

The Interview

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INT. AN OVERLY STYLISH BOARDROOM - DAY

ALEX sits upright at a conference table. Prim. Poised. Perfectly made up. Still as a statue, aside from one bouncing anxious knee. Beside her is Lexie. Twisting in the conference chair. Expressing her boredom through posture.

Aside from their attitudes... they could be twins.

LEXIE

I think I feel the ghost of sexual harassments law suits in here.

Alex adamantly pretends Lexie isn't there.

LEXIE (CONT'D)

... You're right. Tax fraud's here too.

Alex pretends she's very interested in her chipped nail polish

LEXIE (CONT'D)

Two hours on hair and make up this morning... you couldn't spare five minutes on another coat?

ALEX

Shut up.

LEXIE

Why'd you bother? What white guy has the balls to mention your appearance in an interview?

ALEX

Shut up!

Suddenly the door opens and Alex immediately resumes her professional look and stands up. Lexie stays slouched, amused

STEVE

Sorry about that, we're all set-

In walks STEVE, 39 years old. Disgustingly attractive. in an expensive suit, holding her resume. They shake hands, and sit

STEVE (CONT'D)

(reading)  
... Alexandra?

LEXIE

AlexandRINA-

ALEX  
Alex is fine.

LEXIE  
It's not.

STEVE  
Good to meet you. Sit please. Did you want a coffee, a water?

LEXIE  
Some basic grammar?

Steve speaks inaudibly while Lexie tries to get Alex's attention

LEXIE (CONT'D)  
(leans over to Alex)  
He looks just like Ash... If Ash were employed and less overtly racist.

Alex brushes her off, and we see that Steve can't see Lexie.

LEXIE (CONT'D)  
You should really stop screwing that loser-

STEVE  
Alex?

Alex looks up, a deer in headlights.

STEVE (CONT'D)  
I asked why are you interested in a career in sales?

LEXIE  
Because no other jobs will pay a 25 year old with no degree, no special skills, and no experience anything but minimum wage?

Alex trammels down rage.

ALEX  
... I've got some experience from telesales and um... field sales-

STEVE  
Field Sales? That's not on your CV

ALEX  
It's... embarrassing-

LEXIE

It is.

ALEX

(nervous)

I was door to door for a while.

STEVE

(suddenly excited)

You've been door to door? Nothing builds character like having doors slammed in your face. So, how long?

Alex faces Steve with an awkward smile...

FLASHBACK

Alex stands at a doorway approximately 11 years old

ALEX

Hello! Would you be interested in learning about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

Door slams... Again, 15 years old

ALEX (CONT'D)

Hello! I'm here to talk to you about our Lord and Saviour-

Door slams again... Again 21 years old. Chats pleasantly, sipping tea with OLD LADY

OLD LADY

I've been talkin your ear off! What is it you wanted to talk about?

ALEX

(clears throat)

I wanted to talk about... your eternal soul

The old lady slams the door in her face.

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Alex still smiles awkward, while Steve awaits a response.

ALEX

A few years...