

*(Lights up on the staff meeting.)*

LAWYER #1. I don't think I need to settle for the O.T.H. if I file a motion to suppress, I can –

WHITAKER. A motion to suppress?

LAWYER #1. Absolutely.

WHITAKER. On what grounds?

LAWYER #1. *(pause)* Grounds?

LAWYER #2. See, this is where your strategy begins to fall apart.

WHITAKER. Take the O.T.H.

*(KAFFEE enters.)*

KAFFEE. Excuse me, I'm sorry I'm late.

WHITAKER. I'm sure you have a good excuse.

KAFFEE. No, I just didn't really care enough about this meeting to be on time.

WHITAKER. *(to JO)* He's kidding. Commander Galloway, this is Lt. Kaffee.

KAFFEE. How do you do?

JO. You're a J.G.

KAFFEE. I beg your pardon?

JO. *(to WHITAKER)* This is the attorney Division assigned?

WHITAKER. Yes.

JO. I wrote a seventeen page memo to Bronsky outlining the situation, I pleaded my case for a half hour in his living room on a Sunday afternoon, and Division assigned a Lt. Junior Grade?

KAFFEE. Have I come at a bad time?

WHITAKER. *(to KAFFEE)* Commander Galloway's from internal affairs.

KAFFEE. Oh. Ahhh...Whatever Sam did with the guy in the tulip garden, it wasn't his fault, he was tired. *(to SAM)* How's that?

SAM. Thanks very much.

KAFFEE. Sam has a baby at home and he's sure she's about to say her first word any day now.

WHITAKER. How'd you do?

JO. From what perspective?

WHITAKER. Your client's.

JO. Not well.

WHITAKER. Okay.

*(A LAWYER enters with an inter-office memo and hands it to WHITAKER.)*

LAWYER. Excuse me, Isaac, this just came for you. It's from Division.

JO. Those cases were lost on their merits, sir.

WHITAKER. *(to the LAWYER)* This is Lt. Commander Joanne Galloway.

LAWYER. Really?

JO. How do you do?

LAWYER. Really enjoyed last Christmas.

WHITAKER. *(to the LAWYER)* That'll be all.

*(The LAWYER exits. WHITAKER is looking over the memo.)*

JO. So what do you say?

WHITAKER. Commander -- may I call you Joanne?

JO. Yes. Please.

WHITAKER. Joanne, you seem like a fairly harmless neurotic person --

JO. I appreciate that.

WHITAKER. And I'd like to help you out, but there are two things preventing me. The first is that while I sincerely believe that in your present assignment with internal affairs you do an exceptionally thorough job, I have a hunch that as a litigator...you know, not so much.

JO. Yes, but --

WHITAKER. The second is that Division already chose an attorney.

*(JO's a little shocked.)*

JO. *(pause)* What?