

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND BULLYING

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INT. OFFICE: MEETING ROOM

ANNA, dressed in smart casual attire, is sitting at a meeting table. PETE, the boss, enters with some other office workers. He brushes past her to take his seat, and puts his hands on her back.

PETE  
Coming through.

ANNA  
(nervously)  
Sorry.

PETE  
Anna! Looking good.

PETE gives ANNA a wink, then starts the meeting.

PETE (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Thanks everyone for coming. I want  
to talk today about profits.

FADE TO:

INT. OFFICE: ANNA'S DESK - LATER THAT DAY

ANNA is filing letters, paper and mail. PETE approaches and speaks for the whole office to hear.

PETE  
Anna... Anna! Are those files ready  
yet?

ANNA  
I'm doing it now.

PETE  
Not good enough, Anna. You are slow  
and lazy! Stay behind and finish  
it. We're all going out to lunch.

ANNA  
What? Everyone?

PETE  
Yes, everyone! Except you.

An OFFICE WORKER giggles in the background.

ANNA  
This is the third time you've made  
me miss lunch this month!

PETE  
Well, learn to work faster and you  
can come out to lunch too.

PETE and the other OFFICE WORKERS head out to lunch, leaving ANNA to complete the files.

FADE TO

INT. OFFICE: ANNA'S DESK - AFTER LUNCH

PETE and the OFFICE WORKERS have returned from lunch after a couple of beers.

PETE  
(telling a story)  
And he was like, "Hey, you can't  
talk to me like that".

PETE laughs hysterically at his own story as the OFFICE WORKERS return to their desks.

PETE (CONT'D)  
(to one of the OFFICE  
WORKERS)  
Next one's on you, man.

PETE then notices ANNA. He goes over and sits on ANNA's desk, grabs her by the shoulders and starts massaging her.

PETE (CONT'D)  
Anna! Sweetheart! Have you been  
working all this time?

ANNA  
(very uncomfortably)  
Yes. You told me it was urgent

PETE  
Leave it 'til Monday.

ANNA  
I want to finish it today.

PETE  
(intensifying the massage)  
Hey - you need to relax.

ANNA  
(standing up, scared)  
I'm just going to get a glass of  
water.

She leaves.

INT. OFFICE: KITCHENETTE - MOMENTS LATER

RICKI, a kind looking co-worker, notices ANNA by the water cooler. RICKI approaches ANNA and grabs a glass of water.

RICKI  
Anna, are you ok?

ANNA  
I'm fine.

RICKI  
You know, you don't have to put up  
with it.

ANNA  
(shrugging her shoulders)  
But he's the boss... And it's just  
his way.

RICKI  
No, actually it's bullying... and  
sexual harassment. Have you spoken  
to HR? Or a different manager?

ANNA  
But I really need this job, Ricki.

RICKI  
You can't get fired for reporting  
harassment. There's laws to protect  
you. I've had the same problem.  
Speak to HR head office, they can  
make this stop.

ANNA  
But I feel so ashamed. I don't want  
my friends and family to know about  
this.

RICKI  
That's ok. You can go to a  
community legal centre. It's  
strictly confidential and they can  
give you all the information to  
help you make a decision.

RICKI smiles and leaves. ANNA, somewhat comforted, considers  
RICKI's advice.