

ARMY SCENE 1-1 (STEVE LANG)

DELLA

Private Johnson, are you unhappy in the army?

ATHENA

No. *name*

DELLA

Then how would you explain the fact that out of one-hundred and twenty people we tested, you're the only one who came up positive for drugs?

ATHENA

I'm sorry, *name*

DELLA

When you were given the opportunity to enlist, a kind of contract was agreed upon. I think the Army has honored its part of that agreement.

ATHENA

Yes *name*

DELLA

Do you believe in what we're doing here, Private Johnson?

ATHENA

I-- I can do the job, *name*

DELLA

You don't sound too enthusiastic.

ATHENA

I am, *name*

DELLA

What exactly do you think your job is, Private?

ATHENA

Follow orders. Do whatever they say.

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DEL LA

Who's 'they'?

ATHENA

The-- the officers.

DEL LA

And that's the job? Nothing about serving your country?
(beat) These aren't trick questions, Private. You'll be
given an Article 15 and be going into the ADCAP
Program one way or the other. What happens after that
is up to you. I'm just trying to understand how
somebody like you thinks. (pause) Well?

ATHENA

You really want to know *name?*

DEL LA

Please.

ATHENA

It's their country. This is one of the best deals they offer.

DELLA

How do you think I got to be a Colonel?

ATHENA

Work hard, be good at your job. *name* Do whatever they
tell you.

DEL LA

Do whatever they tell you.

ATHENA

I mean follow orders, *name*

DEL LA

With your attitude, Private, I'm surprised you want to
stay in the service.

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ATHENA

I do, *name*

DELLA

Because it's a job?

ATHENA

Outside it's-- it's such a mess-- it's--

DELLA

Chaos. (beat) Why do you think they let us in on the 'deal'?

ATHENA

They got people to fight. Arabs, yellow people, whatever. Might as well use us.

DELLA

Do you think you've been discriminated against on this post?

ATHENA

No *name* Not at all.

DELLA

Any serious problems with your sergeant or your fellow soldiers?

ATHENA

No sir. They've all been real straight with me.

DELLA

It works like this, Private-- every soldier in a war doesn't have to believe in what he's fighting for. Most of them fight just to back up the soldiers in their squad-- you try not to get them killed, try not to get them extra duty, try not to embarrass yourself in front of them. Why don't you start with that?

ATHENA

Yes *name*

DELLA

You're dismissed, Private.

ATHENA

Thank You name.