

OVERACHIEVERS DRFT 1

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INT. CUBICLE - LATE AFTERNOON

WILLIAM, overworked and stressed, is preoccupied with the ludicrously tall stack of papers on his desk, when EMILE happens to walk past...

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EMILE

(stopping)

William? What are you still doing here? Everybody's heading down to the bar to celebrate Lisa's divorce going through.

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William doesn't turn around...

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WILLIAM

Yeah, no, I'm not going, I got waaay too much stuff to do.

(gestures to pile)

Tell Lisa I said congrats.

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Emile watches William scribbling away, working oh-so-hard...

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EMILE

Oh. I see. You're in one of your "I have to be ultra successful so daddy will love me" moods again.

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WILLIAM

I'm not in a mood. The things that I have to do everyday if I want succeed are not a "mood."

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EMILE

You're right. Taco Tuesday is a mood. Drunken karaoke on a workday is a mood. Breaking your back for your dad's approval...not so much.

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WILLIAM

(scoffs)

Yeah. Right. And you don't seek other people's approval?

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EMILE

Absolutely! Starting with my own. Look how stressed you are, William! You're clearly living your life for your dad when you need to be living your life for you.

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WILLIAM

(scoffs)

You've been here longer than me! And no offense, I don't want to get stuck here with only divorces to look forward to.

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EMILE

First off, ouch. Second, I am not stuck.

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(MORE)

EMILE (CONT'D)

I love my job and I'm ridiculously
amazing at it but the day it pisses
me off more than I enjoy it, I'm
outta here. That's the kind of
attitude you need to have.

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WILLIAM

Easy for you to say. You have no
idea the amount of pressure I'm
under. I can't fail.

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EMILE

Look, if I cared about what my dad
or anybody else thought, I wouldn't
be half as fabulous as I am now.

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WILLIAM

So you're saying I should stop
trying so hard and just be happy
being mediocre? No can do. Maybe
next time?

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He turns back to his work.

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EMILE

Look around, William. I'm not the
one who's stuck. Hope you change
your mind...

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Emile leaves. William looks at the stack on his desk and
sighs: Emile's right but he just can't give up now.

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