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"An Impressive First Impression"

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5 INT. OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

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SCOTT
Let's give you a tour!

Scott gives Stephan a tour of the office, leading into the gaming room.

SCOTT (CONT'D)
So, on the right you'll see our offices.
I'll get you acquainted with yours soon.
This is the gaming room--

Scott opens the door to reveal extremely loud hentai noises coming from the TV and an unconscious Lani on the couch.

SCOTT (CONT'D)
Nick! ...NICK! NICHOLAS!

LANI
(wakes up)
I'm up! What's up?

SCOTT
New guy!

LANI
Oh!

Lani shuts off the hentai on the TV.

LANI (CONT'D)
Welcome to Team Four Star, Newbie!

6 LANI TALKING HEAD

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LANI
Yo! My name's Nick "Lanipator" Landis,
but everybody calls me Lani. And I'm the
Co-CEO.

SCOTT (O.C.)
No.

LANI
Vice-CEO.

SCOTT (O.C.)
Not a thing!

LANI
Assistant CEO?

SCOTT
...Whatever.

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Lani grins at the camera.

LANI
Assistant CEO!

7 INT. OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

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SCOTT
I was just giving the New Guy a tour of
the office.

LANI
Ooh! Me too!

They make their way back to the entryway.

SCOTT
So we have our recording room right
here--

LANI
Have you shown him the gold play button
yet?

SCOTT
I didn't get around to that, no.

LANI
You gotta lead with the button, dude!
It'll make him jizz his pants! Look at
this, Newbie!

Lani rushes over to the Gold Play Button and motions toward
it proudly.

STEPHAN
Uh, yeah. It's nice.

LANI
Yeah!

STEPHAN
Pants still intact, but it's nice.

LANI
That makes one of us.

When Kirran and Grant walk in.

SCOTT
Kirran, Grant! Team Meeting in thirty
minutes!

GRANT
What's with the cameras?

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KIRRAN
And the little pale boy?

SCOTT
That's why we have meetings guys!

8 KIRRAN AND GRANT TALKING HEAD

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TITLE: Kirran Somerlade - Idea Guy

TITLE: William Grant Smith - Concept Person

[Improvised introduction talking about how good they are at coming up with ideas.]

9 INT. OFFICE

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They walk into the kitchen.

SCOTT
Over here we have our kitchen.

LANI
For foodstuffs.

STEPHAN
Yeah, I figured.

Zito bursts in, bleeding from a bullet wound his arm.

STEPHAN (CONT'D)
Jesus! Is he okay?!

SCOTT
Really, Zito? Again?

ZITO
What I do in my off hours is my own
goddamn business, Scott!

Zito grabs some booze from a hiding spot and uses it to sterilize the wound.

SCOTT
Zito, you better clean this up! This is where we eat dude.

LANI
Yeah, that's pretty unsanitary.

ZITO
I GOT IT!

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Zito shoves his wallet between his teeth and rips out the bullet with his bare hands, screaming, then staples paper towels to his arm as a makeshift bandage.

After a moment to wind down, panting, he finally notices Stephan.

ZITO (CONT'D)
Who the fuck is this?
(notices cameras)
Who the fuck are they?

10 ZITO TALKING HEAD

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ZITO
Hey. Name's Zito. Just Zito.

Silence.

TYLER (O.S.)
So, uh... what do you do around here?

ZITO
(suspiciously)
Who wants to know?

11 INT. MEETING ROOM - LATER

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Scott and Lani stand, everyone else sits.

SCOTT
Alright, everybody, we're forgoing the usual Monday Huddle because we have a few special announcements. First off, meet the new guy: New Guy!

Scott claps softly, Lani claps way too loud, nobody else claps.

ZITO
Another one?

SCOTT
Yes, another one. And you guys better be nice to him. I don't want another incident like last time.

LANI
That was an accident!

STEPHAN
Uh-- what happened last time?

LANI
Are you allergic to peanuts?

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STEPHAN

No?

LANI

I didn't finish-- Peanut butter lube?

Stephan looks worried.

ZITO

Alright, enough bullshit. What's with the cameras?

SCOTT

Oh! For the foreseeable future a documentary crew has been hired to follow us around and film everything we do!

ZITO

...Why?12 LANI/SCOTT TALKING HEAD

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LANI

You know how I'm charming, and handsome, and all-around pleasant to behold?

SCOTT

And a total pain in my ass?

LANI

He's just mad that he didn't think of it first.

SCOTT

Nick decided to book a camera crew to follow us around and make a docuseries about our lives without asking me.

AND PAID A FULL YEAR IN ADVANCE.

LANI

(smiling)

I'm not allowed to have the company card anymore.

13 INT. MEETING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

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LANI

Forget about that, what matters is we're gonna make some lemonade out of these sour grapes!

STEPHAN

Don't we need to sign waivers for that?

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LANI

Words of a man who didn't read his
employee contract!

SCOTT

Right, so the main thing is we want you
guys on your best behavior! We need you
to do everything you can to make sure
the team looks professional and
impressive.

GRANT

Say no more, boss!

KIRRAN

Your best boys are on the job!

Scott looks the opposite of comforted.

14 INT. OFFICE 2

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[Kirran and Grant talk about how they can make the company
seem impressive. They decide to do something really dumb that
they think is impressive.]

15 INT. BATHROOM

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Lani sits at his desk.

LANI

Welcome to my office! As the unofficial,
unelected, undeniable leader of this
company-- some might even say "king" --
I of course get first prima nocta of
office spaces. A conventional ruler
would have picked a boring room with a
carpet and a window. But not me! An
unconventional monarch deserves an
unconventional castle... with a
porcelain throne.

