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INT. RECEPTION AREA - DAY

Sleek, elegant, chic office. Behind the reception desk is a logo that says JABER WOOCK INC. LOUISE, hair disheveled, sits at her cubicle. She is on the phone.

LOUISE

I hear that you are really frustrated but unfortunately your warranty has expired years ago and our policy does not allow you to get a full refund.

(beat)

I am sorry I can't transfer you to my manager.

Louise takes off her headset and we hear indistinct yelling while she rolls her eyes. She hangs up the phone. ALICE walks over.

LOUISE (CONT'D)

I've already put out like 5 fires this morning and I haven't even had my coffee yet.

ALICE

Only 5? I've deal with like 10 and it's only 9am.

LOUISE

Why do I keep putting myself through this shit?

ALICE

Why do you?

LOUISE

Because what the fuck else am I going to do?

ALICE

You know what? I went to this tea shop last week and I think you might like it?

LOUISE

Tea? I am not really tea person. I like my coffee.

ALICE

This is special kind of tea shop.

LOUISE

Okaay?

ALICE

When you go, tell the hostess you want to follow the white rabbit?

LOUISE

Is this some weird Alice in Wonderland shit?

ALICE

Depends. Just don't fall into any rabbit holes.

LOUISE

Who are you?

ALICE

I'm the caterpillar, of course.

LOUISE

Right.

ALICE

Anyway. Go to the tea shop. Follow the white rabbit. You might find what you are looking for.

LOUISE

Want to join me?

ALICE

I can take you there after work but I won't be able to stay.

LOUISE

(confused)

Okay.

Alice and Louise go back to their desks and answer phone calls.

INT. VICTORIAN TEA SHOP - DAY

White, pink, floral stylish room with traditional British tea pots and afternoon tea sets. The Dutchess dressed in white approaches.

THE DUTCHESS

Do you have a reservation?

LOUISE

I don't know I needed one.

(whispers)

(MORE)

LOUISE (CONT'D)

I'm here to follow the white rabbit.

THE DUTCHESS

What?

LOUISE

Fucking Alice.

THE DUTCHESS

I am just shitting with you. Follow me.

The Dutchess leads Louise to small room with red painted walls. The Red Queen enters with a tray of tea and biscuits.

THE RED QUEEN

Try the scone. It's delicious.

LOUISE

Is it going to make me taller?

THE RED QUEEN

You watch too many Disney movies.

Louise takes a bite of the scone. The Red Queen lays out three tea cups, picks up one of the three tea pots and pours tea into the tea cups. The tea cups are now filled with white tea, green tea, and purple tea.

THE RED QUEEN (CONT'D)

What brought you here today, sweetie?

LOUISE

My friend Alice told me about this place.

THE RED QUEEN

Oh? The blondie in the blue dress?

LOUISE

You remember her?

A cat approaches the Red Queen, meowing for attention. The Red Queen picks up the cat and puts him on her lap and pets him.

THE RED QUEEN

Cheshire come here.

LOUISE

RIGHT. OF COURSE...except it's not stripped and in purple.

THE RED QUEEN

....YET.

Louise takes another bite of the scone. The Red Queen hands Louise the white tea. Louise lifts up the tea cup with a "drink me first" label on it.

LOUISE

HA HA! This is so on theme.

THE RED QUEEN

Drink this tea.

Louise drinks the tea and puts the tea cup where The Red Queen is pointing at.

The Red Queen examines the tea leaves in her tea cup.

THE RED QUEEN (CONT'D)

This is interesting. Your tea leaves reveal that you're someone in search of a meaningful purpose. You're visionary and your life is stuck in a crossroad.

Louise leans in and looks straight at the Red Queen's eyes.

LOUISE

Please tell me more.

THE RED QUEEN

So... I'd like to offer you a choice. Drink the green tea and you can continue to live in contented ignorance as you are.

(pause)

Drink the purple tea and the truth shall be revealed.

Louise hesitates and looks at The Red Queen.

THE RED QUEEN (CONT'D)

It's your choice, I cannot make that for you.

Cheshire meows.

THE RED QUEEN (CONT'D)

He agrees with me.

Louise picks up the green tea and hesitates. She holds it in her hands and she raises to her mouth, about to sip it.

LOUISE

Fuck it!

Louise puts down the green tea and puts up the purple tea and drinks the whole cup.