

INT. OFFICE OF THE DEAN, MORRIS COLLEGE

Martin Freed, newly hired Dean of Morris College, leans against his desk and texts on his phone. Jordan enters the office and squares off to him.

JORDAN  
You pulled my class.

MARTIN  
You are... Jordan Desmond. I wondered how long it would take you to show up- In fact, who let you just walk in?

JORDAN  
Everyone, I made an appointment.

MARTIN  
Really? Did you hack my calendar?

JORDAN  
Your calendar is set to public.

MARTIN  
*(checks his phone, maybe sends a text)* I really need a new assistant.

JORDAN  
You pulled my class.

MARTIN  
And you're here to tell me about the importance of teaching the semiotics of French New Wave cinema?

JORDAN  
Not every student wants to be a scientist, sir.

MARTIN  
Yeah, but a lot of them do. You didn't go to college, Jordan?

JORDAN  
No... but-

MARTIN  
Fascinating. Neither did Spielberg, you know. Scorsese's film study was the movie theatre down the street.

JORDAN  
Respectfully, sir-

MARTIN  
Kubrick, the Wachowskis, Tarantino,  
no college. I fancy myself a bit of  
a film buff-

JORDAN  
And yet you don't think it's worth  
teaching students to become better  
storytellers?

MARTIN  
*(smiling)* I like you, Jordan. I  
like smart people who disagree with  
me. I like this College. We're  
doing incredible things here.  
Cultivating a cohort of the best  
minds, the best equipment, and the  
best facilities. Morris has a story  
that needs telling right now, as it  
happens. As we change the world.

You know, I've seen your  
documentary work. I must confess  
I'm quite a fan. That's why I cut  
your class, but not you.

JORDAN  
What are you talking about?

MARTIN  
I'm offering you a job. Not  
adjunct teaching. Full time, with  
benefits. Director of Media,  
Department of Scientific  
Communications. Stop teaching  
history, Jordan. Let's make it.

JORDAN  
I need to-

MARTIN  
Think about it. Set yourself  
another appointment. (checks phone)  
...still public. Would you send in  
my assistant on your way out?