

INT. CHICAGO APARTMENT - DAY

Avery answers the next in an endless stream of customer service calls.

AVERY

UghhhhhHHHH Thanks so much for calling StriveRight, this is Avery speaking, how can I help you be your best today?

CARLOS

I need you to help me fix this heap of junk that is currently residing in my living room.

AVERY

I would be more than happy to help out with that. May I ask with whom I have the pleasure of speaking with today?

CARLOS

Carlos Denton.

AVERY

Did you say Denton?

CARLOS

Yes?

AVERY

Carlos it's Avery, Avery Jones.

CARLOS

Oh my god... AJ? It's been...uhm, god how long has it been?

AVERY

3 years, 6 months and 12 days.

Awkward silence.

AVERY (CONT'D)

Sorry...that was supposed to be a joke.

CARLOS

Oh...of course, AJ and her jokes. So uhh, you're still with StriveRight huh.

AVERY

Evidently. What about you? You still writing?

CARLOS

Yeah a bit. I'm actually almost finished with a new novel.

AVERY

Really? Another one?

CARLOS

What can I say? Some people stray away from stress but I choose to lean in, therein lies the productivity.

AVERY

Totally...this has been the most... productive period of my life too.

CARLOS

What have you been working on?

AVERY

Well you remember the broken latch on my balcony door?

CARLOS

Of course.

AVERY

I fixed it, all on my own. What I saved in handyman fees I ended up having to shell out to the good people at Northwestern Memorial but...

CARLOS

What did you do?

AVERY

I almost, sort of broke my elbow.

CARLOS

Fixing a door?

AVERY

I am very talented.

CARLOS

Jeez, you shoulda called me AJ! I know my way around a toolkit.