

INT. Tally's Apartment.

Tally and Warren watch footage of Tally's reporting. Warren jumps ahead to different segments with a remote.

TALLY

(on television)

*Fabian, here you are back home in the town where you were discovered on your own front steps when you were only fourteen---*

TALLY ~~(CONT'D)~~

Everybody loved that piece. It got a huge response--

TALLY ~~(CONT'D)~~

(on television)

*How do you justify---*

TALLY (CONT'D)

I mean considering---

TALLY ~~(CONT'D)~~

(on television)

*What about that...that guy who chose to murder that..that woman---*

TALLY (CONT'D)

That was a terrific idea. It just wasn't...it wasn't quite executed--

TALLY (CONT'D)

(on television)

*You and your children have been here for seven weeks now---*

TALLY (CONT'D)

Yeah, I was really off that day. But, there is some good stuff with her children.

TALLY ~~(CONT'D)~~

(on television)

*The SRO Housing Agency, of course, being the city agency responsible---*

Warren abruptly turns the set off.

TALLY (CONT'D)

Oh. No. No. No. You didn't get to the stuff with the children.

WARREN

I don't need to.

TALLY

No. But, its good.

WARREN

Its shit.

TALLY

It was what?

WARREN

It was all shit. Why was she in the hospital? The social worker told her she couldn't get her kids back unless what? Did you listen to one word that woman was saying? Or were you too busy worrying about impressing the viewers with how much policy jargon you could spout? Come here.

He stands her in front of a mirror.

WARREN (CONT'D)

Now look. Who the hell is this? What the hell happened to you? Where's Tally Atwater?

TALLY

You tell me. You should know. You invented her.

WARREN

Well, I did one lousy job. You come up here and you take one look at Marsha McGrath's uptown eastern act and you fold. If I was into inventing people, believe me, I would have invented someone a hell of a lot tougher than you turned out to be.

TALLY

I am exactly the way you made me. Do it this way. Do it that way. Do it my way until I don't even know how to do it without you.

WARREN

Bullshit. I dressed you. I pointed you toward the camera. But, you did it. You told the story.

(MORE)

WARREN (CONT'D)

And, you know how to do it. And, you going to start doing it on your own.

TALLY

I can't.

WARREN

I said, when you get to the network twenty million people are going to be depending on you.

TALLY

I don't care.

WARREN

You goddamn will care. Because, before they can trust you they have to know you are listening to them. And, you can't listen to them unless you damn well know who you are. You see, its not all Marsha McGrath country up here. So, give them Tally Atwater.

TALLY

When I asked you how long you could stay and you said "long enough". How long is that? When we are not together--

WARREN

Everything shuts down.