The camera pulls back to show Lani in the bathroom.

A new angle reveals Stephan and Scott looking in.

STEPHAN

And you guys just...?

SCOTT

We just sort of walk in and use it
whenever. You get used to it.

STEPHAN

...Do you?

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ZITO

Rule C: You ever need anything, you let me know... I got a guy.

STEPHAN

...A guy for what?

ZITO

RULE ONE!

STEPHAN

You know what, I think I'm gonna go respect Rule Two over here.

Stephan exits.

18 EXT. [IMPROVISED STUFF]

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[Kirran and Grant do more of the thing.]

19 INT. BATHROOM - CONTINUOUS

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Lani notices Stephan walking by the bathroom.

LANI

Oh, hey! Newbie!

STEPHAN

Still not my name.

LANI

Noted. Step into my office.

Stephan does.

LANI (CONT'D)

Please, take a seat.

Lani motions to the toilet. Stephan awkwardly sits as best he can.

LANI (CONT'D)

So, it seems like you're not comfortable.

Stephan adjusts uncomfortably on the toilet.

STEPHAN

Yeah, you could say that.

LANI

Don't interrupt, it's rude. I just want you to know that if you have any questions, I'm here to answer them for you.

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Silence.

STEPHAN

Oh--! Was that--? I can talk now?

LANI

Yes, you have permission to speak. Ask me anything!

STEPHAN

Okay, uh... what exactly does everybody do around here--?

LANI

(cutting him off)

Here's the thing: I know you'll eventually find your place with us. Because I believe in you.

STEPHAN

...Okay.

LANI

With time, it'll feel like you've been working here forever. That's my promise to you, as your boss.

STEPHAN

Well... that's very nice, and I appreciate the confidence, but... I'm pretty sure you're not my boss.

Lani keeps smiling, but there's hurt behind his eyes.

LANI

You are dismissed.

STEPHAN

Oh, uh, okay.

Stephan gets up from the toilet and, after a moment of awkward hesitation, flushes it.

20 LANI TALKING HEAD

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LANI

Some leaders aren't appreciated in their time, but history remembers them: King Henry the Eighth, Napoleon Bonaparte, Richard Nixon... Nick "Lanipator" Landis.

You heard it here first.

21 INT. KITCHEN - MOMENTS LATER

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Stephan walks through, pretty dejected. Scott makes himself coffee.

SCOTT

Thank you, Mr. Coffee!

(whispered)

I love you.

(noticed Stephan, is
embarrassed)

Uh-- hey, New Guy! How's the first day?

STEPHAN

Honestly?

SCOTT

Yeah!

STEPHAN

Not great.

SCOTT

That makes sense. If I were you I'd quit.

STEPHAN

What?

Scott pulls out a flask and fills the coffee cup with it.

SCOTT

I'd quit! You think I'm CEO because I want to be? I stumbled into forming a business in the most unstable of industries and ended up as CEO basically due to process of elimination. If I could leave I'd do it in a heartbeat.

I have multiple plans where all the company's bank accounts get mysteriously cleaned out around the same time as the cops find a charred body with a needle in its arm and dental records indistinguishable from my own... But I've never done it. Because I have a responsibility to everyone here. But you? You can be free.

STEPHAN

I'll... take that into consideration.

SCOTT

It's up to you. But don't take the "Charred Junkie" plan, that's mine.

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 Scott sips his coffee.

22 SCOTT TALKING HEAD 22
 Sips coffee.

SCOTT

I know what you're thinking, but trust me: that was a challenge. It's Reverse Psychology 101!

...Okay, they don't teach classes on Reverse Psychology specifically, just Psychology.

Anyway-- the point is: he's going to rise to the occasion. He won't quit.

23 INT. LOUNGE AREA - LATER 23

Stephan prints out a piece of paper that says in big letters "I QUIT."

STEPHAN

(to camera)

I feel like I have to be really blunt with these people.

Kirran and Grant enter, whiteboard and picture in-hand, looking depressed. Stephan sees them.

STEPHAN (CONT'D)

(nervously)

Uh, hey guys! You alright?

KIRRAN

Yeah.

GRANT

(sighs heavily)

Stephan

Cool, I was just... Do you want to talk about it?

GRANT

Do you like this picture?

Grant shows Stephan the picture.

STEPHAN

Uh... yeah. It's a good picture.

KIRRAN

It is?!

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STEPHAN

...Yes?

GRANT

Your inflection is kinda throwing me off there, but I'll take it!

KIRRAN

It's a good picture!

GRANT

It's a great picture!

KIRRAN

We're impressive!

Kirran and Grant high five. Kirran hugs Stephan abruptly.

STEPHAN

Oh, okay! That was sudden.

GRANT

What's your name, again?

STEPHAN

Stephan.

GRANT

Stephan, got it! We won't forget it!

KIRRAN

You're the best New Guy yet!

Kirran and Grant exit. Stephan looks uplifted. He tears up the resignation letter.

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STEPHAN TALKING HEAD

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STEPHAN

So, this place is weird.

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INT. ENTRYWAY

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Slow-Mo: Kirran and Grant tell Scott about their plan, he seems to be placating them. Zito walks in, is shown the pictures, tears it in half to Kirran and Grant's dismay. Lani is stirred from sleep from behind the couch.

STEPHAN (V.O.)

But, you know, it's interesting. And these guys are... not normal, but I don't think they're bad guys. I'm not sure where I fit in just yet, but I think I'll learn. I'm gonna stay.

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We see Stephan approach the front door to leave. He looks back at the office, smiling.. After a beat a rabid squirrel flies at Stephan's face from off-camera.

END OF EPISODE