

"Commander in Chief"

~~ROD  
 What?  
 ALLEN  
 Yours is bigger.  
 (of his look)  
 A woman can tell these things.~~

HELEN

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INT. ALLEN RESIDENCE. NIGHT

Horace and Helen sit with their mom. They are at the dinner table. Allen is chewing on an apple.

HORACE  
 What are you going to do?

ALLEN  
 I dunno.

HORACE  
 Well, do you want to be President?

Allen gives this some thought.

ALLEN  
 I don't know that either.  
 (to Helen)  
 I think I know your opinion.

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HELEN  
 Mom, I know how it works, okay? You want this, I'll be dutiful.

ALLEN  
 You know what, Helen? I don't want you to be 'dutiful'. Okay? I've said that to you ever since you were able to form a political opinion-

HELEN  
 Jesus, mom, I'm trying to be, like, supportive here...

Here comes a silence between them. One that tells us there is a typical friction between a teen girl and her mom.

ALLEN  
 I will not consider myself a successful parent if I've raised a hypocrite.

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HELEN  
(annoyed)  
Whatever, I---- Never mind.

ALLEN  
Helen, if you don't say what you  
want to say, you'll (regret it).

HELEN  
I just think that the people voted  
for, you know, what President  
Bridges believes in and--- and if  
you can't deliver on that then  
maybe you should step aside. Those  
guys are right. \*

(beat) \*  
I mean, there's a vacancy in the  
Supreme Court--- are you going to  
appoint the same judge that  
President Bridges would?

ALLEN  
It really hasn't crossed my mind.

Helen shrugs--- she feels she's made her point. Allen senses  
the stalemate here. She turns to somebody else in the room. \*

~~ALLEN (CONT'D)  
Okay. What do you think? \*~~

~~And now we see a little girl of six years, sitting in an  
oversized chair. This is AMY, her other daughter. \*~~

~~AMY  
Will they put your face on money? \*~~

~~ALLEN  
No, baby, I don't think so.~~

~~Amy looks seriously disappointed: "Oh"~~

~~HORACE  
That's because they have faces on  
all the money already. \*~~

~~AMY  
Can they make a new kind of money?  
Like a fifteen dollar bill?~~

~~ALLEN  
I suppose it's possible.~~

Amy seems satisfied with this answer.

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