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"Amy" 6.

INT. PRIUS - MOVING - MORNING

Isaiah Miller, from the opening teaser, in a suit, luggage in the back, drives up to a SECURED ADOBE COMPOUND in the desert outside Santa Fe. He stops by the GUARD SHACK at the gate.

SECURITY GUARD

May I help you?

ISAIAH

I'm here to see President Graves.
I'm his new assistant.

The GUARD looks Isaiah up and down then busts out laughing.

MARGARET (PRE-LDP)

I hope you're ready for this.

INT. GRAVES'S HOUSE - THAT MORNING

WE FOLLOW -- Margaret Graves who is blasting through the house like a bat out of hell -- this is her domain, she runs the ship of the ex-President's life. Isaiah trails behind.

ISAIAH

I've never been more ready to do anything in my life, ma'am.

MARGARET

Well, you come highly recommended. My friends at the CATO Institute couldn't stop talking about you.

ISAIAH

(smiling)
Really? It's so funny, you never really know if you're appreciated until you leave your job. I mean --

MARGARET

Amy!

Margaret's uptight blond assistant, AMY, 24, folds in, handing Margaret two earrings.

AMY

Reince Preibus called again.

MARGARET

Later.

Isaiah continues, walking by a PORTRAIT of a young President Graves riding a horse, cowboy hat on, a Southwestern Regan.

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ISAIAH

Just for the record, ma'am, I want you to know that everything I've studied and worked for my whole life has led me to this moment. President Graves has been the single seminal influence in my political and world view, he --

MARGARET

Don't do that.

Margaret stops suddenly, looking Isaiah in the eye:

MARGARET

Don't romanticize. This isn't fun.

GRAVES (O.S.)

MAGGIE!

Just then President Graves charges in.

GRAVES

No more golf games with Senators! Watching them sweat in the million degree heat, Boxed faces melting off their skulls, it's obscene.

Graves stops, quickly eyeing Isaiah:

GRAVES

Who --

MARGARET

Your new assistant. Isaiah Miller.

ISAIAH

(starstruck)

It's such an extreme honor --

GRAVES

Goddamit, I don't need any more assistants. I can wipe my own ass!

Graves slips into the bathroom as Isaiah turns to Amy.

AMY

Figure of speech. I think.

Margaret, clipping in an earring, stands outside the bathroom door as Graves urinates inside making "Aaaah, Jesus..." pained sounds of relief as he does.

MARGARET

There is no way you can keep your schedule without one. Isaiah will be traveling with you today - he has your itinerary.

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INT. CORRIDOR - SOON AFTER

President Graves, irritated, passes RAMONA, an older, endlessly bored Mexican housekeeper.

RAMONA
How are you today, President Graves?

GRAVES
Pain, Romona. Nothing but pain.

RAMONA
(not listening)
That's good.

INT. PRESIDENT GRAVES'S DEN - SOON AFTER

Graves sits at his office desk staring at an ENORMOUS MODEL of his Presidential Library. Under glass, it is beautifully detailed with multiple exhibits celebrating his eight years as President decades ago. He seems deeply disturbed by it.

He turns to a tray with geriatric VITAMINS and MEDICATIONS lined up for him beside some milk and an English muffin.

Graves then turns to his LAPTOP, to GOOGLE. He takes a breath. Types in "President Richard Graves." He goes to press enter. But stops himself. He slams the laptop shut --

EXT. CAR PORT - SOON AFTER

Margaret, walking with Isaiah, puts her sunglasses on followed by her secret servicemen.

MARGARET
Take Richard into town before you fly to Kansas - he needs to see people, get a dose of adoration. It's the only thing that will shake this pissy mood he's in which I need turned around for Jimmy Carter who is very sensitive. Understand?

Yes ma'am

Margaret stops, turning to smiling, exuberant Isaiah.

MARGARET
You poor thing

AMY
Mrs. Graves!

She stops as Amy hurries up...

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AMY
You need to see this before we go.

CLOSE ON - ANDERSON COOPER

ANDERSON COOPER is at his desk on CNN.

ANDERSON COOPER
Olivia Graves is in the news as
word of her husband, Congressman
William Rockefeller's infidelity
surfaces...

