

NEW HIRE QUESTIONS

INT.CORPORATE AUDITORIUM - DAY

DERRICK, the CEO, stands on stage holding a microphone.

DERRICK

...So as a result, dogs are banned from the holiday party this year. Okay, before we end the all-team meeting we've got three new people joining our work family. Michelle, Travis, Charles come on up.

MICHELLE, TRAVIS, and CHARLES enter.

DERRICK

Give them a round of applause.

(claps)

So let's get to know our new hires with some fun get-to-know-you questions. Michelle, if you had to describe yourself with an adjective and a food, what would it be?

MICHELLE

Well I'm peppy and I love tacos so I guess I'd be a peppy taco.

DERRICK

Great! Okay, now our other hire is Travis! Travis, are you a dog person or a cat person?

TRAVIS

I love all kinds of little pups.

DERRICK

That's great! I'm sure you'll get along with Mike in Product.

(pointing at audience)

He's always talking about his dogs. And now we have Charles.

CHARLES

Hello everyone!

DERRICK

Charles, you find out on the day of your best friend's wedding that her husband is cheating on her with the maid of honor. Do you completely ruin the wedding she's poured her heart into planning or let her enter into a marriage destined to fail?

CHARLES

My question feels a lot darker than the others.

DERRICK

Well Charles, you told HR that you think these get-to-know-you questions are lame. So we asked you something a little darker so we can all get to know the real you.

CHARLES

Um, well I guess I'd tell my friend to cancel the wedding.

DERRICK

(upbeat)

Wow a real straight shooter. Everyone, watch out for Charles' emails.

(to Michelle)

Okay Michelle, would you rather go to Six Flags with Taylor Swift or Tom Hanks?

MICHELLE

I gotta say my girl Taylor Swift.

DERRICK

Oh looks like we have a T-Swift fan in the house! Travis, what's your favorite food?

TRAVIS

Pizza definitely.

DERRICK

Oh, you'll love every fifth Friday of the month here then. That's Pizza Friday.

Derrick turns to Charles. Spotlight on just him and Derrick.

DERRICK

Charles, your father shows up to your door with a body. He's killed someone in a fit of rage and needs your help burying the evidence. Do you help him and have blood on your hands or do you turn your father into the authorities?

CHARLES

Can I just answer the question about Tom Hanks instead? I'd go with Tom Hanks. I love Tom Hanks.

DERRICK
No. In this hypothetical situation,
TOM HANKS IS DEAD.

CHARLES
I don't know.

DERRICK
Reveal your true self Charles.

CHARLES
I'd call the cops on my father and
turn him in!

The lights come up.

DERRICK
(upbeat)
Woah. We got a real boy scout over
here. No need to double check his
expense reports, finance department.
Alright, Michelle. Last question.
You like food?

MICHELLE
Yes!

DERRICK
Great answer. Travis, you cool dude?

TRAVIS
I'm cool!

DERRICK
Nice.

Charles is fidgeting as Derrick's attention lands on him.

CHARLES
I think you guys all got to know me
pretty well right. I don't need
another question.

DERRICK
(upbeat)
Charles, everyone at Build-A-Bear
Corporate gets three questions.

The light comes back. A dazed and handcuffed man is
dragged in and forced down in front of Charles.

DERRICK
Charles, this was the drunk driver
that killed your sister when you
were 15.

CHARLES

Darcy? How did you guys know about that?

DERRICK

We googled it. The statute of limitations has already expired and he will never face justice for taking your sister's life.

Derrick hands him a gun.

DERRICK

Are you ready to take justice into your own hands?

Charles looks at the gun and looks at the man. He aims the gun and shoots. The gun clicks. It's fake. The lights come back up.

DERRICK

Woah! He would have done it everyone! That gun's not loaded.

Charles drops the gun and crumbles from the stress.

DERRICK (CONT'D)

Well guys, I guess we really got to know the real Charles. That's not the man who killed your sister. That's Jerry from Finance!

Jerry waves.

JERRY

We're going to be cubicle buddies!

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