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INT. OUTER OFFICE/DANNY AND NOAH'S OFFICE - MOMENTS LATER
(DAY 1)

(DANNY, MELANIE, TESSA)

Start
TESSA IS TALKING INTO HER BLACKBERRY.

TESSA

(INTO PHONE) You're wrong. You're wrong. You're not even... forget it. I am so over you. I'll talk to you however I want. I do not like your attitude. Put Daddy on. (BEAT) FYI, Mom hates me. Yes, she does. Yes, she does. She told me I'm not smart enough to work for writers. But I'm going to show her. Daddy, thank you so much for getting me this interview. I like this place and I think they like me.

MELANIE RETURNS. TESSA NOTICES.

TESSA (CONT'D)

Ooh, I got go. I love you, too. (TO MELANIE, WARMLY) Hi.

MELANIE

Hi. Tessa, I like you. I've never actually met anyone like you, but I need --

TESSA CUTS MELANIE OFF. SHE UNDERSTANDS REJECTION TOO WELL.

TESSA

It's okay. It's okay. Don't worry about it. (THEN, REALIZING) Hey, I got dumped.

MELANIE

Listen, I think you're a really cool person --

TESSA

-- but probably not smart enough to do this. Don't sweat it. I'm sure I'll be able to get something in L.A.

MELANIE

Yeah, it'll be better in L.A. You'll be closer to your mom and dad.

TESSA

Yeah. Yeah.

MELANIE

Anyway, I've got to go -- (INDICATING DANNY)

TESSA

Right, right. Do your thing.

MELANIE

Take care, Tessa.

TESSA

You too, M.

MELANIE TURNS TO GO INTO THE OFFICE.

TESSA (CONT'D)

Melanie?

MELANIE

Yeah?

TESSA

I want you to have this.

TESSA HANDS MELANIE A PLASTIC HEADBAND.

MELANIE

Why are you --

TESSA

All day your hair's been in your face.
And I just think you have a really
pretty face, and I bet Danny would,
too.

MELANIE

Why would I care about that?

TESSA

Just take it. I have like a million
of 'em.

MELANIE PUTS THE HEADBAND ON. SHE DOES LOOK BETTER WITH HER
HAIR PUSHED BACK.

MELANIE

Well, thanks.

TESSA

(SWEET) Well, you're welcome.

RESET TO:

INT. DANNY AND NOAH'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS
(DANNY, MELANIE)

DANNY SITS AT HIS DESK, STARING DEJECTEDLY AT THE SIGNED
DIVORCE PAPERS IN FRONT OF HIM. MELANIE ENTERS.

MELANIE

(GENTLY) Did you sign them?

DANNY SHAKES HIS HEAD "YES."

MELANIE (CONT'D)

Can I take them now?

DANNY SHAKES HIS HEAD AGAIN.

MELANIE (CONT'D)

Danny, I'm sorry you're going through
this.

DANNY LOOKS UP AND STARES AT MELANIE CURIOUSLY.

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