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LAKEISHA  
Well, for the record, gardening is  
not in my blood. You want these  
overpriced weeds to live, you're  
on your own.

RENE  
They're just plants.

JOE  
No, no, no, no, no. Not just  
plants, Rene. Exotic, tropical  
beauties.

GWEN HARRIS, an athletic looking 30 year old white woman  
enters. [REDACTED]

**STANT**

[REDACTED] Rene  
Speaking of which. Hello. May I  
help you?

GWEN  
Not unless you're Rene Jackson.  
I have an appointment.

RENE  
I'm Rene Jackson.

GWEN  
Gwen Harris.

Rene and Gwen shake hands. [REDACTED] Gwen just  
smiles.

[REDACTED]  
GWEN  
(to Rene)  
I'm early. Do you want me to wait?

RENE  
No, you [REDACTED] in my office.  
lets go into

3 INT. RENE'S OFFICE - DAY

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Rene sits behind her desk. Gwen looks around the office,  
picks up a framed photo.

GWEN  
(re: photo)  
Is this your family?

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RENE

Yes, that's my brother and my nephew, Victor. And that deranged looking man in the Santa hat is Mark, my brother's companion.

GWEN

Alternative lifestyles, very cool.

RENE

Have a seat. So what can I do for you?

GWEN

For the last two years I've worked as a receptionist at Space Technologies Unlimited. On Monday I was fired and I want my job back.

RENE

Why did they let you go?

GWEN

You don't have kids of your own, do you?

RENE

No.

GWEN

And you're not married?

(off Rene's look)

I'm sorry, I hate it when people ask me those questions, too. It's just... at Space Technologies I worked with a woman who had two children. On Tuesdays she took her son to soccer practice. On Thursdays her daughter had ballet class. If they missed the bus she'd come in late. It was always something. I got fed up with covering so I stopped answering her phone.

RENE

As the receptionist wasn't it your job to answer the phones?

GWEN

My phone, not hers.

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RENE

Did you talk to someone, a supervisor, about your co-worker?

GWEN

Sure did. I complained to Human Resources. If I was going to be stuck doing her job I wanted to get paid for it. I was told it wasn't in the budget. So I said fine, pay me what Bethany gets for the hours when she's not there. The woman in human resources practically accused me of taking food out of those kids' mouths.

RENE

Forgive me, but this all seems a little petty.

GWEN

Four hours every week for six months isn't petty, it's a paid vacation.

RENE

You kept track?

GWEN

Wrote it all down.

Gwen hands Rene a file. Rene looks at the paper work.

RENE

This is very thorough.

GWEN

When I asked human resources if I could leave early I got the third degree. Was I sick? Was there an emergency? When I said I had my weekly appointment for a Shiatsu massage she laughed in my face.

RENE

But getting a massage doesn't have the same urgency as looking after a child.

GWEN

To me it does. Look, I don't have kids and I don't want kids. I'm an athlete.

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GWEN

I run marathons, I'm training for a triathlon right now. For some people their kids are their life, but for me it's sports. Part of the reason I took this job was because it left me with enough time to train.

RENE

Which, some might argue, you could do on your own time, not company time.

GWEN

Bethany takes care of her kids on company time and no one bats an eye. I was discriminated against because I don't have children.

RENE

I don't know about that, but if you'd like I'll talk to your former employer. Sounds to me like this situation can be worked out.

END

4 INT. RENE'S HOUSE - FOYER - DAY

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M.E. opens the front door. CATHERINE is on the other side.

CATHERINE

Mary Elizabeth you go home this instant and work things out with your husband.

MARY ELIZABETH

What are you doing here?

CATHERINE

Saving your marriage. I dropped by to pick up my casserole dish and Colliar told me you'd left him.

MARY ELIZABETH

Oh he did, did he? Did he tell you why?

CATHERINE

Why is not important. Keeping your family together is.

M.E. wanders through the house straightening up. Catherine follows M.E. as she collects magazines, clothes, etc.

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