

WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS, LARRY. I'VE WATCHED YOU GO FROM ASSISTANT TO EXECUTIVE IN RECORD TIME.

YOU'VE BECOME THE KIND OF CONFIDANT THAT I REALLY NEEDED HERE. WE BOTH KNOW I'M NOT A NATURAL AT THIS. I KNOW IT'S BEEN MORE THAN A LITTLE FRUSTRATING FOR YOU.

BUT THERE WAS A REASON FOR ALL OF IT. FOR A LONG TIME, THIS WHOLE THING WAS SIMPLY A MEANS TO AN END...

... I WAS DEALING WITH SOMETHING A LITTLE MORE INTENSE.

LITERALLY A DOUBLE-LIFE.

AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, IT TOOK A LOT OF FOCUS ON MY PART. BUT THERE WAS A GREATER GOOD...

SO... YEAH, THERE IT IS.

MAYBE THIS EXPLAINS A LOT FOR YOU... I DON'T KNOW. I DO KNOW IT'S A SECRET I HAD TO KEEP AT THE TIME.

BUT NOW... I FEEL LIKE IT'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ME. ABOUT MY LIFE.

MAYBE MOVING FORWARD, WE CAN...

LARRY...?


WHAT'S... THE MATTER WITH YOU...?

- HMPF -









LOOK, YOU DID A FINE JOB COVERING YOUR TRACKS. YOU TOOK FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE GENERAL APATHY THAT MOST PEOPLE FELT TOWARD YOU...

SOMETHING I'M SURE YOU ENCOURAGED.

BUT I WAS WATCHING A LITTLE CLOSER...




- I KNOW THIS IS AN IMPORTANT VOTE, BUT I... HAVE A LUNCH THING I NEED TO GET TO...

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...



WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR FACE, MISTER COOKE...?

I... CUT MYSELF SHAVING, THAT'S ALL.



WHAT IS THIS, EXACTLY? FEELS WARM...

OH... SOMEONE FROM R&D LEFT THAT UP HERE.

THINK IT'S SOME SORT OF CIGARETTE LIGHTER...



... SO, YEAH, I FIGURED IT OUT.

IF I HADN'T, I WOULD HOPE YOU'D HAVE FIRED ME FOR BEING SO BLIND TO THE OBVIOUS.



WHEN YOU CAME BACK, I KNEW IT WAS OVER. YOU WERE DONE. SO WHY PUSH IT...?

THERE ARE STILL THINGS TO DO, AND YOU CAN DO THEM... RIGHT HERE.

YOU KNOW YOU CAN TRUST ME, SO LET'S JUST GET BACK TO WORK, OKAY...?