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CHARACTERS

EVA BRAUNE- 35 year-old job interviewer. Well dressed. Flinty.

JULIUS BEAUMONT III-Well dressed suit and tie guy 23 years-old. Confidant. Serious. Job seeker.

FLINT RICEKRISPY- 30 year-old . Flippant. Off beat in jeans and a sports jacket. Joke tie..Applicant

LOUIE KERFLUEY- A 45 year-old co-worker.

SYNOPSIS- A job interview for an unidentified corporation, till the end. Two candidates, one Julius a Harvard grad the other Flint a high school dropout, are applying with different talents, strengths and weakness where weaknesses are strengths and strengths are blowing in the wind. Interrupted by Louie Kerfluey.

SCENE ONE

A table slanted across the stage with a chair at each end, so the audience can see the actors. Eva Braune sits stage left and Julius Beaumont III sits at the other end. Eva has sheets of paper laying there. She also has a steno pad and a pen to take notes and does throughout.)

EVA

Hello, I'm Eva Braune. ...And you are?

JULIUS

Julius...Julius Beaumont III.

(Eva searches through a stack of papers till she find his book like resume.)

EVA

(Holding up his resume) Yes, here it is. It's really thick. Are you like 40?

JULIUS

No, just very active. I once DJed for five radio stations at one time over a weekend. And didn't use the wrong call letters once... I'm, ah, 23.

EVA

How was traffic? I heard time was a hostage today in the Holland Tunnel.

JULIUS

Oh, I came last night. And walked the city till it was time for my interview here. So I wouldn't be late.

EVA

(Surprised) All night? That's really white of you... Why...why don't you tell us a little about yourself...Orange Julius.

JULIUS

(Taken aback) Ohhh Kay... I graduated from Harvard with a BA in business. And right after university I was leading freedom of the press rallies against South American dictators, who must go! And...and. I was the youngest Rhodes scholar at Harvard..They wanted me to stay for my MBA, but I wanted to try the free market first. And make some money, so I could give it all away when I was older... I want to be a philanthropist like Bill Gates.

EVA

Really? Really!... This is a very special job with specific requirements with world wide implications. So what are your greatest strengths and weaknesses?

JULIUS

I can work long hours on a pack of peanut butter crackers. I can work more hours than anyone else, because I don't go to lunch or dinner. (Reflecting) I've always excelled at everything I've tried. .. At Harvard I lettered in football and canasta. I'm ah... a fast learner. In fact, that's one of my weaknesses because I pick up things so quickly that my co-workers are still reading the instructions, while I'm hard at work on my new task. Now ah...that can put my co-workers off a bit, till I buy them drinks later at the bar after work. This contributes to their alcoholism, but I will take them to AA meetings later and be their sponsor. .. I myself only drink Duff beer.

EVA

Too much information, Homer....Ah, where do you see yourself in ten years?

JULIUS

As the head of my department and the chairman of the Hop for Life campaigns in the city..

(Louie rushes into Eva's office)

LOUIE

(Out of breath and shouting) Eva the believe. Did you know that Ivan just fired me for not getting my job done as a Fluffer for the old man's porn star dates and puffer who puffs up his ego? That I didn't believe in him enough. Huh? Huh? What am I stupid, of course you did. You suck up to the boss like a toilet plunger sucks up shit... You make back stabbing a career move... I gotta go, security's after me. But you'll get yours someday. Believe me.

EVA

Don't let your thong split you in two...and don't let the door whack your crack leaving Louie Kerfluie.
(SFX- Door slam)

EVA

Where were we? Oh yeah... Let's do a hypothetical... If a disgruntled employee, like Louie the loser there, walked in armed aiming to kill our CEO and ran your way, what would you do?

JULIUS

I'd try to reason with him or her not to ruin their lives over hurt feelings and to get in touch with their feelings another way... And just before that, I would have dialed 911, hiding my phone in my hand, and let them overhear what was going on, so they could order a SWAT team here STAT.

(Eva stands up and walks around the table for exercise twice, then sits down)

EVA

Sorry my Fit Bit needed reactivated before it decided I had died. (Explains) The boss wants all us women to be fit and keep in shape. Can't gain any weight. And he'll have a random inspection of our Fit Bits to make sure...Ah, he's just doing it for our own good.

JULIUS

As soon as I get my first pay, I'm going to buy a gym membership.

EVA

Oh, the boss doesn't care what the men look like...So like ...give me a time where you felt guilty about something bad you did.

JULIUS

Bad? Bad? OK, look it I never go to Burger King, but this one time at Harvard I was so starved that I had to have my Whopper... So I ran two blocks to buy one. I got it and as I was leaving with it, a homeless man begged me for money for food. I didn't have any more money, so I just gave him my Whopper instead. And...And probably raised his cholesterol level, and without affordable medical care this could eventually kill him... I felt so bad about that for days.

EVA

(Taking notes) Not exactly gangsta, but ..well... anyway. Now what would your co-workers say about you?

JULIUS

Probably what they always say behind my back. That... that I was an example for all of them And that me and my work ethic inspired them to work harder and longer than they ever had before. I..I had over 87 Facebook friends. .And only 40 unfriended me through the years.

EVA

Hmmm. Do, you... ah have any questions for me?

JULIUS

Yes, who would I be working for? Your company wasn't mentioned in the posting.

EVA

Oh, Sparky we never release that information during the interview. Too many people would then know we were hiring and that could be bad for business. Now... Why should we hire you?

JULIUS

I'm a Harvard graduate and would be an asset wherever I went. I'm a hard worker with a social conscience and am well liked for my calm disposition and kindness to others... while maintaining a high level of work skills, that would let me fit in anywhere... Oh, and I'm a people person.

(Eva stands up, Julius stands up and they shake hands. Julius starts to exit stage right, when he stops and turns around.)

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JULIUS

Ah , Eva...

EVA

Eva Braune.

JULIUS

Yes, Eva Braune, when do you think you'll know...ah, about hiring me.

EVA

(Laughs loudly) Qh, we're never gonna hire you, Julius! You just wouldn't fit in. You might as well join the Peace Corps or become a nun... Now girlfriend, get outta here and let the next one in.

(Julius slumps like he was just hit in the stomach. Looks shocked and slinks out stage right.)

(Lights down)

SCENE TWO

LIGHTS UP

(Eva is sitting at the table and in strolls Flint Ricekrispy . He plops down in his chair, then puts his feet up on the table stage right.)

EVA

(Sits back and smiles) Don't get too comfy...You might not be here that long.

FLINT

I'm always comfortable in my own skin. I might decide to leave early myself...(Taking charge) Besides it's ghost pepper hot outside... so I'm literally cooling my heels...in here. My brother actually had to go to the hospital because he got ghost peppers on his Red Bobbin burger. The only thing hotter than a ghost pepper on earth is the Old Faithful geyser and Jennifer Lawrence... So hit me with your best shot.

(Eva picks up his one page resume crumpled into a ball, unrolls it, glances at it and picks up her pad.)

EVA

Oh, I will cause I'm the ball buster here ah ah..Mr. Flint Ricekrispy...(Laughs) Are ...Are you Snap, Crackle and Pop?