

The Morning Show-Episode 9

Mitch: I am gonna guess that you're not in the mood for some take-out...a chat to catch me up on things?

Alex: That's not gonna happen. Bradley's not going to interview you.

M: Ok...well...I haven't heard that from her sooo...

Alex: Your credibility's gone. You have no allies left. You're not going after Fred and the network. It's time for you to go home. It's time for you to leave me and my show alone.

M: Your show. Well this isn't really about you Alex.

A: How's that?

M: I am fighting for my life. Your life's going to be fine. Your career too.

A: You cannot guarantee that.

M: Actually, I can. The world is not ready to hold women accountable for their complicity, even the ones in power.

A: My complicity?

M: Oh god really? Are you really gonna keep pretending that you didn't know what was going on?

A: Oh my god...

M: Oh man...can we just act like fucking grownups and just level with each other for once. Let's just be honest for once.

A: Honest about what?

M: Are you actually going to look me in the eye and say that you didn't participate?

A: Participate how?

M: Ok...I guess we're still pretending or I'm misremembering it. You didn't roll your eyes at these women? You didn't make jokes at their expense? You didn't mock their sometimes desperate behavior when I moved on? Oh I may have fucked them but you were very cruel. And words matter. Look I'm not coming for you. At the end of the day I will always have your back...I always will but this could be advantageous to both of us if you just remove the emotion from it. Very few men in my situation have been willing to talk. People are going to watch. It could be an iconic moment. It could elevate you and the show. Bradley sees that.

A: You cannot compartmentalize me. You can't separate my pain from you want. You need to understand that what you are trying to do is breaking my heart.

M: It's my whole life...my legacy. You can't ask me to not fight for that.

A: I can and I am. I'm asking...I'm asking.

M: Well...no.

A: Well it's not happening on my show.

M: Ok. Well I can go somewhere else. Any program would jump at this. And if that happens, it'll be hard to keep out of the narrative the fact that my own home wasn't willing to take a deep look at themselves. When given the opportunity they opted for silence.

A: I'm going to be doing a lot of press about my divorce...why it happened so quickly on the heels of you being exposed. You see, the truth is, it wasn't easy sitting next to you. You were powerful...intimidating. There are times where I have spent years just trying to forget. Actually, I remember one time in particular...we were in Chili on a remote and boy...you were so mad about how the show went and you accused me of eating into your segment. And I felt terrible. So we went out for drinks and then more drinks. And I just remember trying to get back to my hotel room. And then I woke up in a bed that

wasn't my own. And I was in your bed. And I don't fully remember how I got there.

M: You wouldn't dare.

A: Try me.

M: This is pathetic Alex.

A: I don't care. Goodbye Mitch.