# Melissa's Call – Script Scene for Torch Submission

INT. MELISSA'S OFFICE – DAY

Melissa answers her phone. Confident. Sharp.

MELISSA
Hello, this is Melissa.

JUDGE HARRISON (V.O.)
Melissa... I’m about to change your life.

MELISSA (smirking)
Judge Harrison. How can I help you?

JUDGE HARRISON (V.O.)
Is there any way to talk to an old friend?

MELISSA
Like I said, how can I help you?

JUDGE HARRISON (V.O.)
Well, listen. You know that Stephen Richardson case? The one in the news?

MELISSA
Oh yeah, I’ve heard about it.

JUDGE HARRISON (V.O.)
The public defender got disqualified. Ran into... some issues. So I want to assign you the case.

MELISSA (caught off guard)
I do corporate now. Big cases. I can’t get involved in some sort of... losing battle to defend an accused murderer.

JUDGE HARRISON (V.O.)
Melissa... everybody deserves the best defense. And there’s still no one better than you.

Melissa pauses. That compliment cracks her armor just a little.

MELISSA
I’ll sleep on it.

JUDGE HARRISON (V.O.)
Thanks, Melissa. Have a nice day.

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