

Int. Henry's impressive office.

(THIS SCENE HAPPENS THE DAY AFTER SCENE TWO AND SCENE ONE. NICOLE AND HENRY ARE ALONE IN HIS OFFICE. THE DESK SEPARATES THEM, SO ALL OF HENRY'S LINES OF DIALOGUE SHOULD BE LOUDER THAN THE CORRESPONDING LINES FROM NICOLE. THIS SHOULD CAUSE HENRY TO HAVE A MILDLY OMINOUS SHADOW AROUND HIM.)

NICOLE WHITE

Just to reiterate the fact: You do not believe that someone in Instigate Insurance is aiding in insurance fraud?

HENRY FIRESTONE
(OFFICIALLY)
No.

NICOLE WHITE

This is informal. You can elaborate.

HENRY FIRESTONE

Instigate Insurance works as a team. There is a definite hierarchical order of things. A system in which all parties do their jobs, working side by side as gears. It would not work any other way. If someone was stealing information, I would know about it.

NICOLE WHITE

Is this confidence the reason you are adement concerning the innocence of Instigate Insurance?

HENRY FIRESTONE
Innocence? Yes.

NICOLE WHITE

Okay. You mentioned a moment ago that Instigate has definite hierarchy. Are you the top of that hierarchy?

HENRY FIRESTONE
(GENUINE)

No, no. I fall somewhere in the middle: to make sure payouts get where they are going, employees do their jobs to the best of their ability. Things like that. The client is the one calling the shots.

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NICOLE WHITE

You have not, from your own past years of experience running Instigate, noticed any changes in recent months indicating possible fraud?

HENRY FIRESTONE

No.

NICOLE WHITE

Neither have I. Alright.

HENRY FIRESTONE

The only thing I have noticed are these rumors garnering bad publicity.

(TRYING TO BE COMPLEMENTARY)

Which is why I have you to look into them.

NICOLE WHITE

The only thing that I have noticed is that nothing has, in fact, changed in the dealings of Instigate for a while now. It is operating the same way it always has, like you said.

(BEAT)

And thank you. I am doing my best.

HENRY FIRESTONE

Very good.

NICOLE WHITE

So, nothing has changed, you testify to that?

HENRY FIRESTONE

Nothing, like you said, for years. Not within Instigate Insurance, but without, things, and by things I mean opinions, have most certainly changed.

NICOLE WHITE

Well, it should not be too much longer before all is straightened out.

(NICOLE STANDS UP.)

SOUND: NICOLE GETTING OUT OF HER CHAIR.

NICOLE WHITE

Thank you for answering my questions.

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HENRY FIRESTONE

Of course. It was my pleasure.

(NICOLE PICKS UP THE RECORDER.)

SOUND: JOLTING.

(NICOLE IS NOW HOLDING THE MICROPHONE,
THUS HER AUDIO IS NOW LOUDER AND HENRY'S
IS QUIETER.)

NICOLE WHITE

(SPEAKING SOFTLY)

There is just one more thing that I want to tell you.

HENRY FIRESTONE

(SLIGHTLY AMUSED)

Another item on your checklist?

NICOLE WHITE

(MIMMICKING HENRY IN ORDER TO BE RELATABLE)

Sure.

(BEAT)

It concerns my research and what I have been able to
turn up.

HENRY FIRESTONE

(SUSPICIOUS)

Why are you turning off the recorder?

NICOLE WHITE

I am telling you this as a person not an investigator.

SOUND: JOLTING.

HENRY FIRESTONE

(SOBER)

Okay. Fire away.

SOUND: JOLTING. SILENCE.

(END SCENE)