

Role of Tim
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~~CODY~~

~~A + trouble~~

~~SHE SMILES WEAKLY.~~ TIM ENTERS. CODY RUNS TO HIM.

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SCI

TIM

Hey, how's my boy?

TIM GRABS CODY AND MAKES A FART SOUND ON CODY'S CHEEK WHICH MAKES BOTH HIM AND CODY LAUGH.

TIM (CONT'D)

Wonder how old he'll be before he gets tired of that?

SHELBY

How old are you? (SMILES; KISSES TIM)

How was your day?

TIM

You ready for this? I met with the president of Penn Institute.

SHELBY

Waddell Perry?? How did that happen?

TIM

Actually, he wanted to meet me. He wants a football team.

SHELBY

(SCOFFS) At Penn Institute??

TIM

And he wants me to be the head coach.

SHELBY

Of Penn Institute?! Oh my god, Tim?!

That's a fabulous school!

TIM

I know.

SHELBY

(A BIG KISS) Oh, I'm so proud of you! You've always wanted to coach at the next level. And it would be your own program. ~~We always thought when you moved up we'd have to move away. But we love our house. I love my job. It sounds kind of perfect!~~

TIM

(SMILES) And they'd like me to ask Dad to be my head assistant.

SHELBY

(DEAD) Hayden would be living here?

TIM

Well, not here. Well, here at first I guess, 'til he got his own place. But yeah. He'd be around. All the time.

SHELBY

~~It would be like Christmas every day. Him always trying to control everything. Always trying to make Cody into the little boy he thinks he should be. (THEN) But it's a great opportunity, isn't it?~~

TIM ACKNOWLEDGES IT IS.



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SHELBY (CONT'D)

~~So put that stuff aside.~~ How would you feel about him working for you?

TIM

How would he feel about it? There's no question he could help me. And I think coming here could be good for him, you know? With Mom gone now.

SHELBY

(SYMPATHIZING) Yeah.

TIM

But I'd want this to be my program and if he was here I don't know if it ever could be.

SHELBY

That would be up to you, wouldn't it?

TIM

Yeah, you're right. I'd have to lay down ground rules. Make it clear if he came it'd be to help, not to take over.

SHELBY

And not to help with Cody.

TIM

Right.

SHELBY

You think you could do that?

TIM

Make it clear? To most people.

SHE GIVES HIM AN EMPATHETIC LOOK.

SHELBY

~~Well, we always say children are
happier with parameters. Maybe your
father's the same. He can be child-
like.~~ (OFF TIM'S WAN SMILE) Whatever
you decide should be what you want and
not what anybody else wants.

TIM

(NODS) I think I'd like to have him
here. Not just for his help. I feel
I'm ready for this and if I'm right,
I'd like him see it. (SHE
UNDERSTANDS) I'm going to call him.

SHE GIVES HIM AN AFFECTIONATE PAT; TURNS TO CODY AS TIM AUTO
DIALS HAYDEN.

SHELBY

What do you say we take a bath?

TIM

Before I call? (REALIZING) Oh.

SHELBY THROWS HIM A LOOK AS SHE LEADS CODY TO THE STAIRS.

CUT TO:

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HAYDEN

Fine. Whatever.

WADDELL

He'll be rhapsodic! His name is
Ignatius Cho. Call him Iggi.

TIM

Oh, he will.

WADDELL BACKS OUT AGAIN

HAYDEN

Son, I know it's your first head job
and you're trying to please everybody--

TIM

I'm just trying to figure out how to
put this together.

HAYDEN

I know how to put it together. ~~I'm~~
~~trying to keep you from wasting your~~
~~time~~ I've been down these roads.

TIM

Well, I haven't! It's going to be as
tough to find coaches willing to come
here as players. I'm not going to
reject anybody out of hand.

HAYDEN

Okay. You'll see.

TIM

Yeah, I will.

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START
SC II

HAYDEN FEELS CHALLENGED.

TIM (CONT'D)

Let's have this out now.

HAYDEN

Have what out??

TIM

Whose team is this going to be?

HAYDEN

Yours. But I thought you wanted my help.

TIM

How the hell is your taking over helping?

HAYDEN

I wasn't taking over! Is this about the desk??

TIM

You really don't see it. Maybe you were a head coach for so long you don't know how to do anything else.

HAYDEN LOOKS DUMBSTRUCK.

TIM (CONT'D)

I'm not just talking about this. You did it with Dauber.

HAYDEN

What do you mean??

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TIM

I told you I was going to call him but you called him first.

HAYDEN

I called him to tell him you'd be calling!

TIM

Then you must've called him as soon as you and I hung up because when I called he thought he had the job. What if I didn't want him?

HAYDEN

You thought it was a good idea!

TIM

It was! But hiring him was my call, not yours! And now you're telling the university to lower their standards, which I'm absolutely against! You jump in saying who we will and won't meet when that's my decision. (BEAT) It wasn't always easy but I'm clear that my love for this game comes from you. I'm here because of you. I know that. But you're here now because of me. And you need to know that.

HAYDEN SITS ON HIS DESK, LETTING THIS SINK IN. AS IT DOES:

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HAYDEN

(SUBDUED) Yeah. I do. Know that.
I was just excited. ~~I guess I didn't~~
~~realize how much I'd missed feeling~~
~~important.~~ I got carried away. I'm
sorry.

AFTER A LONG BEAT TIM SITS NEXT TO HIM.

TIM

It's okay. This is new to both of us.
We're going to make mistakes.

HAYDEN

Well, I'll try to keep my mouth shut
when you make yours.

TIM

Thanks, but I don't think you even
realize when you're doing it.

HAYDEN

Maybe you can give me a signal.

TIM GIVES HIM A LOOK.

HAYDEN (CONT'D)

Or I'll try to be more sensitive.

Boy, it seems like I say that a lot.

TIM HALF-SMILES; DRAPES AN ARM OVER HIS DAD.

TIM

Let's go home.

AS THEY RISE JESSE RETURNS WITH ANOTHER DESK.

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JESSE

Where do you want this one?

TIM

Just stack it on top of mine. Maybe
this office isn't going to work.

HAYDEN

I told you.

OFF TIM'S LOOK AS THEY EXIT...

FADE OUT.

END

END OF ACT TWO

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