

Mock Sides: Original Scripts for Workshop Actors

HUMAN RESOURCE

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Characters:

Mike, late 20's

Greg Hancock, 40+

Synopsis:

Greg Hancock pays the new Director of H.R. a visit, only to be subjected to Mike's weird sense of humor.

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INT. HUMAN RESOURCES - DAY

Mike Turner sits at his new desk with a stack of files. He is reading one file with extreme intensity.

We hear a quick couple knocks on the door before GREG HANCOCK enters. He is an executive manager within the firm.

HANCOCK

Mr. Turner.

Turner gets up and greets him with usual enthusiastic demeanor.

MIKE

Oh, hi. You are...

HANCOCK

Greg Hancock, Director of Finance.

MIKE

Of course. Mr. Hancock.

HANCOCK

Please, call me Greg.

MIKE

Yeah, Hancock
(goes back to search his
files)
Hancock ...Hancock, Greg.

He finds Hancock's file.

MIKE

Here we go. Been with the company
since 1992. Wow, twenty years.
That's awesome.
(beat)
So, what brings you by?

HANCOCK

Just wanted to welcome aboard the
new Director of H.R.

MIKE

Thanks. Please, have a seat.

They both sit.

HANCOCK

I have to tell you, I was a little
surprised Mr. Mitchell hired such a
young man.

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MIKE

Really? Why's that?

HANCOCK

Well, Mr. Mitchell ...he's always been ...you know, 'old school'.

MIKE

Uh huh.

(writing in Hancock's
file)

Old school.

HANCOCK

He told me about your philosophy. What do you call it, your "gut-force" philosophy? Very interesting.

MIKE

Yeah, I follow my gut. The candidate's qualifications are important, but I always go with my gut. It's never let me down.

HANCOCK

Oh, I see. I guess that's a good quality.

MIKE

(still writing)

You guess? Uh huh.

HANCOCK

So, I see you're a note-taker. Another good quality.

MIKE

Allow me to ask a company veteran like yourself a question.

HANCOCK

Of course, happy to share my experience.

MIKE

If you were a caterpillar in it's cocoon, would you come out a butterfly, or a moth?

HANCOCK

I'm sorry?

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MIKE

(begins to write again)
Sorry ...Uh huh.

HANCOCK

I suppose I would be a...

MIKE

If you had a super power, what
would it be?

HANCOCK

Is this that new profile test Mr.
Mitchell was talking about?

MIKE

No, it's not. Answer the question,
please.

HANCOCK

Well, I never really thought about
it.

MIKE

Uh huh.
(beat)
If you had access to all the
financial accounts and were able to
take money out and hide it, would
you?

HANCOCK

I do have access to all the
accounts. I'm head of the finance
department...

MIKE

I'm sorry, Greg, but I have to let
you go.

HANCOCK

Let me go?
(beat)
Oh, Mr. Mitchell said you had a
weird sense of humor.

MIKE

I don't, and I'm not joking now.

HANCOCK

Excuse me? You're firing me? You
can't do that.

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MIKE

Yes I can.

HANCOCK

No you can't.

MIKE

I can if I have Mr. Mitchell's approval.

HANCOCK

Do you have his approval?

MIKE

No.

Hancock stands up. Turner stands up to match.

HANCOCK

Well, good luck getting it.

MIKE

(laughing)

Wait. I was just joking. You're not fired.

(beat)

That's just how I interview candidates. Only, I don't fire them, cause they aren't hired yet, I just tell them to get the hell out of my office. If they run, I don't call them back. If they stand up to me, they get a second interview.

HANCOCK

I see.

MIKE

Hey, you know where the bathroom's are around here?

HANCOCK

Down the hall and on the left.

MIKE

Thanks.

(laughing)

You would get a second interview.

Mike exits leaving Hancock confused.

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