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(singing)

"To die by your side is such a heavenly way to die." Love it.

The elevator doors open and she gets off.

TOM

(accidentally out loud)

Oh my god.

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37 INT. OFFICE LOBBY - DAY

The office sings "Happy Birthday" to a FEMALE CO-WORKER. When they get to the part about her name, Tom is the only one who knows it, everyone else just there for the cake. Song over, everyone digs in. Tom finds himself standing next to Summer.

TOM

Hi.

SUMMER

Hello.

MOT

So, uh, Summer--

SUMMER

Tom.

MOT

Yeah! How's it going so far?

SUMMER

The city or the firm?

TOM

Both-- Either.

SUMMER

I'm happy. Still getting situated. How long have you worked here?

TOM

Oh, you know, 4, 5 years.

SUMMER

Really? Jesus. Did you always want to write greeting cards?

MOT

Are you nuts? I don't even want to do it now.

SUMMER

What is it you want to do?

MOT

I studied to be an architect actually.

SUMMER

That's so cool! What happened?

MOT

Eh, you know. Same old story. Moved to the city to work for a company. Company went under. Needed a job. My friend worked here. Got me this.

SUMMER

And are you any good?

MOT

(points to a framed card)
Well I wrote that one.

SUMMER

(reading)

"Today You're a Man. Mazel Tov on your Bar Mitzvah."

TOM

It's a big seller.

SUMMER

I meant, are you any good as an architect?

TOM

Oh-- No. I doubt it.

SUMMER

Well, I'd say you're a perfectly -- adequate -- greeting card writer.

TOM

Why thank you. That's what they called me in college. "Perfectly adequate" Hansen.

SUMMER

They used to call me "Anal Girl."

Tom does a spit-take and almost chokes.

SUMMER

(explaining)

I was very neat and organized.

There's an awkward silence.

SUMMER

Anyway, I should get back.

TOM

Ok, well, I'll see you around.

She walks back to her cubicle at the other end of the hall. Tom watches her walk away, completely enamored.

He sits down at his desk and sets out to work. But before he does, his eyes fall on a sketch he drew of a house. It's dated 2001 and it's the only architecture sketch on his wall.

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38 INT. TOM'S PLACE - DAY

Tom is playing Playstation with Rachel.

MOT

And it turns out she's read every Graham Greene novel ever published. Her desk is lined with Magritte posters and Edward Hopper.

RACHEL

Your favorites.

MOT

We're so compatible it's insane! Seriously! It doesn't make sense! She's not like I thought at all. She's amazing.

RACHEL

Oh boy.

MOT

What?

RACHEL

You know just cause some cute girl likes the same bizarro music you do doesn't make her "the one."

MOT

(beat)

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