

MYA & ANGELA

INT. OFFICE LOBBY - DAY

Monday morning in a generic corporate lobby.

MYA (30), coffee and satchel in hand, enters the elevator alone. Just as the doors begin to close...

ANGELA (O.S.)
Can you hold that?

In seconds, a well-dressed woman toting a shopping bag, her purse, and a large diaper bag pushes a stylish black PRAM towards the elevator. This is ANGELA (40), Mya's boss's boss.

MYA
Oh! Angela! Welcome back!

ANGELA
Hiiiiiii!

MYA
What a... surprise. Are you back to work today or just...

ANGELA
Visiting. I wanted to bring the team some of the goodies I've gotten during my maternity leave that I can't use.
(cheerfully)
And we wanted to say hello to everyone!

Mya knows she's talking about a baby. She peers into the pram. (NOTE: We never see the baby as it remains obscured by the carriage throughout the scene.)

MYA
What a cute little... gray onesie.

ANGELA
Hold on, I'll show you something I brought.

As Angela turns to rifle noisily through the shopping bag, Mya studies the baby in the carriage. A thought hits her...

MYA
(whispers)
I can't tell if you're a boy... or a girl.

ANGELA
What's that?

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"THINGS YOU CAN'T TELL"

START

MYA
I said, 'That one's got a head full
of curls!'

ANGELA
Just like me when I was little!

Mya catches onto this. Is that a clue?

Angela presents Mya with a small box.

ANGELA (CONT'D)
Goat's milk soap straight from
Tasmania. It was a gift from my
mother-in-law. But I can't stand
the smell!

MYA
Thanks?
(beat)
Everyone's missed you. I know it
must've been hard to "abdicate the
throne" for a little while. Ha...

ANGELA
A little. But it's all worth it to
be with my little...

Mya eagerly tilts her head, listening closely.

ANGELA (CONT'D)
...Sunshine.

MYA
Yes, and what an adorable little...
(what ARE you???)
... Angel. Was it easy to, uh,
pick a name?

ANGELA
Oh, yes!

MYA
(hopeful)
And what did you go with?

ANGELA
Rylan.

No dice.

MYA
That's very unique.

The elevator stops at their floor with a DING. Mya reaches
out to take Angela's shopping bag.

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MYA (CONT'D)
Let me give you a hand.

ASHLEY
Thanks, Mya. You know, Paul was telling me about all the work you've done during the last two months I've been away, and he's proud of the growth you've shown since you started with us...
(unsure)
One year ago?

MYA
Three. I've been here for three years.

ASHLEY
Oh, right! Anyway, I think you should begin sitting in on our management team meetings. Is that something you'd be interested in?

Mya nearly trips over herself exiting the elevator.

MYA
Y-yeah, of course! I'd love to.

ASHLEY
I knew you would.
(grandly)
Now that I'm a mother, I relish providing mentorship and guidance to all my daughters...

She looks down proudly into the pram, much to Mya's elation.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)
(finishing her thought)
...And sons within the company...

Mya slouches in defeat.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)
And since Paul's said that you've demonstrated sensitivity and intuitiveness, I feel that places you far beyond some of the other members of our staff. A lot of them are so caught up in their own egos, they can't admit they don't know something.

MYA
Boy, do I know what you mean.

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ASHLEY

You always struck me as the type to stop and ask if you weren't sure.

MYA

Really?

ASHLEY

I just want people to be honest. If you're unsure of something, clarify it with me and we can sort it.

This lands on Mya.

MYA

Well, then... Angela, since you respect honesty...

(deep breath)

There's something I haven't been able to figure out.

ASHLEY

And what's that?

MYA

(losing her nerve)

Is your mother-in-law Australian? Or did she just go there once and bring back this amazing soap?

Ashley laughs good-naturedly and fusses with the baby.

ASHLEY

Oh my! Someone's really wet.

(to baby)

We may just have to change you out here in the hallway!

MYA

(overly enthused)

Fantastic!!!

END

She catches the strange look Ashley gives her.

MYA (CONT'D)

I mean, I'm sure no one would mind.

ASHLEY

I'm not changing my newborn in the hallway, Mya. We'll visit the restroom like civilized people.

Ashley takes her bag back from Mya with a polite smile.

ASHLEY (CONT'D)

It was good touching base with you.

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