

SCANDAL S5: EPS. 14 Big Dog

INT. OLIVIA'S office.

ABBY

I have him. I have Cyrus.

I just know-

OLIVIA

How to take that information and use it against him.  
Bury him-

ABBY

Crush him. Destroy him. Slit his throat and bathe in  
his blood.

OLIVIA

You want his job. You want to be the White House  
Chief of Staff.

ABBY

Hell yeah. I want to run that mother.

OLIVIA

And you don't think you should wait your turn?

ABBY

Cyrus has been a great friend to me. He's also one  
of the worst human beings on the planet.

OLIVIA

That doesn't answer my question.

ABBY

It does. A good person would wait their turn, but a  
Cyrus wouldn't. A true monster would never wait.  
A monster cuts in line. A monster takes; and you

and I both know that this town is run by monsters they have the power. The biggest dogs with the sharpest teeth own the room. So, how long should I wait? How long do you think it'll be before a big dog will rip my throat out and take my spot in line?

(beat)

But how do the big dogs sleep at night? What if I do this and I can't sleep at night?

OLIVIA

Abby, you're a good person. You're just standing too close to the Oval. You can feel the power and you want it, everyone does. But don't, don't let that place corrupt you. Once you drive that stake through Cyrus' heart there'll be no turning back. Once you take the white hat off, it's gone. You will no longer be you and the thing is, being a big dog isn't as great as it seems.

(beat)

Be a better person. Okay?