, his ex-wife, in the same division as he.



4. Seo Na-ri (Female/ 35) / Kim Ga-eun

Assistant manager, Product planning team -> ?

Everyone gets excited when she joins the company because of her attractive looks. This entry-level employee can even hold her liquor. However, her true self is revealed when she becomes assistant manager. She always asks for pricey technology and designs Hangeol Electronics can't afford, and always yells at people during meetings. She has a bigger say in things when the "no-detergent dishwasher", a project she and Se-gwon were in charge of, becomes a huge hit out of pure luck. She has a secret no one at work knows about. This snobby, self-entitled woman is a divorcee that has been secretly dating Han Se-gwon for a year. She thinks of Se-gwon as a good-looking man that is related to Hangeol Group's owner, and the perfect person to boost the confidence she lost through her divorce. However, she senses him pushing her away soon after his ex-wife joins their division.