

SUCCESSION S1E6
SHIV & NATE

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SHIV

Hey.

NATE

Hey. I'm sorry I'm late.

SHIV

Yeah, no. No worries.

NATE

This place has changed.

SHIV

Uh... yeah.

I mean, well, e-everything changes.

We've changed.

NATE

What's this? Shiv Roy goes soulful.

Does not suit you.

It's like you're wearing a turtleneck
and a stick-on mustache.

SHIV

All right, yeah.

Well, I do have feelings.

NATE

So, uh, congratulations on Senator
Miller.

SHIV

Thank you.

NATE

Not exactly the fuckin' Southern
Strategy, gettin' a bunch of Jews,
blacks, and media studies professors to
vote in a Democrat in New York state,
but still...

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SHIV

Fuck you. You've seen the numbers.

NATE

Yeah, there's a number of ways of analyzing the numbers.

SHIV

I did a fucking good job, in the teeth of a scandal. At this point in the cycle, I knocked it out of the fucking park.

So here's to me.

How's everything in the People's Republic of Gil Eavis?

NATE

Amazing.

So, go on, Shiv, what is this?

SHIV

OK, uh, well...I want you to think about joining us.

Me and Joyce.

NATE

Why?

SHIV

Because I need a piece of shit on the team.

What do you think?

NATE

Is it a good idea? You and me?

SHIV

Uh, yeah. Why?

NATE

Historically speaking, we found it quite hard not to fuck each other. You say you want me... but really, you don't.

SHIV

It's so exciting when you know more about me than I do.

NATE

You want me for my edge, 'cause she's not edgy enough. You should be workin' for a winner like Gil.

SHIV

You know I'm a considerably more successful political strategist than you are.

NATE

Shiv, you work with what you got, and what you got is... bleachh.

SHIV

I've been grooming Joyce for three years.

NATE

Appeals to everyone.

SHIV

Exactly.

NATE

Which is a little like appealing to no one. She's nice.

SHIV

That is a horrible thing to say about anyone.

NATE

Look, Kendall told me how you're marrying this... guy, this corn-fed basic from hockey town.

SHIV

Yeah, Tom. He's a great guy.

NATE

Sure.
Great guy with the square head.
And you're workin' for the nice black
lady.
What are you trying to prove?

SHIV

You're such a fucking prick.

NATE

You should be with an exciting bastard
like me.

SHIV

I tried playing with you, and you
broke.

NATE

So, tell me more about Mr. Potato Head.

SHIV

Tom?
He's a... He's amazing.

NATE

Well, I'm pleased.

SHIV

Uh, but... It is great.

NATE

Shiv.
You're convincing me. You are.
It's the constant sort of... weary
repetition. "Tom's great."

SHIV

He is. We're not gonna fuck tonight,
right?

NATE

You know I'm getting married, too.

SHIV

Oh, really.
Car model or failed actress?

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NATE

Ouch. There she is.
She's actually a French doctor.

SHIV

That's nice.

NATE

I mean, it doesn't mean we can't do
other stuff.

SHIV

Uh...

NATE

Theoretically.

SHIV

I'm getting married in March.

NATE

I'm getting married in May.

SHIV

It's not a competition.

NATE

Sure. Yeah. But only one of us is
getting married in lilac season, and
it's not you.
Come on.

SHIV

What?

NATE

I have to say I am feeling...

SHIV

You're feeling what, Nate?

NATE

I mean, we could masturbate in separate
rooms.

SHIV

Oh, God!

NATE

No. It's quite modern.

SHIV

No. Come on!

NATE

Or... Or...Just, for old times' sake,
last one. Absolute last one.
I could just, you know, the old
traditional... simply... stick it in.

SHIV

Yeah. Like a gas station, right?
Just stick it in.
So a French doctor, huh?
She sounds far too nice and interesting
for you.

NATE

She's not that nice.
Deep down she's... status and money-
obsessed. Like you.

SHIV

This is nice.
This is like being friends.
You know.

Nate's phone rings.

NATE

It was Gil.
He's very interested.
I think you should do this.
You're hot, you're... so hot right now.

SHIV

Come on. Nate.
We should be good people.

NATE

Uh, I know.

SHIV

Wouldn't it be nice to just wake up in
the morning and...not feel like a
fucking piece of shit?