

INT: OFFICE: DAY

MORTEN

Hey, you here for the job?

ERIC

Yes sir...

MORTEN

Come in...got your application?

ERIC

Uh, yes sir, here you go.

MORTEN

Done construction before?

ERIC

Yeah, I have. Started in my teens and did it throughout my 20's and 30's. I've done lots of it.

MORTEN

What have you done?

ERIC

You name it...I've been a bricklayer, I can use a back hoe, heavy equipment driller...been a cement mason, been a foreman. I think I've done it all.

MORTEN

The pay is shit...I wanted to use Mexicans, but the government is cracking down.

ERIC

Well...shit pay or not, money is money.

MORTEN

Can you start tomorrow? I'm short staffed.

ERIC

Absolutely. Wow. Yes...yes. I can. Thank you!

MORTEN

You didn't fill out your criminal history.

ERIC

Oh...does that...does that matter? You know what I'll do? I'll make a list of all the machines I know how to operate...

MORTEN

Yeah, it does matter actually...have you been convicted of a crime in a court of law?

ERIC

You know...let me talk to you man to man for a second...you said the pay was shit...I'm willing to work for shit...tell you what, I'm willing to bust my ass for shit...you need me to work overtime?

I'll do it. You need me here two hours before sunrise? I'll be here...I really need this job.

MORTEN

So, the answer is yes? I'm sorry...I've hired ex-cons before and I've had too much grief. Can't take you on.

ERIC

Please...this is all I know...I can't start over at my age, ya know? You can watch me like a hawk.

I'm a good worker.

MORTEN

Sorry...

ERIC

You're sorry...no. I'm sorry. I'm the one that's sorry...about ten years ago, me and my buddies were coming out of a bar...we see some scumbag choking a woman to death. Her face was all blue. We tried to pull him off, but we couldn't. So, I grabbed a bottle and cracked him in the face with it over and over again, She lived...but that son of a bitch charged ME with assault and I went to jail...I went to jail for saving some lady's life and now I can't get a goddamn job laying bricks? Screw you! Fuck this system. I spent my life doing the right things but for what? Huh? Let me ask you a question...if that woman were your wife...or your daughter...would you have

hired me? Have a good day.