

THE OFFICE
"BIONIC WOMAN"

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The scene opens with Pam, Dwight and Jim sitting at their desks, with Karen leaning up against Jim's desk, talking

with him. Michael enters the office.

MICHAEL

Pam, Pam, Pam, what have you got for me today?

PAM

Ryan called for you.

MICHAEL

Oooh, all right. What did my man Ryan need?

PAM

He wants to know what you have planned for the female appreciation day coming up next week, just in case he needs to get the lawyers out here for the afternoon.

Jim, Karen and Dwight have now begun to pay attention to the conversation.

MICHAEL

What, lawyers? Why would we...nevermind. I think I have it. I was watching NBC last night and I think I came up with the perfect mascot for the whole day.

JIM

Mascot, Michael?

PAM

I'll let Ryan know that we'll need the lawyers on call.

MICHAEL

What, Pam? No. Why would we need the lawyers?

KAREN

Maybe because you're thinking of having a mascot for the female appreciation day, Michael.

MICHAEL

But you haven't heard who it is yet.

Michael waits for someone to ask who it is. No one answers, and Dwight, seizing on the opportunity to back Michael, replies loudly.

DWIGHT

Who is it Michael?

MICHAEL

I'm glad you asked, Dwight. I think the

mascot for the female appreciation day
next week should be...

Michael does a drum roll on Pam's desk.

MICHAEL
The Bionic Woman!

Pam, Jim, Karen and Dwight all reply at the same time.

PAM
What?

JIM
Oh, Michael.

KAREN
(with disgust) The bionic woman?

DWIGHT
(with a fist pump to the air) Yes!

PAM
Michael, you can't have a mascot for
female appreciation day.

KAREN
And it certainly can't be the bionic
woman. If anything, you should
spotlight famous women through history,
like Rosa Parks for example.

PAM
Yeah, or like Nancy Reagan.

While Michael talks, Jim mouths to Pam with a stunned kind
of nod.

JIM
(mouthing) Nancy Reagan?

Pam shrugs in an I don't know kind of way.

PAM
(mouthing) I don't know?

While this has happened Michael continues on from the
conversation.

MICHAEL
What, no? Rosa Parks, please. She sat
on a bus. And what did Nancy Reagan
every accomplish. I saw the Bionic
Woman throw this other woman named
Sarah, who also has bionic implants,
through a skylight last night. A
skylight! In the rain! Do you know how
hard that is?

DWIGHT

Sarah was originally supposed to be an agent for the Berkut Group, but she went rogue and now Jamie Sommers is being railroaded into being their new agent.

MICHAEL

Ssssshut it, dork.

JIM

I really do think if we're going to do anything, Michael, it should be taking a look at important female figures throughout history. (smiling) Like Nancy Reagan.

Pam shakes her head in a "you jerk" kind of way at Jim, but still smiling.

KAREN

I think Jim is right. I don't think the women of this office, or corporate, would really appreciate a day dedicated to the Bionic Woman.

JIM

Not to mention possible lawsuits.

MICHAEL

What, no, lawsuits? No, no. What are you guys talking about.

PAM

I think Ryan might have an issue with this, Michael.

MICHAEL

All right, that's it. Everyone, conference room, five minutes.

PAM

We really have work to do.

MICHAEL

Conference room! Five minutes!

Pam and Dwight go back to working at their desks and Karen leaves Jim's desk, Michael leans down to Jim.

MICHAEL

All right, I'm going to need you to go online and pull up some research on this new Bionic Woman for me. Put together a little report on her for the meeting.

JIM

The meeting we're having in five minutes.

MICHAEL

What's the problem, wonder boy, can't pull it off?

Dwight, having been listening in, leans over.

DWIGHT

Michael, I have a full report on the Bionic Woman in the trunk of my car.

MICHAEL

Ugh, Dwight, you're making this worse. I asked Jim to put something together.

Michael stands and goes to his office, which is off-screen. Jim looks at Dwight.

JIM

You have a report in the trunk of your car?

DWIGHT

Yeah, do you need some help?

JIM

I don't really think I'm the one that needs help in this situation, Dwight, but thanks buddy.

The scene changes to the conference room, where Pam and Dwight sit on one side with Jim and Karen on the other, and Michael standing at the head of the table. Michael has a chart up with the names Bionic Woman, Nancy Reagan and Rosa Parks listed at the top of three columns.

MICHAEL

All right. We're here to discuss the merits of these three candidates for mascot of female appreciation day next week.

Michael indicates the board.

MICHAEL

We have Nancy Reagan, a former president's wife, Rosa Parks, who sat on a bus, and the bionic woman, who has cool bionic parts, can run really fast and jump really far, and threw another lady through a skylight in last night's episode.

Jim raises his hand, Michael indicates he can speak.

JIM

Do you think we might need the lawyers
on call for this meeting?

Michael looks at Jim in disgust, Karen raises his hand,
Michael, shaking his head at Jim, answers Karen.

MICHAEL

Yes, Karen.

