

SCENE 1

INT. RADIO STATION - DAY

DR. ANGELA takes a sip of coffee and glances over at her PRODUCER, who introduces the next caller for her radio show.

PRODUCER

We have Tom on Line Two calling from Needham.

Dr. Angela presses the ON AIR BUTTON.

DR. ANGELA

Tom from Needham, Dr. A here. How can I help?

TOM

Hey, Dr Angela. What I'm about to say feels really shallow, but is it wrong to judge someone because of their hair?

Dr. Angela smirks, intrigued.

DR. ANGELA

Hmmm, now that depends, I need more context.

TOM

Well, I recently interviewed a guy who would potentially be running the my PR department. He seems competent enough, but the problem is his hair-- it's like something out of the 70's. I just don't think I can get past it.

Dr. Angela raises an eyebrow.

DR. ANGELA

A few years ago I would have said you were totally being shallow but now, I'm not so sure.

TOM

Really? How do you mean?

DR. ANGELA

Here's my theory on it. Not so long ago many of us trusted a man who had questionable hair to run our country.

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DR. ANGELA (CONT'D)

A man whose hair looked like it had been styled by a cotton candy machine. He truly is and was a hot mess.

Dr. Angela pauses before quickly correcting herself.

DR. ANGELA (CONT'D)

In fact that's too generous. Take the hot out of that, he was in fact just a mess. Honestly, his hair should have been a red flag.

Dr. Angela takes a deep breath.

DR. ANGELA (CONT'D)

And America's not the only country guilty of ignoring that red flag. Our friends over in England fell into the same trap. We may be different countries but both had two powerful leaders with very questionable hair. One looks like he just got out of bed, while the other appears to have an endless supply of hairspray.

Tom chuckles on the other end of the line.

DR. ANGELA (CONT'D)

Let's face it Tom, the signs were all there. Honestly, shame on both countries.

TOM

I have to say, I like your take on this. So are you saying that I should take his hair as a red flag?

DR. ANGELA

Let's just say, it's time to learn from our mistakes. Beware of the hair.

As Dr. Jessica ends the call, she takes another sip of her coffee, satisfied...

SCENE 2

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Later, Dr. Angela takes another call from a woman seeking her advice.

PRODUCER

Next up we have Brina calling from Brookline.

DR. ANGELA

Hi, Brina. Thanks for calling. What's on your mind today?

BRINA

Hi, Dr. Angela. I was calling because I'm actually having some trouble at my office. And it's been getting worse recently.

DR. ANGELA

I'm sorry to hear that. Workplace issues can so easily permeate other parts of our lives. Tell me more-- what kind of trouble is it, specifically?

BRINA

Well, I work in marketing, so a lot of our job is collaborating on projects and pitching ideas. And even though I'm always volunteering to help out, so often it feels like I'm getting passed over.

DR. ANGELA

I see... Brina, before I chime in with my two cents, do you have any idea why this might be happening? Why your coworkers are behaving this way?

BRINA

Well, I've been hesitant to admit it, but I'm the only person of color on the team, and a lot of times it's like-- like people feel they can just talk over me.

We see that this really resonates with Dr. Angela.

DR. ANGELA

Almost as if your voice counts for less?

BRINA

Yes, exactly.

DR. ANGELA

It can be so hard to be a minority in a professional space. In fact, a huge part of why I took this job was because I saw so few therapists who looked like me, who understood what it was like to walk through life facing the same prejudices.

(then)

You have every right to be frustrated with your situation, Brina. But you also have every right to have your opinions heard.

BRINA

Thank you.

DR. ANGELA

So the next time someone tries to cut you off while you're speaking, I want you to say this: "Excuse me, but I wasn't finished speaking yet." Just one sentence, said gently but firmly. Think you can you remember that?

BRINA

I do, yes.

DR. ANGELA

Great. Look, I know how difficult it can be to put your foot down at first, but if you keep at it, overtime it will come more naturally. Our ultimate goal is to walk through life with healthy boundaries so people are respectful of our time and efforts from the start.

BRINA

That sounds... really nice.

DR. ANGELA

Which is not to say that I have it down to a perfect science myself. But it's always nice to have a self-worth goal to work towards, you know?

BRINA

That makes sense. I'm definitely going to keep that in mind. Thank you so much again, Dr. A.

DR. ANGELA
That's what I'm here for. You have
a good one now.

Off Dr. Angela, smiling as the call ends...