

FINAL INTERVIEW

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INT. CLASSROOM-DAY

DANA walks into the classroom wearing a business type outfit. She looks around to see a sparsely decorated room and two people, one man and one woman, sitting in desks with one empty desk left. There is a large table in the front with a white box on it with a man, THOMAS POWERS, standing next to the table. As Dana sits down, The man clears his throat.

MAN

So nice of you to join us Ms. Jetson. I am Thomas Powers, Director of Employment at ??? Industries and this is your final interview. Your process begins when I exit this room. There is no time limit. Good Luck.

Thomas leaves the room and a lock is heard. There is awkward silence and the man in the room, MICAH, turns to shake Dana's hand.

MICAH

It's nice to meet you Ms. Jetson, my name is Sgt. Micah Poole.

DANA

(Returns  
handshake)

Please call me Dana. Are you in the Army?

MICAH

Marines.

Dana nods at this response and turns to look at the woman on her other side, BRITTANY.

BRITTANY

Hi, I'm Brittany. I am a Pisces. I enjoy Mexican food and love to sing karaoke.

Micah and Dana look at each other as if to say "...okay."

The three of them sit in contemplative silence for some time.

BRITTANY

So what's with the box?

DANA

I was wondering that myself.

The three of them get up and go to look at the box on the table. Micah opens the letter that is lying next to the box and reads the paper.

MICAH

(from the paper) Solve the problem and exit the room.  
(looks up) What is that supposed to mean?

DANA

Let me see that.

Dana grabs the paper and reads the paper.

MICAH

So, now what?

Dana, Micah and Brittany peer into the box. The box is lighting up and makes mechanical noises and the three of them just look at it.

BRITTANY

Guys, maybe we should..

MICAH

Wait, first let's look around for clues.

Dana starts to examine the box while Brittany just shrugs and starts to look. Micah starts to look as well.

As they start to search the room, a soft song begins to play. They don't notice it at first and continue to look.

BRITTANY

I don't see anything.

DANA

Me either.

Micah goes over to the door and jiggles the handle but nothing happens.

MICAH

And the door is locked.

DANA

Why am I not surprised?

They all return to their seats and sit in silence.

DANA

What are they trying to get us to do?

MICAH

I have no idea.

BRITTANY

Do you guys here that?

MICAH

No.

DANA

Hear what?

BRITTANY

That song.

The song gets louder and louder.

BRITTANY

It's coming from the box.

They walk up to the box as the music gets louder. They slowly lean in and as the song reaches a crescendo, a puff of smoke comes out of the box and fills the air.

MICAH

What is that?

BRITTANY

Are you guys okay?

Dana starts to fan the air and cough.

DANA

Where did this come from?

BRITTANY

The box? Right?

MICAH

Impossible.

The three look into the interior of the box which has a mirror inside.

DANA

Okay, I'm starting to get really freaked out.

BRITTANY

You aren't the only one.

Dana starts to pace inside the room and talk to herself as Brittany picks up the instructional paper.

BRITTANY

(To herself)

Solve the problem and exit the room.

MICAH

There has to be another way out of here.

Micah takes off his suit jacket and his tie, begins to tries to open the windows in the room. When they don't budge, he goes to stand on the desk and try to push up a ceiling tile. Dana is still pacing while Brittany stares thoughtfully at the box.

After not finding a way out, Micah gets off the desk.

BRITTANY

So what do we do?

DANA

We wait.

MONTAGE-The three of them sit down in the desks. Dana eventually lies down on the floor. Micah paces. Dana paces. Brittany looks at the box.

BRITTANY

Guys, what do you think the paper means?

MICAH

You mean the instructions?

BRITTANY

Yeah?

DANA

I'm a little confused about  
that myself.

MICAH  
Obviously something is wrong  
with the box.

BRITTANY  
But it never said-

MICAH  
I mean, smoke came out of a  
box with no holes. That's  
impossible.

The same music from earlier begins to play.

DANA  
The music is back.

MICAH  
Everyone step back.

The three of them back away from the box as the music  
reaches a crescendo.

The trio brace themselves for a second puff of smoke which  
never comes. They slowly begin to relax and as they start  
to inch forward, a mist comes out of the box and sprays  
right next to Dana.

She turns and starts to cough violently as Micah goes to  
help her stand.

MICAH  
Dana! Are you okay?

DANA  
Can't. Breathe.

Micah helps Dana slowly sit on the ground and pushes her  
into a position where she can breathe better.

During this time, Brittany just stares at the box in  
wonder.

MICAH  
Brittany, get away from that  
thing. It's going to kill  
you.

BRITTANY

I think I know what they want us to figure out.

MICAH

Well figure it out over here.

BRITTANY

Look, nothing is happening. I'll be fine, okay?

MICAH

Fine. Just don't come crying to me when that thing pepper sprays you in the face.

The room falls into an uncomfortable silence where all you hear is Dana's shaky breathes.

Eventually, Brittany sits down in her original desk.

BRITTANY

(to self) Solve the problem and exit the room.

Brittany gets off the floor and power walks to the box as Dana and Micah look worried on the floor.

Brittany looks down in the box, staring at herself in the mirror.

BRITTANY

(mumbles) Solve the problem and exit the room. Solve the problem.

DANA

Brittany, what are you doing?

Brittany just continues to stare in the mirror. The room becomes enveloped in silence.

BRITTANY

(to herself) Solve the problem. (to box) I never speak up for myself. (beat) That's it; My problem is that I never speak up for myself.

DANA

What are you talking about?

As Brittany goes to answer, the box begins to make noise and a slip of paper pops out.

Brittany grabs the paper that reads: Congratulations Ms. Carling, you have completed the application process. The door unlocks and Thomas comes in.

THOMAS  
Congratulations Ms. Carling,  
could you come with me  
please?

Brittany follows him out of the room as Dana and Micah look on.