

THE GOOD WIFE DERIVATIVE

DONNA

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INT. LAW FIRM - DONNA'S OFFICE - DAY

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START
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...an anxious Donna, on her phone, tries to reach toward her office glass wall, the over-stretched cord pulling her phone off the desk. She KNOCKS on the glass at Boseman passing in the hall. He comes to the door. She covers the receiver:

DONNA

Trask is dead.

Boseman stares at her, enters, closes the door as Diane immediately continues on the phone.

DIANE (cont'd)

Okay. Who's doing it? Keep me in touch.

(hangs up)

BOSEMAN

When?

DONNA

I don't know, sometime during the night. His secretary just found him this morning.

Silence. Boseman sits in a chair.

BOSEMAN

Well, that's the end of an era.

DONNA

I kind of don't know what to say. He was a hero in my house. Selma. He brought us together.

BOSEMAN

Yes. When's the funeral?

DIANE

Today.

Donna and Boseman trade a look.

BOSEMAN

Is it horrible of me?

DONNA

I don't know, but, I was thinking the same thing.

BOSEMAN

We can make sure we keep our clients.

DONNA
Yep, I already made a list. He's got forty that matter.

BOSEMAN
We can't call them now, can we?

DONNA
It might seem opportunistic.

BOSEMAN
What's the etiquette?

DONNA
Tomorrow. If we don't, other firms will jump in.

BOSEMAN
Other firms without the same sense of restraint?

DONNA
We should make a call on the widow and daughter tonight.

BOSEMAN
Yup.

Boseman starts out the door, stops, returns to Donna. The human element:

BOSEMAN (CONT'D)
I'm sorry.

DONNA
I know.

Donna reaches into her desk. Takes out a bottle of scotch. Pours two glasses.

DONNA (CONT'D)
How awful. He was dead the whole night. Everyone thought it was just another of his all-nighters.

BOSEMAN
The life of a lawyer.

DONNA
I don't want to die like that.

BOSEMAN
Then don't.

DONNA
Pamela Harriman. Now that was a death. Doing laps in the Paris Ritz pool.

BOSEMAN
It doesn't matter, does it? We all end up in the same place. All that's left is our Wikipedia entry.

DONNA
Well, you're a bundle of joy.

They clink their glasses. Drink.

BOSEMAN
Stay healthy.

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