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(CALLAHAN)

YOUR EMPLOYMENT WILL BE VERY QUICKLY ENDED ONCE THEY SEE HOW YOUR EMOTIONS MAKE YOU WEAK.

SO WHAT'S MY POINT? I RUN A BILLION-DOLLAR LAW FIRM.
AND I HIRE FOUR NEW INTERNS EV'RY YEAR.
FROM THIS CLASS I WILL SELECT
FOUR YOUNG SHARKS WHOM I RESPECT,
AND THOSE FOUR WILL HAVE A GUARANTEED CAREER.
DO YOU FOLLOW ME?
SO I WANNA SEE...WHAT?

CLASS

(nervously)

BLOOD IN THE WATER?

CALLAHAN

STUDENTS

EXACTLY.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN.

FOUR OF YOU WILL WIN...

SUT JUST THOSE FOUR

WITH A DORSAL FIN.

YES! BLOOD IN THE WATER

SO BITE AND SCRATCH AND

CLAW...

MM...

OO...OO...

YMM...

YES! BLOOD IN

YES! BLOOD IN THE WATER

AH AH AH AH AH AH AH

AH!

CALLAHAN notices ELLE in the front row, waving her hand.

CALLAHAN

(glancing at the front row)

Yes. Ms...?

FLLE

(brightly)

Woods. Elle Woods.

CALLAHAN

Someone's had their morning coffee. Would you summarize the case of State of Indiana v. Hearne from your reading, please.

ELLE

Oh, I wanted to answer the puppy question.

CALLAHAN

But I'm asking you about the assigned reading.

Okay, who assigns reading for the first day of class? Some of the class laugh, but most flinch. CALLAHAN turns slowly.

CALLAHAN

You have guts, Ms. Woods. (To VIVIENNE)

Ms...Kensington...

LET US SAY YOU TEACH A CLASS AT HARVARD LAW SCHOOL – A POSITION THAT YOU'RE JUSTLY PROUD ABOUT. BUT A GIRL ON WHOM YOU CALL

HASN'T READ THE CASE AT ALL. SHOULD YOU LET IT GO, OR -

VIVIENNE

NO. I'D THROW HER OUT.

Class gasps. CALLAHAN smiles and turns to ELLE.

STUDENTS CALLAHAN

00H... ...ALRIGHT THEN: YOU HEARD YOUR CLASSMATE

00H... YOU HAVE JUST BEEN KILLED

SHE CUT YOUR THROAT,

OOH...OOH.. SO GRAB YOUR COAT,

BUT NOW THEY'RE SPILLED! YES, YOU'VE GOT GUTS, BUT NOW THEY'RE SPILLED!

YOUR... BLOOD'S IN THE WATER, YOUR...BLOOD'S IN THE WATER HA HA HA

HA HA HA HA! SO WOULD YOU PLEASE

WITHDRAW?

AND IF YOU RETURN,

BE READY TO LEARN.

...OR IS THAT UNFAIR?

...OH WAIT: I DON'T CARE!

THAT'S JUST HOW I RULE,

IN LIFE AS IN SCHOOL, WITH FEAR AND SHOCK AND AWE!

YOU'RE NOTHING UNTIL

00H...

OOH AH AH AWE!

BLOOD IN THE WATER

THE THRILL OF THE KILL

CALLAHAN

Ms. Woods, could I have a word?

ELLE

Of course.

(to EMMETT as he exits)

I'll catch up with you in a second.

(back to CALLAHAN)

And thank you, Professor Callahan, for what you said before. It meant a lot.

CALLAHAN

You deserved it. But don't tell the other law students I said so. I have a scary reputation to uphold.

ELLE laughs.

ELLE

Don't worry: your secret's safe with me.

CALLAHAN laughs.

But I really appreciate this opportunity to work with you. I've learned so much...

CALLAHAN

What you've learned isn't the point. You've got instincts.

WARNER appears in the doorway holding a coffee. He takes a step back, slightly hiding himself so he can overhear.

And instincts, legal or otherwise, can't be taught. Trust your instincts.

He kisses her. VIVIENNE approaches as Warner exits. ELLE slaps Callahan, and Vivenne quietly shuts the door.

I thought you were smarter than that..

ELLE

Is this the only reason why you gave me an internship?

CALLAHAN

It's been nice working with you, Ms. Woods. You can show yourself out.

- Legally: Blowde

ELLE leaves the office. VIVIENNE is standing there as WARNER approaches again.

WARNER

Well, hel-lo Marilyn! Looks like you'll make partner now. You've really earned it. VIVIENNE elbows him. ELLE can only shake her head.

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