Paparazzi images of CONGRESSMAN ROCKEFELLER, and a RED-HEAD
shopping in Paris, appear beside ones of him and his WIFE.

ANDERSON COOPER (V.O.)
The daughter of former President
Richard Graves and First Lady
Margaret, Olivia is American
political royalty...

OLD NEWS FOOTAGE OF - YOUNG OLIVIA GRAVES through the years --
freckled in lace dresses and pigtails at the White House Egg
Roll -- a line of DOLLS made of her -- visiting sick KIDS --

ANDERSON COOPER (V.O.)
"Little Livy", as she was known,
worshipped by a generation of
American girls, daughter of an
iconic conservative President and
transformative First Lady, is a
long way from the fairy-tale White
House she grew up in.

INT. MARGARET'S OFFICE - GRAVES COMPOUND - MORNING

Margaret, Isaiah and her team, watch ANDERSON COOPER on TV in
her home office. Margaret closes her eyes for a quick beat,
to quiet the world, then turns to Amy.

MARGARET
Get me Jacob. Then Olivia.

INT. COLONIAL ESTATE - RHODE ISLAND - DAY

CLOSE ON - OLIVIA GRAVES, a gorgeous woman in her late-20s,
mascara streaking down her face, hair a rat's nest, wasted on
benzos, taking a hit off an E-Cig. Eerily calm on the phone:

OLIVIA
I'm fine, mother. Really. Just
ridiculously fantastic.

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ISAIAH

She -- no, sir, I was about --

GRAVES

I am patient zero. A coward, a fucking coward.

Graves shrugs at Isaiah, smiling at him with appreciation.

RACHEL MADDOW

And that... what you just said, sir... would you agree to repeat that on air?

ISAIAH

What -- ? NO!

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INT. LIMOUSINE - SAN FRANCISCO

Margaret is in the limo racing to the airport. Amy is beside her, checking a new TV. Confused, she switches on the TV.

AMY

MSNBC. Right now. You're not going to believe this.

Margaret pivots to a LIMO TV as... THE RACHEL MADDOW SHOW'S GRAPHIC swoops by. The banner: "EXCLUSIVE GRAVES INTERVIEW!"

EXT. MSNBC INTERVIEW - GRAVES'S COMPOUND - DAY

Rachel Maddow, sits across from Graves, now perfectly coiffed, in a suit, looking striking, on the makeshift set.

RACHEL MADDOW

First off, President Graves, thank you for this interview.

GRAVES

A pleasure, Rachel.

RACHEL MADDOW

Before I get started, is there a topic you'd like to lead off with?

GRAVES

Actually, yes. On your show, recently, you talked about the border and my administration's policies. The ripple effect of my actions leading up to this recent round of deportation notices.

RACHEL MADDOW

It's a tricky balance I presume.

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They hear a loud CRASH and Graves muttering, "COCKSUCKER...!"
Jeremy, pissed, shuts off Skype. Isaiah, a wreck, sits back.

CUT TO:

EXT. HOTEL ENTRANCE - SAN FRANCISCO HOTEL - DUSK

Margaret, led by Secret Service, exits with Amy to a mass of
obsessed MARGARET FANS and PRESS behind POLICE LINES.

SPECTATOR
MARGARET, WE LOVE YOU!

MARGARET
I love you too!

INT. LIMOUSINE - MOVING - DUSK

Margaret sits across from Amy as the limo drives away from
the hotel. She stares, unblinking, gripping the seat.

AMY
Mrs. Graves? Are you okay?

Margaret bursts into an EXCITED SCREAM of primal joy which
turns spontaneously into CATHARTIC TEARS, a total release.

MARGARET
Oh.. my GOD... they just asked me
to... run for the Senate, Amy...
that just HAPPENED!

AMY
No.

MARGARET
YES!

AMY
When, WIEN?!

MARGARET
Just now. Literally. I mean, me.
At this point in my life. A
Senator? It's CRAZY!

AMY
It's incredible! It's perfect! SO
amazing. Are you going to call the
President?

MARGARET
No, no... not yet... I need to just
take this in, you know. A few
hours where I can own it without
Richard stepping on my moment.
But, wow, right?

Margaret's tears give way to a girlish smile...

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