

TYISHA
(SC 1.)

101-5 INT. RAYSHAWN'S APARTMENT - DAY

101-5

Rayshawn hurries inside. Fuck! Fuck! What am I going to do.
He views his home --

Small, run down, but nice. Sectional couch, Big screen TV,
family photo's, Rayshawn in his class-A army uniform, medals,
certificates, etc. A home.

The door is BARRICADED with a thick 4x6 held in brackets.
Known to the cops and dealers as a "New York barricade."

Even in this shitstorm, something soothing about being here.
Just then --

START → TYISHA
Rayshawn --

She seems to appear out of nowhere. In that moment,
Rayshawn's heart stops beating.

RAYSHAWN
What are you doing here?

TYISHA
I couldn't deal with my mother
today --

RAYSHAWN
You gotta go --

TYISHA
What's wrong?

RAYSHAWN
Go. Go back to your mother's --

RAY JR., 8 months, cries in the next room. Rayshawn's head is
about to explode.

RAYSHAWN (CONT'D)
Fuck! FUCK!

TYISHA
Stop playing games.

He races to the crib, scoops up his son, places him in
Tyisha's arms as he leads her to the door.

RAYSHAWN
Ty, baby, do this without --

TYISHA
It's funny until it's not.

#FREERAYSHAWN

RAYSHAWN

-- questions. Just trust me.

TYISHA

Why you acting like this --

SIRENS audible right outside --

A puzzle comes together behind her eyes...

TYISHA (CONT'D)

What did you do?

Off Rayshawn's tortured face, we...

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(SC.2)

EPISODE 3

103-1 INT. HALLWAY - RAYSHAWN'S BUILDING - DAY

103-1

Sirens blare outside. Rayshawn literally pushes Tyisha and Ray Jr. out and leads them toward the elevator as they talk --

START →

TYISHA
Ray, STOP --

RAYSHAWN
There's no time to explain --

TYISHA
You scaring me.

RAYSHAWN
I'm protecting you, trust me.

TYISHA
Remember when --

RAYSHAWN
Fuck, Ty! We don't have time for
remember when --

She physically stops him, pins him with a look.

TYISHA
-- you were getting help from the
VA because, like you're doing now,
you keeping it all in. Letting it
rot inside of you.

He softens, but still in a fevered rush.

RAYSHAWN
You trust me?

TYISHA
This ain't got shit to do with
trust.

RAYSHAWN
Trust me even more, right now. Look
at him, he wants time with his
grandma.

TYISHA
Didn't want to tell me where you
had the rent money. Now the cops
are after you. I miss anything?

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(SC.3)

ANNE HARRISON

What say you about the growing numbers of support for Rayshawn Coney?

SGT. MIKE TROUT

(biting his tongue)

The community, though good intentioned, is misinformed.

CHYRON on the screen urges "Follow us on Twitter @klcanews9!"

Rayshawn gets an idea...starts thumbing his phone, sends a DM to @klcanews9.

@Dat_rayshawn: @klcanews9 you want the true story hit me up.

START →

TYISHA (O.S.)

You ready to tell the news what I should have already known?

Rayshawn turns to see her in the doorway, pissed.

RAYSHAWN

It was entrapment. They wanted to talk me into a drug deal that I was not down with.

She expects more.

RAYSHAWN (CONT'D)

I'm giving you the truth.

TYISHA

Some cops you've never seen, never met, magically come up to you in the street asking for drugs.

RAYSHAWN

Nah --

TYISHA

And it had nothing to do with the half ounce you stashed in the ceiling tiles.

He's busted. He's actually been busted.

RAYSHAWN

(stymied)

You'd rather me tell you, "damn, we might be two months behind the rent without a plan.

(MORE)

RAYSHAWN (CONT'D)

But at least we're telling each other everything." Nah, you don't wanna hear that. So I kept it positive. And when this looked and felt wrong I bolted.

TYISHA

When you went away, they have these groups for the spouses/partners. How to help your spouse when they come back from war. Telling us it's rough on everyone coming back, and for some, damn near impossible. But we should be patient. Guide you through it. And you had your moments that we worked through. I thank you for that. But this issue...the reason why this shit is happening, we've always had since we met.

RAYSHAWN

Tyisha, I'm sorry --

TYISHA

(abrupt)

You don't even know what you're sorry about, do you?

Silence. He doesn't.

TYISHA (CONT'D)

You're a good man, Ray. Put anything on your shoulders for your family. Dodge bullets. Wake up early. A job you hate.

(then)

But you do it for us, not with us.

And with that hard truth, Tyisha returns to the room. Leaves Rayshawn with a lot to think about as he receives a DM...

@Klcanews9: @Dat_rayshawn would LOVE to hear everything!

Off that, we...

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