

NICOLE  
The fuck I didn't.

MEG  
You can't talk to her like that.

EMILIA  
I'm going.

MEG  
Wait!

(beat)  
What time is the meeting?

EMILIA  
Tomorrow at 6.

MEG  
I'll be there.

NICOLE  
Are you insane?

EMILIA  
What about--

MEG  
I'll be there.

EMILIA  
Thank you.

Emilia kisses Meg. Nicole watches.

MEG  
I've got a few things to wrap up. But we'll talk tonight.

Emilia kisses Meg again, staring  
meaningfully at Nicole over Meg's  
shoulder, then exits.

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MEG  
What the hell was that?

NICOLE  
That was you throwing your career away.

MEG  
I'm supposed to let them ruin Ronnie?

NICOLE  
You didn't do that for Ronnie.

MEG  
Getting fired would devastate her.

NICOLE  
You're trying to protect Emilia.

MEG  
So what? Is that so horrible?

NICOLE  
Are you committed to winning that House seat or not?

MEG  
Yes. But--

NICOLE  
But you're not willing to do whatever it takes to win it.

MEG  
I didn't say that.

NICOLE  
I guess it's better to know that now than a month from now.

MEG  
Juggle whatever you have to so I can be at the Center tomorrow at 6, okay?

NICOLE  
Sure.

Meg starts to leave.

NICOLE  
And I'll leave my resignation letter on your desk before I leave today.

Meg stops, spins abruptly.

MEG  
What?

NICOLE  
Two weeks is plenty of time for me to wrap things up. Tina can step in on an interim basis until you hire a replacement.

MEG  
You're not serious. What will you do?

NICOLE  
I get a dozen job offers a day. I'll be fine.

MEG

Just like that? One argument and you're out.

NICOLE

We don't want the same things anymore. And I'm tired of feeling like I'm in this by myself.

MEG

We're a team.

NICOLE

We used to be.

MEG

After everything we've been through? All that we've accomplished? You're willing to walk away because...what? You don't think I'm capable of balancing my personal life and my professional life?

NICOLE

You've got a call with Public Safety at--

MEG

Fuck that!

NICOLE

Is that going to be your answer to all your obligations from now on?

MEG

Fuck you!

NICOLE

Further proof that having a speechwriter on staff is money well spent.

MEG

You're jealous.

NICOLE

Of you? Of Emilia? Don't flatter yourself.

MEG

You can't stand that you're not calling the shots. You hate that someone else's opinion matters to me more than yours.

NICOLE

No Meg. I just wish you were listening to someone who had your best interests at heart instead of a person who's wants you to be somebody you're not.

(beat)

I'll put the call through in five.