

I am the queen of manipulating, er, influencing people—it's one of the hazards of my job. I am responsible for keeping my department afloat financially, which has not come by easily or without learning to pressure people into making quick decisions that make them uncomfortable. Not my problem, as regret accomplishes nothing.

You wouldn't know any of this about me, though, if you happened to notice me today, sitting in this nondescript coffee shop. I am here because it's across the street from the hospital where I work, so I can work in peace as I finish this grant proposal. And now that I have this power of invisibility, no one disturbs me while I work. Which is good, because I need to submit this proposal by tomorrow to secure our next round of funding. If approved, this grant would bring in millions of dollars and allow people to keep their jobs for the next year. So, it's a big deal, and I thrive under pressure.