KAREN

We weren't suggesting Rosa Parks or
Nancy Reagan as mascots, Michael. We
were suggesting them as possible
subjects for discussion, among other
famous female figures throughout
history.

MICHAEL

Well, you chose Rosa Parks and Nancy
Reagan. And now I'm going to show you,
using this chart, why the Bionic Woman
should be the mascot. Jim, can I see
that report.

Jim hands Michael a sheet of paper. Michael looks it over
momentarily, then looks back at Jim.

MICHAEL

This is all you have?

JIM

Even with only five minutes of prep
time, it's surprisingly all there is out
there.

MICHAEL

But this just says that her name is
Jamie Sommers and after a car accident
she was implanted with bionic parts, of
which included were two legs, an arm,
her ear and her eye.

JIM

There's only been like seven episodes,
Michael.

DWIGHT

Nine.

JIM

Nine episodes. How much of the show did
you see?

MICHAEL

Just the scene where she threw that
other lady through the skylight in the

rain. The reception on my television kind of comes and goes.

DWIGHT

She's raising her kid sister after their mother died and their alcoholic father left her on Jamie's doorstep.

MICHAEL

There we go! (writing on the board while talking) Bionic Woman takes care of baby sister.

DWIGHT

Well, she's not a baby, she's more of a teenager.

MICHAEL

Not important, Dwight.

DWIGHT

She also lost her boyfriend to a sniper's bullet, shot by Sarah at the end of the first episode.

Michael kind of shakes his head at Dwight, but writes it down.

MICHAEL

Good, she's lost someone important but still perseveres. Plus, she's got all those bionic parts.

KAREN

I'm sorry, bionic parts, raising a teenage sister, newly single? It just sounds like a male fantasy to me.

MICHAEL

What are you talking about?

KAREN

A woman, fresh on the market, attractive and with the ability to lift a car over her head? Please.

MICHAEL

I don't see any pluses in your choices column.

KAREN

Rosa Parks basically brought the civil rights movement to a national level, refusing to give up her seat and helping to spark a movement that has yet to stop.

Michael, writing on board.

MICHAEL

Right, so (moves away from board) sat on a bus.

PAM

Michael, she didn't just sit on a bus.

MICHAEL

Fine (writing more). Helped push forward civil rights movement. Happy?

Jim raises his hand. Michael points at him.

JIM

(tilting his head in a mocking way at Pam) Nancy Reagan had that whole "say no to drugs" campaign.

Pam shakes head at Jim.

PAM

(mouthing quietly) You're such an ass.

Michael writes on board.

MICHAEL

Good, good. "Just Say No". So far it's looking pretty even to me, at least for Rosa and Nancy. But I'm not seeing any reason that the bionic woman shouldn't be the mascot.

Phone rings and Pam goes to answer it. While Pam nods head and says things on phone, Michael continues.

PAM

(on phone) Uh huh. Ok. Yeah. Ok. I'll tell him.

Michael talks while Pam is on the phone.

MICHAEL

So, it looks like we're decided then. Jim, I want you to put together a little more information for me on the bionic woman. More than this (indicating the paper from earlier).

DWIGHT

Michael, I can help with that.

MICHAEL

No, Dwight, I don't need...I don't need you to help with this, all right. Karen, I'd like you to prepare some

flyers.

KAREN

I'm not preparing some flyers for this, this...

MICHAEL

Karen, just...

Pam returns from phone call.

PAM

Ryan says we can't have a mascot, Michael. He says to go ahead with the planned events he sent you in the detailed memo about what you were supposed to do and what you were definitely not supposed to do. He mentioned that "choosing a mascot" was number two on the list of things not to do.

MICHAEL

Ryan's memo was full of ways not to have fun on female appreciation day.

PAM

He says you'll be fired if you don't strictly adhere to it.

MICHAEL

Fffffffine. We'll listen to Ryan's ideas for how not to have fun in the office. I mean, he's only got like two years experience to my twenty.

PAM

I think Ryan's right, Michael.

KAREN

So do I.

Michael looks to Jim for support.

JIM

Sorry, I think I have to side with them.

MICHAEL

(waving arms) Whatever. All right. We'll use Nancy Reagan or Rosa Parks.

PAM

Ryan said no mascots, Michael.

MICHAEL

All right, all right. No mascots. We'll just stand around and appreciate

women all day long, however we're able
without a mascot to rally behind.

PAM

I think that's for the best.

Jim, Pam and Karen get up and leave, while Dwight approaches
Michael.

DWIGHT

I think the bionic woman would have been
the perfect mascot for women's
appreciation day.

MICHAEL

Thanks, Dwight.

DWIGHT

I even have this full-sized cardboard
cutout of Michelle Ryan as the bionic
woman I could have brought in for the
day, it would have been awesome.

Michael, head sagging.

MICHAEL

Just, just, just go, Dwight.

Dwight leaves, Michael shakes his head a few times, then
leaves as well. Lights go out and it's the end.