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He

How you doing?

She

First day, so... you know...

He

Mack McGinty.

She

I'm Paige Armstrong. I'm the new staff assistant.

He

Good. Good to have you aboard, Paige. I'm Fletch's Chief of Staff.

She

Oh, I know that. I surely do.

He

I don't know how I should take that. (pause) Lemme ask you a question.
Who do you get?

She

Pardon me?

He

What actress do people tell you you look like?

She

Oh, people tell me I look like Jessica Lange when she was in "Tootsie".

He

I can see that. I can. Only she doesn't have your... eyes, Paige.

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She

Well, that's to be expected, I guess, seeing as we're different people and all.

He

Ah, that's very good. Very good. Look, Paige, I don't know if this is-

She

May I ask you something? I told you my name, right? "Paige".

He

Uh-huh.

She

So, why are you calling me "Paigey"? What exactly is motivating that?

He

Sorry. Didn't realize it was a big deal.

She

See, my mom, she thought it was a big deal. She carried me for ten months when she was pregnant. She almost died in that tenth month. And during those horrendous thirty days she came up with my name...

He

Gotcha... Paige.

She

Not *Paigey*, not *Paigeroo*, not *The Paigester*. Paige. So, Mr. McGinty...

He

Mack.

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She

If it's cool with you, I'd like to be referred to as Paige.

He

It's cool with me. I really see the whole Jessica Lange thing now...

She

And, no offense, but this whole charming movie star seduction thing... that dog don't hunt, okay? I know that all of us newbies are "fresh meat". But, see, I have no intention of becoming anybody's "sex toy" and...

He

Okay. Okay.

She

I'm sorry. That was out of line.

He

Nah, you weren't at all. Sometimes, I just-

She

I was just warned, you know, to be on the lookout.

He

I guess that inviting you to dinner wouldn't quite-

She

Look, you wouldn't be interested in me.

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He

I'm already interested in you.

She

Ah, that's because you haven't heard of my hard and fast, never to be toyed with "three month rule".

He

Three month rule?