

NOT SO FAST

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SCENE 1: ARIANA AND KIELE

INT DAYTON APARTMENT - BEDROOM - LATE MORNING

KIELE and ARIANA are in the middle of a tense conversation.

ARIANA

Why are you getting mad?

KIELE

I'm getting mad because you are sitting here in this room crying for no reason.

ARIANA

I have every reason to be in my feelings. *Everything is changing.*

KIELE

And that is what life is all about... change. But me going into the draft is a change for the better. Certainly not a reason for you to be sitting here in this dark room crying like some crazy person.

ARIANA

I enjoy our moments. I enjoy the simple things like going to the beach or a last minute trip to San Diego. The minute you are drafted, those things will fly out of the door.

KIELE

Don't you think those things will now be elevated? I mean how do you always think in such negative matter?

ARIANA

I've seen how men behave once those bright lights smack them in the face. Everything changes. I have seen it time and time again.

Kiele sighs.

KIELE

I can't do this. This is exactly the kind of nonsense and stress the advisory committee told me to stay away from.

The comment stuns Ariana.

ARIANA
What does that mean?

In a gesture of uneasiness, Kiele rubs his face. He knows that he needs to just say his thoughts.

KIELE
I think we need to separate.

Even though it seems as if Ariana should have known it was coming, she is still stunned by the comment.

ARIANA
What?

KIELE
(unconvincing)
I mean maybe we can pick it up once everything settles into place. But right now I need to focus.

ARIANA
You're breaking up with me?

KIELE
My dream is at stake here. I can't have any distractions and your paranoia is kicking my ass.

SCENE 2:

PAM AND KIELE

PAM
I want to talk about you and my daughter.

KIELE
I think you need to stay out of this.

PAM
Now you know I am not going to do that.

KIELE
I am not having this conversation with you.

PAM

If you think you are going to just discard my daughter, you are highly mistaken Kiele. Ariana has backed you and been your emotional support for the last three years.

KIELE

Our breakup is about now, not the last three years.

PAM

Now when you are on the verge of fame and riches? How convenient.

KIELE

One thing has nothing to do with the other

PAM

It has everything to do with it. Do you believe that you are being fair? You wouldn't be a top draft pick had it not been for my daughter standing by your side and giving you encouragement.

KIELE

And now she seems to have flipped that support into paranoia. The same things Ariana once pushed me to achieve has turned into the things she loathes.

PAM

Its a woman's prerogative. it's fear. The world has seen how you men behave when your bank account has added zeros to your balance. When the world is yelling your name and Kardashian women are opening their thighs in your face for attention. That is the basis of her fear.

KIELE

Well that is not who I am. I am going to be Kiele no matter how much success enters my life.

PAM

Saying it doesn't make my daughter any more secure.

(MORE)

PAM (CONT'D)

And obviously she has good reason considering it was so easy for you to break up with her.

KIELE

There is nothing easy or sudden about our break up. I have been contemplating it for a while. Today she just made it easy.

PAM

Is that so? Interesting. Do you remember the Arizona trip you and Ariana did back in 2022?

Kiele perks up.

KIELE

Yes I do.

PAM

And you recall the accident as well right?

Kiele doesn't say a word.

PAM (CONT'D)

What would the NFL think if they knew that you were involved in a high profile hit and run that left a 12 year old boy paralyzed? You think they would allow you to..play?

Fear crashes on Kiel's face.