

INT. V3 DANIEL'S OFFICE -DAY

.. where Daniel can't seem to get settled at his new desk. He shuffles papers. Adjust his seat. Readjusts it.. then startled when..

PALOMA (25, stunning, in transition from sorority president to business woman) enters. Note pad in her hands. She leads with her ambition.

PALOMA
I'm sorry—

Daniel looks up, quizzically: who is this and why is she sorry.

PALOMA(CONT'D)
Maybe I should have knocked. Do you like knocking?
Is knocking okay? Or too intrusive?

DANIEL
Excuse me, who are you?

PALOMA
Paloma.

DANIEL
..Paloma. How can I help you?

PALOMA
Actually, it kinda works the other way around.
I'm your assistant.

Daniel laughs, then realizes Paloma is serious.

DANIEL

Thank you, but I don't need an assistant.

PALOMA

Everyone needs an assistant once in a while, no?

Paloma straightens the papers and pens on Daniel's desk. Daniel bristles at the invasion of personal space.

DANIEL

Thank you for your help, but I can.. arrange
my own pens.

PALOMA

(persistent)

How do you take your coffee?

DANIEL

I can make it myself—

PALOMA

I trained at Starbucks for two weeks under the finest barista—

It's pre-req for V3 assistants.

I can make anything you want. Latte?

Americano? Cappucino?

DANIEL

Just plain coffee, and I really don't need—

PALOMA

Drip? Okay, how many sweeteners and
what's your ideal ratio of coffee and skim?

DANIEL
Paloma...

PALOMA
Skim/low-fat mix?

DANIEL
(irritable)
I take it black. It's not complicated.
I don't need help with it.

PALOMA
(then)
Look, I graduated from Northwestern
Summa Cum Laude with a BA in English.

It is not my great desire to get coffee for you,
or anyone else for that matter. But... I did
ask to be transferred to your desk.

Daniel looks up now, surprised.

DANIEL
Why?

PALOMA
Rex Evans gave an interview on ESPN—said
you gave him the courage to come out as the first
openly gay football player.
This is monumental. That is inspirational.
I could learn things from you. But, you could also learn

things from me.
For example... how to let other people take care of
you every once in a while.

Daniel, surprised by this observation.

PALOMA
Help me help you, Dr. Santino.
(then)
Surrender, Daniel.

DANIEL
(sighs, realizing)
Resistance is futile.

PALOMA
So... I'll go get you a black coffee.

Paloma smiles, jets out of the office (Paloma jets everywhere)..Daniel calls
after her.

DANIEL
With a smidge of two percent.

Off Daniel.. eyeing those surprisingly well-organized pens.