

INT. HUMAN RESOURCES - DAY

*HANCOCK*

Mike Turner sits at his new desk with a stack of files. He is reading one file with extreme intensity.

We hear a quick couple knocks on the door before GREG HANCOCK enters. He is an executive manager within the firm.

HANCOCK

Mr. Turner.

Turner gets up and greets him with usual enthusiastic demeanor.

MIKE

Oh, hi. You are...

HANCOCK

Greg Hancock, Director of Finance.

MIKE

Of course. Mr. Hancock.

HANCOCK

Please, call me Greg.

MIKE

Yeah, Hancock  
(goes back to search his files)  
Hancock ...Hancock, Greg.

He finds Hancock's file.

MIKE

Here we go. Been with the company since 1992. Wow, twenty years. That's awesome.  
(beat)  
So, what brings you by?

HANCOCK

Just wanted to welcome aboard the new Director of H.R.

MIKE

Thanks. Please, have a seat.

They both sit.

HANCOCK

I have to tell you, I was a little surprised Mr. Mitchell hired such a young man.

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MIKE  
(begins to write again)  
Sorry ...Uh huh.

HANCOCK  
I suppose I would be a...

MIKE  
If you had a super power, what  
would it be?

HANCOCK  
Is this that new profile test Mr.  
Mitchell was talking about?

MIKE  
No, it's not. Answer the question,  
please.

HANCOCK  
Well, I never really thought about  
it.

MIKE  
Uh huh.  
(beat)  
If you had access to all the  
financial accounts and were able to  
take money out and hide it, would  
you?

HANCOCK  
I do have access to all the  
accounts. I'm head of the finance  
department...

MIKE  
I'm sorry, Greg, but I have to let  
you go.

HANCOCK  
Let me go?  
(beat)  
Oh, Mr. Mitchell said you had a  
weird sense of humor.

MIKE  
I don't, and I'm not joking now.

HANCOCK  
Excuse me? You're firing me? You  
can't do that.

MIKE  
Really? Why's that?

HANCOCK  
Well, Mr. Mitchell ...he's always  
been ...you know, 'old school'.

MIKE  
Uh huh.  
(writing in Hancock's  
file)  
Old school.

HANCOCK  
He told me about your philosophy.  
What do you call it, your "gut-  
force" philosophy? Very  
interesting.

MIKE  
Yeah, I follow my gut. The  
candidate's qualifications are  
important, but I always go with my  
gut. It's never let me down.

HANCOCK  
Oh, I see. I guess that's a good  
quality.

MIKE  
(still writing)  
You guess? Uh huh.

HANCOCK  
So, I see you're a note-taker.  
Another good quality.

MIKE  
Allow me to ask a company veteran  
like yourself a question.

HANCOCK  
Of course, happy to share my  
experience.

MIKE  
If you were a caterpillar in it's  
cocoon, would you come out a  
butterfly, or a moth?

HANCOCK  
I'm sorry?

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MIKE  
Yes I can.

HANCOCK  
No you can't.

MIKE  
I can if I have Mr. Mitchell's approval.

HANCOCK  
Do you have his approval?

MIKE  
No.

HANCOCK  
Well, good luck getting it.

MIKE  
(laughing)  
Wait. I was just joking. You're not fired.

(beat)  
That's just how I interview candidates. Only, I don't fire them, cause they aren't hired yet, I just tell them to get the hell out of my office. If they run, I don't call them back. If they stand up to me, they get a second interview.

HANCOCK  
I see.

MIKE  
Hey, you know where the bathroom's are around here?

HANCOCK  
Down the hall and on the left.

MIKE  
Thanks.  
(laughing)  
You would get a second interview.

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