

Hope Floats

Dot

Birdee! Come on in....no calls, Deborah.

Birdee

Hi.

Dot

Hi....I didn't keep you too long?

Birdee

Oh no, it was fine, thank you.

Dot

You look..beautiful. Same old Birdee.

Birdee

Same old Dot.

Dot

You have no idea who I am do you?

Birdee

No, sorry, I don't.

Dot

It's alright. When I knew you I was about
5 inches shorter and 70 pounds heavier.
We didn't exactly eat at the same lunch table.

Birdee

Polka Dot?

Dot

Oh!

Birdee

Is that right?

Dot

Yeah...nobody's called me that in a long time.

Birdee

Oh my God, you look fantastic!

Dot
Thank you.

Birdee
You're welcome.

Dot
Have a seat.

Birdee
Oh my God. I mean it's remarkable.

Dot
Was I really that terrible before, Birdee?

Birdee
Oh no no no, I just meant that...

Dot
Yeah, well I know what you meant. People change,
we get better as we get older.
Gosh you look exactly the same.

Birdee
Well, no actually, I've uh.....

Dot
Oh, I know, I've uh, heard about you and Bill.

Birdee
Yeah.

Dot
Yeah, he always was the ladies man.
You alright?

Birdee
Oh I'm fine, I'm fine, you know, so much of that,
that's staged for TV, it's uh, for ratings, yeah.

Dot
So...you need a job! What sort of work have you been doing?

Birdee

Uh, housework. Bill worked. And he didn't want, um,
I, we have a daughter, so I took care of her.

Dot

Ok. Uh, how fast do you type?

Birdee

Don't type.

Dot

Ok, uh computer skills?

Birdee

Don't compute.

Dot

Oh goodness, you're gonna have to
give me some sort of idea of what you're
looking for here, Birdee, cuz I'm not likely
to find a listing for Prom Queen.

Birdee

Well, um, I used to take pictures. I was good at that.
So, uh maybe I could get a job at the newspaper,
or uh Jackson's Portrait Studio.

Dot

It's closed down, and uh the newspaper's not hiring...
I can tell you that right now.

Birdee

Ah, ok,ok.

Dot

So...

Birdee

Dot, I would um, I would really like a job.
One that I could like myself for. Even if it's
just for a little while.

Dot

Birdee.

Birdee

Dot...I don't know how I treated you in high school.
I'm guessing it was um...pretty bad seeing as how you're
hell bent on putting me in my place right now.
That's ok, just um, just put me in a job too.
I would really, I would really be grateful.

Dot

Well...shoot some pictures over the weekend and bring 'em in.
I'll look 'em over.

Birdee

Great.

Dot

I'll do what I can.

Birdee

Thank you, thank you.