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ACT ONE

FADE IN:

INT. ANDREW'S OFFICE - LATER (DAY 1)
(AMY, ANDREW, BERT)

ANDREW IS AT HIS DESK. AMY ENTERS.

* Revised

be a Gentleman

Sharet

AMY

Someone named Bert called.

ANDREW

Bert's my personal trainer. He's an artist. (RE: HIS BODY) And this is his canvas.

AMY

And your mother called-- she needs a check for forty dollars if you want to stay on her Triple-A account.

ANDREW

That... sounds like a wrong number.

AMY

And Triple-A called. They want to know where to send you and your mother's new cards.

ANDREW

(SMALL) Here is fine. Thank you Amy.

SFX: THE PHONE RINGS. OUT OF HABIT, ANDREW REACHES FOR IT.

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	AMY	
× ×	I'll get it. It's kind of my job.	,
# # #	(ANSWERING PHONE) Andrew Carlson's	,
: :	office Oh, hello, Mr. Barksdale.	7
ANDREW:	DOES THE "I DON'T WANT TO TALK TO HIM" GESTURE.	•
Sal.	AMY	۲
(A)	(INTO PHONE) Let me see if I can get	,
	him.	7
SHE STA	RTS TO SING HOLD MUSIC INTO THE PHONE, THEN:	1
	AMY	,
	(INTO PHONE) He's going to have to	ž
ÎE	call you back.	2
SHE HAN	GS UP.	7
90 94 90 90	ANDREW	7
(80.	You just sang the hold music. Did you	7
	used to work for Dick Bergen?	,
(A) (B)	AMY	,
i i	Yeah, how'd you	7
× *	ANDREW	
* 9°	You're Amy from Dick's office! I used	7
	to be Tom Bock's assistant.	4
A.P.	AMY	*
68	Oh, my God. I can't believe you're	5
41	Andy from Tom's office.	-
	ANDREW	7
100	Your fake hold music was legendary.	, ·



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AMY	& ² *
You used to harmonize	with it. *
AMY SINGS SOME HOLD MUSIC.	ANDREW HARMONIZES. *
ANDREW	· *
Anyway, it's great to	finally put a
face to the music.	151015
AMY RY THE MOMENT I ATTER B	ERT ENTERS, HOLDING A HUMIDOR. *
BERT	
. Andrew my mandrew!	*
AUDREW	
I don't like it.	*
BERT	*
I was in the neighbor	thood buying a new *
humidor. Thought I'd	l say "hey," and *
maybe grab some offic	ce supplies. *
ANDREW	Ŷ.
Bert, you can't just	take things from *
the office. It's ste	ealing. *
BERT	*
It's built into the p	orice of the *
magazine.	*
ANDREW	*
(RE: HUMIDOR) I didr	't know you smoke. *
BER	**
I don't. I just have	one cigar. A *
Cuban my dad gave me	for my eighth *
birthday.	*

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MIKE	*
Never mind then.	*
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<pre>INT. ANDREW'S OFFICE - NIGHT (NIGHT 1) (ANDREW, JERRY, AMY, BERT V.O., MIKE V.O.)</pre>	***************
ANDREW ENTERS AND SITS AT HIS DESK. SOMETHI	NG'S WRONG. *
ANDREW	*
Where are my pencils? (PANICKING)	*
Where are my pencils? (PANICKING) Where are my pencils?!	*
AMY (O.S.)	ske
They're in your top drawer.	*
ANDREW TURNS AROUND TO SEE AMY.	**
ANDREW	*
Just so you know, I'm very particula	r *
about my pencils and I keep them in	a *
cup, which should be right here.	*
AMY	*
I don't believe in the pencil cup.	If *
you keep the pencils points up, you	*
stick yourself, if you keep them	* *
points down, they break. Instead, I	. *
put them in your new desk caddy.	**
SHE OPENS HIS TOP DESK DRAWER, REVEALING HIS PENCILS.	NEATLY ARRANGED *
ANDREW	*
(AMAZED) Who are you?	, ,

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£2 1594 138	AMY	2
- N	I'm sort of an organization freak.	ź
2 î 9	Although, I hate the word "freak." It	ý
<u>8</u> 9	implies I have some sort of disorder.	i
¥.	ANDREW	Þ
\$1 \$1	I know! I feel the exact same way.	Ą
SHE MOV IT BACK	ES A CUP ONE INCH TO THE LEFT ON HIS DESK. HE MOVES	4
*	ANDREW	Ą
e	Anyway, I should get to work. I need	+
•	to find a thousand word article to	,
e ± **	recycle by tomorrow. It has to be	7
	something that no one will remember.	4
:	AMY	4
,	What about that great article you did	4
	a couple years ago, "One Hundred Myths	4
9 9	About Hand Sanitizer?"	¥
*	ANDREW	*
	Too controversial. You wouldn't	*
	believe how many e-mails I got about	*
) 	that one. (THEN) Seven.	*
AMY LAU	GHS.	*
- 151 - 25	ANDREW	*
	How do you know about that article?	*

I guess I'm just a fan of your work. It's part of what inspired me to want to become a writer. And to throw away my hand sanitizer.

ANDREW

AMY

You want to be a writer?

YMA

If you want, maybe sometime I could show you my stuff.

ANDREW

I don't think that's appropriate.

AMY

It's not appropriate for my boss to look at my writing?

ANDREW

Oh, your writing. Yeah, it's probably best if I didn't. But if you want, I can forward it to Jerry.

AMY

You'd do that? I'll send them to you tonight. Thank you so much!

ANDREW

Not a problem. Just doing what any boss would do for his assistant in a typical professional relationship.

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AMY

Also, I proofed your article from last

week--

ANDREW

You didn't need to do that. I proof all of my own articles.

AMY

Well, it had a typo.

ANDREW

That's impossible.

SHE HANDS HIM THE ARTICLE AND POINTS OUT THE TYPO.

ANDREW

(AGHAST) My god. The wrong "its."

AMY

Sorry, I'm a huge grammar snob.

ANDREW

I'm a huge grammar snob.

/EMD

Wow. It seems like we have a lot in

common.

ANDREW AND AMY HAVE A MOMENT.

AND REW

You know, I think I have a good handle on things here. You can head home.

AMY

Are you sure? I'm happy to stay and help. Whatever you need.

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START

ANDREW

Amy! I'm so glad I caught you.

AMY

Andrew, is everything okay? Bert rushed out of here so fast. Is his friend Stogie alright?

ANDREW

He's fine. He's a cigar. (THEN)

Amy, I have to tell you something.

I've never met anyone as obsessed with

grammar as I. You got me to rethink

my stance on pencil cups, and I've never met a woman with whom I've been able to harmonize so well.

AMY

(HARMONIZING) Neither have I.

ANDREW

(HARMONIZING) I...

AMY LAUGHS.

ANDREW

Anyway, I'm sure this is a really bad idea. But I really like you and...
I'd love to go out with you.

AMY

Oh my god, I feel the exact same way.

ANDREW

(EXCITED) You do?

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