

INT. OFFICE - DAY

LISA sits behind her desk. DOMINICK enters.

LISA

Domenico, have a seat. I got some good news. The probate judge decided to drop the criminal charges against your brother. You know, the weapons thing.

DOMINICK

That's great.

LISA

That's fantastic. Now we got some bad news. Your brother has been released to the custody of the Psychiatric Security Review Board, and they've been known to be pretty aggressive with their sentencing, and headline grabbers like your brother, they tend to be at a disadvantage when it comes to that. The other thing that scares me more than that, they've already scheduled his hearing.

DOMINICK

For when?

LISA

Wednesday, the 31st.

DOMINICK

That's... this Wednesday.

LISA

Yes, it is. Happy Halloween.

DOMINICK

So that, that could be good though, right? I mean, he might be outta here.

LISA

Well, I don't know about that. Usually I'm screaming about how inefficient everything is, and now, it's their efficiency that's really making me wonder what the hell's going on.

DOMINICK

I'll tell ya, if this is some kind of fuckin' bag job where they're just... they're just ramming this through to lock him up and throw away the key, I'm gonna raise holy hell.

LISA

I need you to advocate for your brother

to get him out of here. I don't want you to tell everybody that I said that, but between you and me, I think he needs to be outta here.

DOMINICK

What happened? I mean, last week, you-you thought this place was the best place in the world for him, and now, now you think he should be out of here.

LISA

Yeah.

DOMINICK

Why?

LISA

Because I saw him. I saw him, Dominick. He's... he's having a real hard time here.

DOMINICK

Okay.

Everyone can see it. He's so passive. He gets picked on all the time. And there are some real criminals here. You know, your brother is not one of 'em. He's a gentle soul.

DOMINICK

Yeah, you wanna know what sucks about this whole security clearance bullshit?

LISA

What?

DOMINICK

The way I'm not allowed to see my own brother.

LISA

Your clearance will be here any day.

This can be a very challenging environment for paranoid schizophrenics. It really can,

I think an environment with less of a security focus would be so much better for him.

DOMINICK

Which is what exactly I was trying to tell you all from the very beginning.

LISA

I know you did.

DOMINICK

And you didn't wanna listen to me!

LISA

Dominick, Dominick.

DOMINICK

You didn't listen to me.

LISA

I'm listening now, and you know what? You're the smartest boy in the class. Right. You get a gold star on the way out. Okay?

DOMINICK

Ha, ha.

LISA

I am on your team now.

. We have to make up a plan for you. Something that we can follow, like a road map. 'Cause your hot Sicilian blood, it's not doin' us any good.

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LISA (CONT'D)

You gotta be calm, cool, and
collected inside the hearing. We go
in boom, boom, boom,
boom. We get him out
And you know how we're gonna do
that?
You're gonna write a script.

She grabs a legal pad and pen and hands it to him.

DOMINICK

A script.

LISA

A script of what we're gonna say at
the hearing.

DOMINICK

Can I, can I trust you?

LISA

You can, Dominick. You can. Write
it down.

DOMINICK

What do I say?

LISA

Start with your feelings about your
brother.
How that one incident doesn't
define him. You know. Write what's
in your heart.