

**JANET:** Welcome to W.A.S.H. news at noon. I'm Janet Jenkins.

*(KIRSTEN KELLY suddenly appears beside Janet in the news booth.)*

**KIRSTEN:** And I'm Kirsten Kelly!

**JANET** *(confused):* Hello Kirsten. Uh, aren't you supposed to be over by the traffic and weather maps?

**KIRSTEN:** Oh, didn't you see the memo?

**JANET:** I'm afraid I don't have time to read memos. I'm too busy discovering and presenting the latest news to all the residents of D.C.

**KIRSTEN:** Well, if you had read the memo, you would know that management has decided for me to be your co-anchor!

**JANET:** Hmm... I've been doing this job for 30 years, and I've never had the need for a co-anchor. But I guess if that's what they want.

You seem to have moved up through the ranks here at the station with amazing speed, Kirsten! I hear you have had some special "training" from Robert, our station manager?

**KIRSTEN:** Yes, Bobby has been very helpful. Even taking time after hours to show me the ropes.

**JANET:** I did notice you and... "Bobby" leaving together last night. Showing you the "ropes", eh?

*(aside)* Maybe that explains those marks on her wrists?

**KIRSTEN** *(changing the subject):* It seems we have some breaking news.

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**JANET** *(sarcastically):* Well, that was certainly fascinating! I'm afraid the senator won't be able to keep this going too much longer. He is of course the Democratic candidate for president, and considering his age, he should probably be getting a little rest before tonight's debate.

**KIRSTEN:** Remember this is exclusive coverage by W.A.S.H. News. You won't see this kind of thing on any other stations!

**JANET:** Gee, I wonder why!?

**TV DIRECTOR** *(offstage):* And.... we're clear.

*(Kirsten exits the newsbooth.)*

**JANET** *(in a sing-song voice)*: “Hi, I’m Kirsten Kelly!”

And “Jacqui Dubose”. (“That’s Jacqui with a Q.”). She’s about as french as French fries! (You know they started in Belgium?) “Jacqui”... “Kirsten”... I feel like I’m in a Disney movie!

*(Kirsten pops back into the booth.)*

**KIRSTEN**: Well, every good Disney story needs a wicked old witch!

**JANET** *(cackling)*: I’ll get you, my pretty!

By the way, have you seen my water bottle? I always keep it on this shelf.

**KIRSTEN**: Oh, you mean your vodka bottle? Don’t worry, I wouldn’t touch your cheap liquor! I’ve got the good stuff! *(Holds up a flask)* You left your “moonshine” over here. *(Hands her the water bottle)*

**JANET**: Well then, we might as well share a drink. Here’s a toast to my upcoming retirement. I can’t wait to get out of this place!

**KIRSTEN**: I’ll drink to that!

**JANET**: I hear you’ll drink to anything!

*(They toast and drink.)*