

Alyssa Weisberg Casting/Browsers

JUSTIN

← START

JUSTIN (cocky)

Less than a year ago, I was like you. A "lowly" intern. Today I am among the five highest-ranking of Julianna's six executive assistants. I'm proof that here at Gush, talent and unteachably innate ultra-competence is noticed and rewarded. But before we can get to that point, we have to discuss "winnowing week."

INTERN
Winnowing week?

JUSTIN

(Uncomfortably) It's kind of a hallowed tradition here at Gush. With each new crop of interns, whichever one is not working out the most by the end of the first week, gets fired.

INTERN
Fired?

JUSTIN

Well, no. "Fired" is more when you get rid of someone you're actually paying. "Let go," really.

INTERN

Seriously?

JUSTIN

Yeah. Look, Julianna believes the business world not only can be profoundly unfair, but in many cases *should* be. So her management style reflects that.

INTERN

Did you go through it?

JUSTIN

Yes I did. We had six interns. They fired a guy named Evan. Last I heard he was working at a Quizno's. Anyway, you'll always have Gush on your resume, so there's that. Now--



1/2

*
*

*

*

*
*

2/2

INTERN (FEMALE)
Is there anything we can do to
better our chances?

JUSTIN
Well, if you're talking about
sucking up to me, the answer is
'no'.

INTERN
I wasn't.

JUSTIN
Good. 'Cause that's not going to
work. This is an office. My dating
life is none of your business.

INTERN
Understood.

JUSTIN
I like that sweater. Now, let me
take you on a little orientation.
Down this little alley is a lot of
our section editors. That's Jason,
he's Politics. Jeannette,
Business... he's Tech... she's
Media... Sports... and usually that
desk is Women's Issues, but she's
out on her lesbian honeymoon.
(To female intern)
You're standing a little close.

INTERN
No I'm not!

JUSTIN
Like I said: Not gonna help.

*
*
*
*