

"HOUSE OF CARDS" JEANNINE/ZOE

EXT. NEWSROOM - DAY

Jeannine has been waiting in the hall behind a wall. Zoe moves swiftly down the hall and then...

JEANNINE

Where are you getting this shit?

ZOE

What.

JEANNINE

Your stories.

ZOE

I was just...

JEANNINE

Who are you fucking?

ZOE

Nobody.

JEANNINE

Oh come on, you're a metro scrub and now look at you. You'd have to be fucking somebody important.

ZOE

I'm just doing my job
Jeannine, excuse me...

A beat. The women size each other up.

Jeannine walks toward a door.

ZOE (CONT'D)

Jeannine...

JEANNINE

Keep walking Zoe, I really don't want to talk to you right now.

Zoe follows Jeannine into her office.

ZOE

It's not like I asked him for it.
He just called me into his office
and -

JEANNINE

Oh please, you've been gunning for my job since the day you bounced in here with a lollypop in your mouth.

Jeannine starts packing her office, moving papers and books.

JEANNINE (CONT'D)

Congratulations -- I'll send you a bottle of champagne from Middle West, wherever the fuck that is.

ZOE

I'm going to turn it down. You don't have to leave.

JEANNINE

Are you trying to rub this in or something?

ZOE

Please believe me. You should be in the White-House, I don't want it. I never did.

Zoe is grasping for a solution.

ZOE (CONT'D)

I was hoping we could go see Tom together. I want him to know that we both -

JEANNINE

Get the fuck out of my face.

ZOE

I'm asking, for real. I don't want the job.

JEANNINE

Then you're an even bigger idiot than I thought you were. Go, before I get violent.