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LUCIUS

Ladies and gentlemen, the queen has returned. Wow. 17 years later and you are still beautiful. So, when did you get out?

COOKIE

2 days ago. You really ugh...

LUCIUS

...It was your sacrifice that made a lot of this possible. I can't imagine what you've been through, Cookie. But, you gotta know you're not the only one whose suffered in this.

COOKIE

You forgot about me the second you divorced me in there. You still owe me what's mine.

LUCIUS

What are you talkin about?

COOKIE

Half of this company...it was my four hundred thousand that started this bitch. You know it and I know it. I did 17 hard years for that money, and I want half my company back.

LUCIUS

I'm sorry Cookie, but it don't work like that.

COOKIE

It don't work like what, honey?

LUCIUS

This company isn't the company we started 17 years ago. As a matter of fact, I control maybe 10% of this damn thing. I've got a board of directors, quarterly reports, SEC filings, and on top of it we're about to go public, which is a whole nother monster in itself.

COOKIE

Public? What the hell is public?

LUCIUS

Baby, I can give you a huge salary,  
but I can't give you half of my  
company.

COOKIE

Your...

LUCIUS

...I can't give you half...

COOKIE

...Your company?...This is my  
companyy, Lucius. I started this.  
You need to stop playin with me.

LUCIUS

I promise you anything you want,  
you can get.

COOKIE

5 million a year. And, I want to  
head of A&R.

LUCIUS

The board will never approve 5  
million.

COOKIE

You talk to your board.

LUCIUS

I get you close to 3.

COOKIE

Figure it out. You the boss.

LUCIUS

I can't do A&R.

COOKIE

Why?

LUCIUS

I have someone.

COOKIE

Is it little Halle Berry over here?  
You not sweeping me under the  
carpet, Lucius.

His fiance enters.

COOKIE (CONT'D)  
Heeyyy...Boo Boo kitty.