

NEWS STUDIO - NIGHT

Bradley walks in. She canvases the area.

Alex walks by and spots her. She watches her from the doorway.

ALEX

Want to take a seat?

Bradley, startled, turns to her.

BRADLEY

Is that an invitation or a command?

Alex enters the studio.

ALEX

You sound a little pissed off.

BRADLEY

I don't like surprises.

ALEX

Oh, come on, that was a pretty good surprise.

BRADLEY

No. You don't get to make this about me. You dropped a bomb and I don't know why I- maybe you're trying to blow up your life, maybe you're angry which I get but you don't have the right to fuck with me.

ALEX

Fuck with you how? By offering you the most coveted anchor job in the world?

BRADLEY

I don't want your job.

ALEX

Oh, honey, bullshit.

BRADLEY

You are so cocky you just think I'm gonna do this?

ALEX

I know you're going to do this.

BRADLEY

I don't have a contract.

ALEX

Well, great. I just put you in a great spot to negotiate. This job is yours. I am welcome you with open arms. I am giving you the biggest news platform you could ever have. If you're a true journalist, you don't say no to this.

BRADLEY

I'm not sure this is considered true journalism.

ALEX

And how many current or former presidents have you interviewed?

BRADLEY

This job requires a certain kind of positivity, I'm not a perky person.

ALEX

I don't care. I don't want us to be the same. I'm not looking to groom my replacement. I want a partner.

BRADLEY

Do you? Or do you want somebody who's beholden to you... somebody who's grateful that you plucked them from obscurity because if that's what you're hoping for I will give you serious buyer's remorse.

ALEX

You are convinced that you know me. I can guarantee that you are underestimating me... and I am really fucking over people doing that. I want you here at 7am tomorrow. I suggest that you get up at 5, 4 on Sunday, start getting yourself conditioned.

BRADLEY

Alex?

ALEX

Mhmm.

BRADLEY

I don't like being used.

ALEX

Oh my God. Just try like taking
advantage of the situation
presented... that sounds like
something you might enjoy. Come on...

Alex walks towards the door.

ALEX (CONT)

See you tomorrow.