

NAME CHANGER BY RENATA SHAYKHETDINOVA

INT. - OFFICE - DAY

RENATA

Hey, you're new! How are you doing,  
David?

CHAD

Hi! My name is not David.

RENATA

Oh, I'm sorry, Steve!

CHAD

Wait what? My name is not Steve.

RENATA

Sorry. I have a terrible memory.

CHAD

Chad.

RENATA

Are you sure?

CHAD

Yes!

RENATA

But you seem so sweet and  
confident. So...David...or Steve.

CHAD

Huh?

RENATA

You know how every Ashley you meet  
is kind of...ditzzy? And every Wayne  
you meet is kinda nuts?

CHAD

You guess peoples name based on how  
they look?

RENATA

And I'm usually right.

Points at people in the office at random.

RENATA (CONT'D)

That's John, Tina, Alida, and  
Patric.

JOHN  
Hi! I'm John... I used to be Eliot.

RENATA  
But everyone knows Eliot is a--

JOHN  
-- pompous ass!

Renata nods.

JOHN (CONT'D)  
So I changed my name to John, and suddenly everyone loves me.

PATRIC  
John, I like that quote you posted on Facebook!

ALIDA  
You're so inspiring!

TINA  
I used to be Britney but everyone knows Britney--

RENATA  
--is a hot mess.

TINA  
So now I'm Tina.

Tina puts on glasses.

ALIDA  
(whispers)  
She is so smart and put together.

Tina chews on an office plant.

JOHN  
It's like magic!

RENATA  
That's right! I used to be Pam Smith. Thought I'd die in accounting. Changed it to Renata Schmidt, and--

TINA  
Could you please sign here, boss?

RENATA  
 (signs)  
 --BOOM! Senior management!

Pen drop.

CHAD  
 Hmmmm. What about Chad?

EVERYONE BUT CHAD  
 Chad is a douche!

CHAD  
 And Doug?

EVERYONE BUT CHAD  
 Doug is a tool!

CHAD  
 Timmy?

ALIDA  
 Huge red flag!

JOHN  
 Have you not noticed how most  
 Timmies are 11 or under?

CHAD  
 And Brett?

PATRIC passes by.

PATRIC  
 Has anyone met a decent person  
 named Brett? Because I sure  
 haven't.

ALIDA  
 Brett, Brent, Brandon, Braydon--

RENATA  
 David, on the other hand--

EVERYBODY BUT CHAD  
 --is sweet and confident,

Chad's facial expression indicates he is flattered.

RENATA  
 A romantic behind busy exterior...

Chad's facial expression changes to "romantic".

RENATA (CONT'D)  
David has a strong sense of  
humor...

Chad tries to suppress a wide smile.

RENATA (CONT'D)  
...and is popular with the opposite  
sex.

Office bombshell MEGAN stops by.

MEGAN  
You are David, right? Hi, I'm  
Megan.

CHAD  
Nice to meet you!

She winks and passes by.

RENATA  
Hey Megan, what do you think about  
men named Chad?

Megan looks disgusted. Thumbs down.

CHAD  
And David?

Megan blows Chad a kiss.

CHAD (CONT'D)  
(to himself)  
David. Hmmm... Hi, I'm David!  
David, nice to meet you! David...  
I'll take it.  
(to Renata)  
Thank you!..I forgot your name.

RENATA  
Renata.

CHAD  
David.

RENATA  
Nice to meet you!

CHAD  
Nice to meet you!

Both laugh. Phone rings.

PHONE

Hi, I'd like to speak to your  
manager.

CHAD

This must be Karen.

FADE OUT