

The Contender 7 – 1 (HM)

He

Hi. I'm Jack Hathaway. How are you?

She

Hi, sir. I'm special agent Willamena. It was good of you to meet me.

He

It's a pleasure. How can I help you?

She

Well, I know you're busy. So, this will be as routine as it gets.

He

Did my girl offer you some coffee or something to drink?

She

Oh, yes. Yes she did. She was very nice, your girl.

He

Yes, she is. She's very nice.

She

So, anyway, like I said I just want to cross a couple of T's. Little stuff. You know, it's all just part of the process. By the way, sir, I was real impressed with your graciousness on the whole Senator Hansen thing.

He

Oh?

The Contender 7 – 2 (HM)

She

You know, in supporting her. Real gracious.

He

Oh, well, as you know I withdrew my name from consideration.

She

Right. Right.

He

And I think she's a real fine choice. I mean anybody that knows her knows that.

She

Oh. How long have you known her?

He

Oh, well, actually I don't. I ... don't really.

She

Oh, I'm sorry, because when you said anybody that knows her ...

He

I know people that know her.

She

Uh huh.

The Contender 7 – 3 (HM)

He

I'm happy to give you their names if you'd like.

She

Great.

He

Yeah. I don't really know her, but I've seen her several times at functions, and uh ... I think she'll do a real good job.

She

Sir, can I just say that I was really hoping you'd go for the position. Especially after what happened on the Apachowey. I think people would think in the back of their minds, "this here's a guy who takes risks when the right thing's at stake." Lifesaver?

He

No thanks.

She

Well, anyway, that's some real bad luck, you being right there.

He

Well, not if I'd been able to save her.

She

No, no. In the crabbing area. (pause) Oh, it's just that you were fishing for bass, so ...

The Contender 7 – 4 (HM)

He

Yeah, well, that probably explains why we didn't catch anything.

She

You fish on the Apachowey a lot though, so I thought that you would know that. But ...

He

I don't fish a lot.

She

I just thought that your equipment was pretty sophisticated. But if you're going to fish ...

He

No, no. There's a difference between wanting to fish and having the time to fish.

She

Tell me about it.