

INT - MIDTOWN HIGH END OFFICE LOBBY - LATE NIGHT

CHARLIE enters arguing on the phone with a restaurant that is closingS. He spots the DELIVERY GUY with the bag of food arguing with HARPER.

DELIVERY GUY

Cash only.

HARPER

I can't go up there and ask for cash, so my options are for you to help me or for me to commit a felony.

CHARLIE

Hi. Whose food is this?

HARPER

It's mine.

DELIVERY GUY

You got 31.32, it's yours.

CHARLIE

I have cash. I have so much cash.

HARPER

No. Hey, hey. That's my boss's dinner. If I'm not upstairs in two minutes with that food, I will get fired.

(beat)

Can I borrow some money?

CHARLIE

No. Because this is now my boss's dinner. If I'm not up in two minutes, I'm gonna be fired.

HARPER

No, you won't. Look at you. You'll just swoop in with your lacrosse stick and you'll keep getting promoted for no reason. I need that food.

CHARLIE

Thirty-two dollars. Keep the change.

CHARLIE walks toward the elevators with the bag of food.

HARPER

Is this happening?

(beat)

What! Sir? Sir. There are two dinners. One for me and one for her, so we could split it. I can take one to my boss and you can take one to yours. Please. This DEFCON 5.

CHARLIE

DEFCON 5's the good one. Everything's safe, international travel's fine.

HARPER

DEFCON 1! You know what I mean.

CHARLIE

What are the meals?

HARPER

Okay. I'm gonna take her truffle mac and cheese. You can have the burger.

CHARLIE

Are you insane? I won't give him a plain hamburger. He has taste.

HARPER

Okay. I'm gonna fix this, okay? See what I'm making? It's a truffle cheeseburger with kale. This burger could win awards.

(beat)

The pickle is my dinner.

CHARLIE

No, no, no. I won't give him a truffle cheeseburger without a pickle.

She puts the pickle back. They both call separate elevators.

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

I wanna be paid back tomorrow with interest.

HARPER

Do I look like I can afford interest? I steal my toilet paper from the office bathroom.

CHARLIE

You should learn to keep cash on
you.

HARPER

You should remember to order dinner
before everything closes.

CHARLIE

You know that pickle? That wasn't
for my boss - that was for me.
(he eats the pickle)

HARPER

You're a monster.