

SCENE FROM SHOW BILLIONS

INT. WENDY RHOADES'S OFFICE - DAY

Wendy Rhoades, a Psychologist for the Hedge Fund company, opens the door. A quiet and unassuming Taylor walks in.

WENDY
Taylor, right?

TAYLOR
Right.

They sit down facing each other.

WENDY
How can I help you?

TAYLOR
I have to tell you, I've had 927
hours of therapy.

WENDY
So you've seen cognitive,
humanistic, probably some holistic.
What do you think you need?

TAYLOR
I need to know Mafee. He's
struggling. He's our executing
trader. He needs to be "on." He's
not. And his fall-off coincided
with my advancement, which makes
me...I was his intern. He Could
have taken credit for my work, he
didn't.

WENDY
So now you're feeling guilty. And
you're wondering if that's healthy?

TAYLOR
More than that. I want to know if
it's useful.

WENDY
Do you care about your
relationships at Axe Cap? How are
those relationships?

TAYLOR
Good.

WENDY

Why do you think that is?

TAYLOR

I know why. Because the culture is set from the top. Since Axe likes me, other people do, or pretend to.

WENDY

Why do you think he likes you?

TAYLOR

One of the two reasons anyone likes anyone else. Either they recognize a part of themselves, or they see something they can use. In this case, I imagine it's both.

WENDY

There's another reason people like each other. They see something they're lacking. And they want to be near it.

TAYLOR

Is that's what's between the two of you? I've noticed a...connection.

WENDY

Everyone just always assumes we're fucking.

TAYLOR

I didn't.

WENDY

No. We met at a similar moment. When we were both trying to figure out who we were going to be.

TAYLOR

And did you?

WENDY

What?

TAYLOR

Turn out the way you figure back then?

WENDY

In some ways we did. And in other, important ways, we maybe fell a little short. You're at a similar moment.