

SUCCESSION SEASON 1 EPS 3 - LIFEBOATS

INT. COFFEESHOP - DAY

Coffee steaming. Shop busy. Stewy talking to Kendall with the last piece of a doughnut in his hand.

STEWY

The thing about capitalism is, yeah, sure, it's got its issues, but fuck me... Y'know, this is a piece of shit chain on a stretch of nothing, but this... This is the most delicious thing anyone's ever fucking tasted.

(eats doughnut)

Oh, my God. Thank you. Thank you.

KENDALL

So, dude, listen.

STEWY

Mm-hmm.

KENDALL

I could do with a read from someone without a dog in the fight.

STEWY

Actually, I gotta talk to you about something, too.

KENDALL

This is tight. This is absolutely just us, OK? Because a leak kills me.

STEWY

(ignoring)

Right. This is about Rava. For a pal.

KENDALL

Rava?

STEWY

Yeah, it's a mutual friend, and they want to know: is it cool, or you still hankerin' for a wankerin'?

KENDALL

(scoffs)

I don't have time for this. I mean, who-- who's asking?

(off Stewy)

What?

STEWY

I can't say. But they just want to know if it's an issue.

KENDALL

Like who? Fuckin' Paul?

STEWY

Well, if you're asking, I'm assuming it's a fucking issue.

KENDALL

No, I mean, look, we're seperated, you know? Whatever. Free agents.

STEWY

Yeah. No, I get it. I'm gonna have another.

Stewy goes to the counter, Kendall on his heals.

STEWY (CONT'D)

You know, if you eat it fast enough it actually burns off the calories. It's like a loophole.

(to barista)

Can I have another, Please.

The barista is busy. Kendall gets down to brass tacks.

KENDALL

So, listen, when I took over ... I found out Dad took out a huge loan a decade ago. Secret. Through the holding company.

STEWY

Are you serious?

KENDALL

Secured against the family stake in the public firm.

STEWY

Fuck. Dude.

KENDALL

Yeah. Now the stock is getting ready to breach, and the bank--

STEWY

Yeah, I saw the price. It's brutal. Who's the bank?

(Kendall's not saying)

Mm-hmm. I'm just gonna do this.

He reaches around the counter for another doughnut.

KENDALL

Dude! We're not at Buckley anymore. Jesus.

STEWY

It's fine. So, these guys have your dick in a vise.

KENDALL

Yes. Thank you, Stewy.

STEWY

(licking doughnut)

Mm-hmm.

KENDALL

Can I have your take?

STEWY

Well, number one, you boost the price.

KENDALL

Yeah, no shit, Sherlock.

STEWY

Ok.

KENDALL

I'm trying.

STEWY

Ok.

KENDALL

How's it gonna play for us to refinance?

STEWY

Honestly? Not great--

KENDALL

Well--

STEWY

Why won't your original bank step up? Not good. People don't like the sector. They don't love the fucking firm. It's ramshackle, that's the view. And bro, they don't love... you. It's tough.

(beat)

You know, one thing occurs. Just blue sky, wouldn't happen in a million years, but what if we came in, took the whole thing off your family's hands?

KENDALL

Uh, well, obviously no, fuck off, how dare you, I'm so insulted, et cetera.

STEWY

Of course. But you and Roman and Shiv. You're gonna do that thing forever? No. You all have the chance to fucking... fucking, like, ugly petro-ruble rich. You can do anything. You can go into tech, Shiv can do her politics or whatever, and Roman can, you know, snort his body weight, and you all live unhappily ever after.

KENDALL

Uh-huh. Thanks, Stewy.

STEWY

Just think about it.