

"REAGAN" SCENE #2INT. RUNNING THUNDER CASINO - TERRY TARBELL'S OFFICE

Reagan stands (with her signage on easels) and presents to her boss TERRY TARBELL (50s, super confident, CEO of the casino, thinks he could be a judge on Shark Tank).

REAGAN

My dream has always been to showcase the art and innovation of our people. That between the blackjack and buffets, we could offer a real Indigenous education.

Terry says nothing. Reagan gets nervous, but tries to cover. She uses her notes to wick away sweat from her face.

REAGAN (CONT'D)

Sorry. I get sweaty when I'm really confident.

(then, back into it)

A major budget increase could have a huge impact. Because really, what's the point of all this profit if we don't reinvest in the tribe?

TERRY TARBELL

Last year we put two million towards language preservation, early childcare education, and the women's shelter. Should we cut those budgets for your project?

REAGAN

Cool, yeah, no, yeah we don't wanna... we wouldn't wanna...

TERRY TARBELL

What's this going to cost anyway?

REAGAN

Um, high figure: Six hundred and fifty thousand. But if we cut some corners? Six hundred and fifty thousand, I'm sorry, I can't cut corners.

TERRY TARBELL

It's too much money. And for that reason, I'm out.

REAGAN

Is that... Shark Tan--

TERRY TARBELL

But I do love your signage. And you seem very smart. I'm guessing lots of college -- not Ivy League, but so close it drives you crazy?

REAGAN

(sighs)
Northwestern.

TERRY TARBELL

See that's great! I'm working on a new bold initiative. Something big. And I'll need people like you on my team.

He takes a folder from the safe and hands it to her. "Operation: Running Lightning" is printed on the front, in Comic Sans. She opens the folder -- it's EMPTY.

REAGAN

Is... there more?

TERRY TARBELL

This is all I can share, but trust me, this will improve the lives of all Minishonka people.

REAGAN

I appreciate your whole, 'Tony Stark Mentoring' vibe, but sometimes in life you have to just say...

(plants feet)
When would I start?

TERRY TARBELL

When the stars align, when the trees dance to the sacred harmonies of the wind and the rivers --

REAGAN

(eye-roll)
Terry, I'm not a white tourist. Talking like that doesn't work on me.

TERRY TARBELL

A straight-shooter. Okay, we'll start in roughly three to five years.

Reagan's face falls.