

Breakthrough

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Caroline is a young biochemist fresh from college who has recently accepted a generous offer by a new company active in the field of experimental cosmetic techniques. She was actually a bit skeptical about the firm but the salary they promised was very attractive to her so she took their offer.

One day, while working late in the lab, she discovers a section that had until then been kept secret from her. "That's pretty weird" - she tells herself "they showed me around everything else in this flood on my introduction day". She checks the time, it's 7 PM of a Friday evening, nobody else is probably still in the whole building apart from the guardians, it might be the right time to closely investigate the matter.

She takes her time to analyse the test tubes stored there and figures out it's a new agent able to quickly and selectively alter the DNA of human cells. She is shocked to realise such researches are kept in secret and not released to the scientific community to benefit humanity and suspects something illegal is going on.

As she continues her analyses further, an unnoticed man enters the lab from a back door and observes her. Then he finally makes himself noticed by clearing his throat.

What happens next?

A. She tells the man she wants to report the subject to the press, facing a possible punishment from the company

B. She freaks out and accidentally spills the fluid on herself, causing some unexpected consequences

C. She decides to work for this project and is shown some interesting results

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Caroline freaks out and breaks some vials with a sudden, impulsive movement of her arms, spilling their content on herself. Her whole body feels on fire, while she is radically changing her appearance in front of the shocked man. Dark spots appear where the fluid came in contact with her skin, then the brown colour quickly spreads and becomes her new skintone. Her blonde hair quickly darkens to a deep black colour and her irises darken to the same shade of jet black. Her face shape is also remodelled by the genetic catalyser until a very different Caroline feels normal again, although still tingly. Noticing how dark her hands have gotten, she rushes to the nearest mirror and nearly faints at what she sees.

“OMFG is that me?”. The man, a senior scientist named Mark, regains his composure “Indeed, it looks like our experimental agent has really changed your DNA! We never tested it before on a human test subject, I’m relieved to see that you seem healthy. Your DNA has been fully replaced by a mix of genetic material sampled from South Indian women we had collected. Now, you might not like this but I’m afraid you might be stuck as an Indian girl for quite a long time Caroline!”

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“What do you mean with that? Can’t you find my original DNA in loose hair on my comb or so and restore it?” “Even if we managed to do so it would take some time to prepare an ad-hoc generic catalyst aimed at replacing your current DNA with your original one, on top of that it would be more prudent to wait for the current DNA to stabilise, after all this is a very experimental procedure. To be honest having the procedure repeated twice is something we decided to avoid as could turn out to be too unstable and dangerous.”

“Oh my God no! I can’t stay like this! Not even my family would recognise me! Shit, my documents are going to be useless! You have to do something about this please!” Caroline begged him.

“Let me think... I have an idea that might work but it will take some time. In the meanwhile we can’t risk leaks about our research. You’ll submit your resignation via email mentioning you had to assist a sick relative, this will explain your sudden disappearance.”

“It’s a little scary to lose my job and disappear like that but I guess you’re right... I’ll do as you say.”

“Good. You’ll have to stay undercover for the time being. With no documents, I’m afraid the only option we have for you will be to work for me in my private mansion.”

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“Was it really necessary to make me your domestic maid? This is so demeaning!” “You’re just an illegal immigrant now, with no ID or connections, it’s the easiest way to disguise you. Nobody will notice a new brown maid ” “I guess that’s what I am now, right. Even people at supermarkets look at me differently now. Well, you better be quick in finding a solution for this, I’m not going to be your personal maid forever!” - an angry Caroline said. Mark smiled maliciously - “You make a really pretty maid girl I have to say though!”

Caroline was for once happy that her brown skin tone didn’t reveal she was blushing. Where did that come from? Did she enjoy being treated as a simple servant? When she noticed how her dark skin and hair contrasted with those of her new boss and the people around her she felt an odd sense of warmth. Was she actually into this? She knew she had weird fetishes but wouldn’t have expected that being turned into an Indian girl and losing her social status and position would have turned her on.

What happens next?

A. Mark dies in a sudden accident, trapping Caroline in her new body forever

B. Mark finds an experimental solution and decides to try it on Caroline

C. They are discovered by their company, which decides to experiment further on Catherine