

INT. PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - DAY

The PRINCIPAL sits in his office across from CHARLIE. The principal is looking at a picture of Bruce Jenner.

PRINCIPAL

I'm a little confused. Are you telling me that this picture of Bruce Jenner is your resume?

CHARLIE

Well, when I showed up this morning, I didn't have a formal resume on me, so I was sorta hoping that the photograph of Mr. Jenner could represent the standard of excellence I am hoping to bring to this position.

PRINCIPAL

I see. And you're looking for a job as a substitute teacher?

CHARLIE

Substitute janitor.

(Beat)

Look, I'll clean this school so good, you're not gonna know what to do with yourself. You know what I mean? And I'm not a proud man, you know. I'll do the jobs that other guys don't wanna do. I'll degrade myself, I'll make a genuine ass out of myself.

(Beat)

Yeah.

Charlie notices an eraser on the Principal's desk and picks it up.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

Hey, look, I'll swallow that eraser whole just to prove to you -

The principal reaches for the eraser.

PRINCIPAL

Oh, no, no. Please.

CHARLIE

I'll swallow it whole!

PRINCIPAL

No, you don't have to do that. But I have to say, I don't think I've ever encountered someone who's so passionate about joining our custodial staff.

CHARLIE

The passion I have for the work that I do is extraordinary. It probably goes beyond Jenner.

PRINCIPAL

Uh-huh.

CHARLIE

And I'm serious, I'll eat that eraser whole.

Charlie reaches for the eraser.

PRINCIPAL

Oh, no. It's not necessary. You don't have to eat the eraser to prove your point, you have the job.

CHARLIE

Are you serious?

PRINCIPAL

I love your attitude, it's fantastic.

CHARLIE

Sir, I am not gonna let you down. I'm gonna start cleaning immediately. *Immediately.*

PRINCIPAL

Okay, great.

CHARLIE

But first, can I eat the eraser?

PRINCIPAL

Uh...

(Beat)

You're saying you want to eat the eraser?

CHARLIE

Well, I'm asking if it's edible, because it certainly smells of grapes.

PRINCIPAL

I... I don't think it's edible.

CHARLIE

Can I just test it?

PRINCIPAL

I'd rather you didn't. I might need it.

CHARLIE

Alright, well you win this one.
I'll pick up one of my own and I'll eat that one, and that way, everybody wins.

PRINCIPAL

Alright, well, welcome aboard.

CHARLIE

Alright, thanks so much.