

INT. OFFICE - DAY

BRANSON sits in his office, goofing off. SARA enters.

BRANSON

Sandra! Good to see you! Take a seat, please.

SARA

It's Sara...

BRANSON

Oh!

(beat)

Of course. Now, Sandra, I received a surprising letter from your manager this morning. Quite surprising, yes.

SARA

You mean-

BRANSON

It's rude to cut people off.

(a beat)

Your supervisor seems to think you are "qualified for immediate promotion to senior manager."

SARA

I've been working extremely hard-

BRANSON

Sandra! Before today, I'd never even heard of you. But you seem to have what it takes to make it to the top.

He looks at her, waiting for a response. There is a weird pause while she wonders if she's allowed to speak this time.

SARA

Yes, I'm the first one in the office and the last one out, I'm managing sixteen projects-

BRANSON

That's precisely the problem!

You're too much of an

(making air quotes)

"Over achiever." Do you know what time I get into the office? Ten am. Do you know how many projects I manage? I have no idea.

(MORE)

BRANSON (CONT'D)

Bottom line, I don't promote over-achievers. I don't want to let someone like you make me look bad.

Branson smiles.

BRANSON (CONT'D)

I'm happy to write you a recommendation elsewhere, Sandra.

SARA

Sara-

BRANSON

(making a mental note, as if writing the rec)

Oh, does not follow directions...

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