INT. JAYLA'S LAW FIRM - DAY

JAYLA sits at a conference room table filing through documents and stacks of paperwork.

TYRELL enters.

Jayla doesn't look up and continues to concentrate on her work.

He sits opposite Jayla.

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TYRELL

Hey, big head! Size 7.5 or 8?

Tyrell holds up two boxes of sneakers. Jayla doesn't respond.

TYRELL (CONT'D)

I'm going to give you a 9. You know you got those big ol' roach stompers. Killed everything that moved in our first apartment.

JAYLA

You're late, Satan.

TYRELL

Girl, you know I don't let anyone call me by government name. My bad, um, I was giving out sneakers to a charter school in the Bronx. You know Uncle Ty love the kids.

JAYLA

It's nice to see you've become so charitable. Unlike when we were married...

Tyrell smirks.

TYRELL

I've evolved a lot since then.

Jayla rolls her eyes.

Tyrell watches her in awe.

TYRELL (CONT'D)

I was going to say we should get some spicy chicken nuggets like old times-

Jayla puts a finger up.

JAYLA

No. I'm working. You don't get to say anything until I need you to.

TYRELL

I see you're still just as bossy.

JAYLA

And more importantly, I'm still always right. So... you said you would like to give your soon-to-be ex-wife 50% of everything? I think that's too generous. I say we offer 25% valuation and 25% ownership stake of your company. That's an offer she can't refuse and it'll stop her knockoff business in its tracks...if she's smart.

TYRELL

What makes you think she's not smart?

JAYLA

I didn't say that.

TYRELL

You're implying that. Don't you think I have excellent taste in women?

JAYLA

You may have had excellent taste.

TYRELL

You know why I had to get you on this case, right?

JAYLA

Enlighten me.

TYRELL

Well, first, I know you can't resist me. It's like a moth to a flame. Like Black Aunties to the scent of Cool Water cologne. We're magnetic.

JAYLA

(sucks her teeth)

Boy.

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TYRELL

SECOND, I knew you would hold it down. I still remember when you'd be up all night studying for the LSATs. Crossing your fingers you'd get jury duty. Watching re-runs of Judge Judy.

Jayla softens.

JAYLA

Re-runs of Judge Judy still hit though.

TYRELL

Hell yeah. I say all this to say, you've always been passionate. And I didn't understand how you could be so passionate about law school that you were willing to give up our relationship...until I started my own business. I get it now.

JAYLA

I won't lie, that feels really nice to hear, Tyrell.

TYRELL

I've been wanting to tell you that for years.

They stare at each other. It's tender.

TYRELL (CONT'D)

But don't get soft on me. I need you to win. Fight for me like you be fighting those edges every morning.

JAYLA

Get out of my office.

TYRELL

You know I'm just playing. I know we've got more work to do, but how about a sushi break? On me?

JAYLA

NO. I need to focus if we want win.

Jayla turns back to the stacks of paper.

Her stomach GURGLES loud enough for Tyrell to hear it.

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TYRELL

Damn girl, when I first saw you I was gonna say you ain't missing no meals, but that sounds quite the contrary—

JAYLA

FINE, but I'm billing these hours.

TYRELL

So long as we do sake bombs, that's cool with me.

Jayla closes her folder and leaves the conference room. Tyrell giddily follows.



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