

ERIS: It's pretty bloody simple. Be honest, admit your mistakes, make amends, learn from it, move on. (Pause) Was there something else, or are you going to carry on hiding from that too?

SOPHIA: What the...?! You can't talk to me like that?

ERIS: No? Well, you're quite right. I'll refund the rest of this call. I can't help you. God knows how Sage puts up with you. Maybe write to the complaints people if you think it will make you feel better?

SOPHIA: Are you serious?! I'll...(Tries to think of a powerful threat, but can't) I'll cancel my subscription!

ERIS: (Laughing) And what, instantly sign up somewhere else because you're addicted to listening to advice you'll never take? Go ahead!

ERIS cancels the call. SOPHIA stares at her laptop shaking her head.

LIGHTS down.

SOUND – as if on radio: Sophia Ignari is one of the 30 women under 30 to watch this year, according to an article in this week's Capital Life special edition. Her company - DNALicious - is using the latest in genetic technology to match people with their perfect foods, looking at what is written in our own unique genetic codes and designing foods that work with our body's systems, rather than against them. She says this will help with the fight against obesity and diabetes. Sophia has kindly agreed to take a few minutes out of her schedule to talk to us.

LIGHTS - spot on SOPHIA sat at a café table.

SOPHIA is on the phone. TYCHE is playing a stereotypical radio host and is unseen off-stage.

TYCHE: Sophia, thank you so much for joining us - I know you're very busy.

SOPHIA: Yes, today especially as we're looking to complete our latest funding round later today.

TYCHE: A big day!

SOPHIA: (Confident and a little arrogant) Yes, a big day in a long line of big days.

TYCHE: We've all heard about the product - an awesome idea, I can't wait to try it - but what I'd like to ask about is the person behind it. You're under 30 but have already appeared on the cover of Capital Life magazine. How did that come about?

SOPHIA: As a young woman leading a tech company, I get asked a lot of questions about how I did it, how I broke through in a world dominated by men. Capital Life were keen to dig into that story.

TYCHE: And how *did* you do it?

SOPHIA: I would love to say that it was easy. But it was the result of a lot of hard work over many, many years. Starting back when I was very young... when I made the decision to pursue a life in technology.

TYCHE: You weren't out smoking dope with the rest of us!

SOPHIA: Well no, but it's more than that. It's the extra hours you put in instead of doom-scrolling on social media or watching TV.

TYCHE: Hard work pays off.

SOPHIA: Absolutely.

TYCHE: What advice would you give to people starting out? Or old losers like me?

SOPHIA: Work hard, be honest and... this one might surprise you, coming from someone in a company like ours... don't take big risks. You don't need to.

TYCHE: Slow and steady, eh? Doesn't sound like much fun! No wonder I'm here and you're on the cover of Capital Life.

SOPHIA: It's just logic really. Hard work pays off.

TYCHE: Yes, well... Sophia, I know you have to dash off now, but thank you for your time. Good luck with the investment.

SOPHIA: Thank you, but we don't need luck!

SOPHIA cuts the call.

TYCHE: That was Sophia Ignari of DNALicious and rising star in the world of tech. She almost makes me wish I paid attention in class! Now we are back to the 90s...

SOUND – 90's-style music over café radio.

LIGHTS – Lights fully up. The back wall projection is of the inside of a boutique coffee shop.

VÖR: Good morning, how's it going? I'll have an espresso and one of those and she'll have... what do you want?

Sophia is now messaging on her phone. ERIS is the barista and acts a bit air-headed.

ERIS: Hey, that was you on the radio! I had no idea! What is it..? Like 3 years you've been coming in here, like every morning, and I literally had no idea. I love it.

Sophia continues to message, ignoring them.

VÖR: Sophia! What do you want?

SOPHIA: Hm? Flat white, extra shot.

ERIS: It's like one of those ideas that will change the world. And I'm making coffee for the genius who came up with it. Can you believe that? And now you're on the news and... hey can I make a TikTok with you? You could talk about how our coffee helps you come up with ideas. Like it was the creative spark or the fuel or whatever!

VÖR: (Genuinely) That'd be fun.

ERIS: It'd only take a minute and...

SOPHIA: Make that a take-away please.

VÖR: I thought we were catching up?

SOPHIA: I need to go in and make sure everyone's ready.

VÖR: They're fine. And Max here wants to make a TikTok.

SOPHIA: What? With us? What about?