

DON

I'm excited to meet them, too, but not tonight. It's just too soon.

MAGGIE

When did you decide that?

DON

I really can't pinpoint the time. I have to get back into my meeting.

MAGGIE

It's not a meeting, it's a party. There's pizza.

DON

We've been dating for four months and I think that's too soon to meet the parents. That's like level three stuff. We're at level two. I think it's too soon to meet your parents. I'm not comfortable with it. Can you respect that?

MAGGIE

I've been telling them about you for months. What am I supposed to say?

DON

That I had to work late.

MAGGIE

Why?

DON

Why does anybody ever have to work late?

MAGGIE

They don't. They're usually lying.

DON

That's true, but I know that you can sell it. Now why would you make a dumb decision when I'm offering--

MAGGIE

Loyalty-- I'm making a dumb decision out of loyalty.
You're making a smart one out of ambition.

DON

Yeah. He can't remember your name, Maggie, and I'm the asshole.

MAGGIE

I was an intern and he promoted me to his assistant.

DON

He didn't promote you, honey. He thought you were his assistant.

MAGGIE

You have to go back to your pizza meeting, but could you do me a favor and not talk about us in front of--

DON

Everybody here knows. Nobody here cares.

MAGGIE

They will once we start fighting in the middle of the newsroom and one of us is gonna get fired.

Do you think it's gonna be the hotshot EP out of Columbia J-school or you think it's gonna be the intern who got accidentally promoted to assistant?

DPM

You're making a mistake.

MAGGIE

I'm used to them by now.

DON

Loyalty? -

MAGGIE

Yep.

DON

He just walked into his office without noticing that his staff isn't here. Text me when you're done with your parents tonight.