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Anita Gets Her Powers

Int. R&D Lab - Day

The lab room Anita finds herself in is unlit when she enters. The camera should be affixed to the back of the room, parallel with the door through which Anita enters. We watch as Anita walks unsurely into the room. The room contains all sorts of science-like equipment, and tables containing such objects, with a large space in the middle that has tools, tables, and equipment and such specifically surrounding it. As she is surveying the scene, the lights suddenly turn on and MCDOOGLE is seen to be standing across the room from Anita, watching her closely. After a moment or two of very awkward silence, McDoogle finally speaks.

MCDOOGLE

(Suspicious of Anita)

Mmmm... Are you another temp?

McDoogle turns away from Anita and begins pacing back and forth, casting occasional glances her way.

MCDOOGLE

I don't want another temp. I thought I remembered telling myself the last temp I had would indeed be the last temp I ever had! Of course, that was *after* she died...

ANITA

(Swallows, finally speaks up, obviously a little nervous, but annoyed at being thought a temp)  
I'm, uhh, not a temp. I work in Tech Support.

MCDOOGLE

(Disbelieving)

Lies! Take this, insidious scum!

As Mcdoogle hits the switch, and begins speaking, two panels in the floor in the open area pull apart, and fog spills into the room as a mechanical sound is emitted and Mcdoogle's machine rises from the floor upon a platform, enshrouded by the fog. He pushes a button and the machine whirs to life, powering up.

MCDOOGLE

(Maniacal Laughter, turns into a wheezing cough because of Fog)

Ohh, excuse me... The fog always gets me.

McDoogle shuffles around the machine, inspecting it's initialization processes and muttering to himself.

MCDOOGLE

(Muttering madly to himself)

Yes... An excellent opportunity to test my new invention...

McDoogle once more inspects the machine's readout and, content with what he sees, pushes another button on the machine. Suddenly, a blast is shot at Anita. The energy from the machine engulfs her, but

she is still able to be seen. The camera focuses solely on Anita at this point. She stumbles backwards into a copy machine as the Professor is cackling madly in the background. The screen slowly blurs and fades to black as Anita loses consciousness.

FADE TO BLACK