# The Secretary.

# MR. GREY

Ms. Holloway, come into my office immediately. (She Enters) Okay, the phone is ringing. Answer it.

LEE

(She thinks for a moment) Oh...

MR. GREY

BRRIIINNNGGG...

LEE

Oh.

MR. GREY

BRRIIINNNGGG...

LEE

Hello, this is the office of Mr. Edward Grey. How may I help you?

**MR. GREY** 

Listen, you're a big girl. You can get a much bigger voice out of that tiny throat of yours.

LEE

Tiny.

MR. GREY

Ms. Holloway, you told me when I hired you that you we're used to answering the phone.

LEE

I am

MR. GREY

Did you get enough sleep last night?

# LEE

I...

# MR. GREY

(Quickly) The phone is ringing.

## LEE

Hello this is the office Mr. E. Edward Grey. How may I help you...

# MR. GREY

You see, you see! After all I'm not running a mortuary (She laughs)... Lee.

# LEE

Mr. Grey.

## **MR. GREY**

Come here.

# MR. GREY

Did you have a date recently?

LEE

Yes.

## MR. GREY

With whom did you have a date?

LEE

Peter.

#### MR. GREY

Peter. Did you have sex? (Pause) No?

LEE

I don't know.

#### MR. GREY

Are you shy? I'm shy.

LEE

You're not shy. You're a lawyer.

#### **MR. GREY**

I'm shy. I overcome my shyness in order to get things done.

## **LEE**

I don't think you're shy.

## **MR. GREY**

Lee, I'm going to be frank with you know. I know I'm your employer and we have a prescribed relationship, but you really should feel free to discuss your problems with me.

LEE

Okay.

## MR. GREY

What's going on with the sewing kit and band aides? (Pause) Lee.

LEE

(Pause) I feel... shy.

#### MR. GREY

(They say shy together) Shy. (Pause) Do you want some hot chocolate?

LEE

Okay.

#### **MR. GREY**

(He gives her some hot chocolate) Why do you cut yourself Lee?

LEE

I don't know.

# MR. GREY

Is it that sometimes the pain inside has to come to the surface and when you use the evidence of the pain inside you finally realize that you're really here. Then when you watch the wound heal it's comforting isn't it?

## LEE

I guess... you could say that.

## **MR. GREY**

I'm going to tell you something now Lee, are you ready to listen?

LEE

Yes.

## **MR. GREY**

Are you listening?

LEE

(She nods her head.)

#### **MR. GREY**

You will never, ever cut yourself again. Do you understand? Have I made myself perfectly clear?

LEE.

Yes.

## MR. GREY

Never again.

LEE

No sir.

## **MR. GREY**

Now I want you to do something Lee. I want you to leave work early today. You're a big girl, a grown woman. Your mother doesn't need to pick you up from work everyday. I want you to take a nice walk home in the fresh air, because you require relief, because you won't be doing that anymore. Will you?

LEE

No

## MR. GREY

Good. (He pulls out a camera and takes a picture of her.)