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WORKING GIRL
SCENE 44

Cyndy
Mick's really raw. He says he's gonna throw the rest of your stuff out. He kept me there talkin' until 5:00 this morning.

Tess
Oh, God, Cyn...I'm sorry....How hard would it be to crash a wedding?

Cyndy
What are you talkin' about?

Tess
Oren Trask's daughter is getting married tomorrow and there's a reception following at the Union Club. So, I figured I'd blend in...I get to Trask. I mean, how hard could that be? I also figure that the wedding party's not gonna admit that they've never seen you before. I mean, nobody knows everybody at those things, right?

Cyndy
Tess, wait a minute.

Tess
And all I need is just 5 minutes with Trask.

Cyndy
Tess, I'm talking to you.

Tess
What?

Cyndy
First of all, look me in the eye and tell me you're not thinkin', even in your wildest dreams, Mister Briefcase-let's-have-lunch there is gonna take you away from all of this.

Tess
We're doing a business deal together, that's all.

Cyndy
'Cause you know goin' in you're gonna get your heart stomped! Just like you're stompin' Micks!

Tess
Hey, it wasn't me poppin' Doreen DiMucci in our bed, okay? How come you're all on his side?

Cyndy
I'm not. But you're not even givin' him the slightest chance to make it up to you, and that's not like you. Look, all I'm saying is, if you're so smart, why don't you act smart and save your ass while you still can. Else they're gonna find out, you're not gonna have your job, or any job. You're outta of your man and your home already!

Tess

I'm gonna come clean as soon as I get my end set up. I swear. I know what I'm doing.

Cyndy

Yeah, so do I. Screwin' up your life!

Tess

No, I'm trying to make it better! I'm not gonna spend the rest of my life working my ass off and getting nowhere just because I followed rules that I had nothing to do with setting up, okay?!.....Tess McGill's office.

Katherine

Hello, Tess. It's your office?

Tess

Katherine! No! Of course it's still your office. I don't know. I was just....

Cyndy

I'll see you, Tess.

Tess

Cyn?

Cyndy

Sometimes I sing and dance around the house in my underwear. It doesn't make me Madonna. Never will.

Katherine

Um...are you there?

Tess

Yes, Katherine.