

OVER BLACK

Ambient sound and the building hum of people socializing.

SUPER: "Regression Test: Re-running functional and non-functional tests to ensure that previously developed and tested software still performs as expected after a change."

INT. LECTURE HALL - UNIVERSITY - DAY

A large room full of PEOPLE searching for seats, getting comfortable, mingling.

Middle-aged WHITE MEN in expensive suits and lab coats dominate the front row.

INT. LADIES' RESTROOM - UNIVERSITY - DAY

MALLORY BRICE (Black, 24), a grad student with her ARMS PRESSED against the walls, HUNCHES OVER in a dark stall, RETCHING hard while TEARS and SLOBBER TRICKLE from her face.

The GAGGING and COUGHING reaches its peak.

A WOMAN, (white, mid-20s), a cartoonish character with curly red hair that contrasts the green walls, wearing SUNGLASSES and COMBAT BOOTS, exits the neighboring stall.

Mallory wipes her face with balled-up toilet paper, tosses it in the bowl, FLUSHES, and exits her stall.

As the Woman washes her hands, Mallory sets her laptop aside on the counter and follows suit.

WOMAN  
(thick Cockney accent)  
You alright there, love?

MALLORY  
Sorry you had to hear that --

WOMAN  
What's there to be sorry for?

Mallory takes a SMALL CONTAINER from her pocket, removes two pills, different colors, POPS THEM IN HER MOUTH, and washes them down using her hand as a cup under the faucet.

MALLORY  
Public speaking fucking terrifies  
me...