

SCANDAL S:5 Esp: 10

INT. OLIVIA'S Apartment

Abby and Olivia are lounging on the sofa drinking expensive wine.

ABBY

This feels so good. You have no idea how much I needed this. Silence. Adult conversation, not about politics. Eating in peace.

OLIVIA

I know, when I came home I couldn't get enough of it.

ABBY

You miss him?

OLIVIA

No. I mean I do but, I don't. I'm talking about the work, the speed of a political day, the energy, the pace...it's a rush.

ABBY

Leo wants me to quit my job.

OLIVIA

What! Abby you can't quit.

ABBY

Leo by the way, he took a campaign in Texas. He hates Texas but he took it because he says it didn't matter, he never sees me anyway. And I was ready to get mad but he's right. I mean this job is –

OLIVIA

You can't quit.

ABBY

I know I can't quit. It's the White House, but I'm the work wife Liv. He's working wifing the hell out of me.

OLIVIA

That's a good thing. It means you've got his ear.

ABBY

It means I've got no life and I barely had one before but this...I mean what is the man's problem?

Liv, I know that it was bad and it was awful and painful and sad but, just...at 2 o'clock in the morning I can't feel that sorry for the rich, handsome, powerful leader of the free world who got his heart broken and now he's lonely.

OLIVIA

Abby he's not lonely, he's alone. He doesn't have anyone. I was it. I was the last person he trusted. The last person he had. He doesn't have anyone.

ABBY

Oh, now I feel like an ass.

OLIVIA

I need to call him. Not for you or me, he may be the only out I have for my client but it would be unfair of me to ask for a favor. I don't want to...I can't do that to him, I don't want to put him in that position.

ABBY

So you're not gonna call because you're being respectful of his feelings?

OLIVIA

Yeah.

ABBY

Sorry, I'm just not drunk enough to buy it. You're afraid he actually might pick up the phone, that he might do you a favor, that you might end up owing him and that he might call you again and you're back to square one, for better or for worse. You're terrified.

OLIVIA

I would tell you or anyone else to suck it up, get over it. I'd say quit being a baby, stop thinking about yourself, pick up the phone and do what is best for your client.

ABB

Excellent Olivia Pope advice.

OLIVIA

The why don't I seem able to take it.