

RUTH

This is about justice. This is about holding on to what is ours. This is about my firm, and my name.

Ruth pounds the table. She holds the moment, in full control of the room.

RUTH (CONT'D)

And I will not be bullied into submission.

Ruth breaks character.

RUTH (CONT'D)

Can I just say-- Thank you so much for bringing me in. There aren't parts like this for women right now. It's great. Really powerful.

Ruth smiles broadly.

MALLORY

You were reading the man's part.

RUTH

I was? Oh. God. I'm sorry. I figured Mel was short for Melanie. And then the other part was-- Okay.

MALLORY

Would you like to start again?

RUTH

Yes. I would.

CASTING ASSISTANT

This is about my firm and my name and I will not be bullied into submission.

A beat. Then.

RUTH

Sorry to interrupt. Your wife is on line  
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A pause. And that's it.

CASTING DIRECTOR

Okay. Thank you Ruth.

RUTH

Thank you so much.