MARTY SIDES

SCENE 1

As they cross away, leaving Roxy to prepare, the host, MARTY, walks up, breaking her focus.

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MARTY

Roxy Doyle. Just wanted to say a quick hello and welcome.

ROXY

Yeah. Long time viewer. First time guest. Thanks for inviting me on to, uh, to tell my story.

MARTY

Your statement was extremely powerful. It's the least we could do.

Just as Roxy's confidence is mounting, we see NINA approach the set...

ROXY

Hold on! What is she doing here?

MARTY

That's the thing about stories—
there are always two sides. You
didn't think we were just going to
tell your side of things, did you?
Plus it makes for better ratings.
See you out there!

As Marty walks away, Roxy looks around, wishing she hadn't called off her squad as she heads towards the set.

END OF ACT TWO

SCENE 2

ACT THREE

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Roxy is finishing up the tail end of her side of the Nick story as Marty and Nina are listening intently...

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ROXY

... and then this man you idolize hand selects you to be his favorite--so you feel untouchable. The boys in high school become pimply faced, -immature dummies and here is this mature, charming man who wants to be your prince. He knows how to manipulate a school girl crush into a controlling relationship. But I was only 16, and he was 27... and my coach... I was incapable of -consent. That's why I felt it was important to speak up. So other girls could realize that it's not their fault. We are the survivors, not the perpetrators.

Roxy looks out into the lights... starting to get nervous. They're bright.

MARTY

And you say this... inappropriate relationship ended... how many years ago?

ROXY

About... ten years.

MARTY

And you're just coming forward now. Can you tell us why?

ROXY

It's hard, you know. To do this. To speak out. There's a lot of shame. And, um... fear. A sense that no one will believe you? You blame yourself.

We angle on Nina, who begins shaking her head, making a noise...

MARTY

Nina. Did you have a comment to make about Roxy's story?

ROXY

(to Nina)

Yeah, kinda seems like you do.

Nina smiles, turning it on for the camera.

NINA

I just think it's interesting how these accusations come out right when you're trying so hard to get back in the public eye....

MARTY

It sounds like you're suggesting this is some kind of stunt. For attention.

NINA

I mean, you said it. Not me. I just think it's interesting. I mean, she just got out of rehab...

ROXY

Yeah, that's true. I'm not ashamed of that...

NINA

I just think it's sad that she wants to take her problems out on Nick, when he's tried so hard to help her over the years...

ROXY

To... help me?

NINA

We all tried. But Roxy's just... she's a very troubled person.

ROXY

If we weren't on TV right now, I would tear your pretty little throat out...

NINA

I hope you get some help, Roxy.

ROKY

I don't need help. I could do it right now with my bare hands...

NINA

You see what I'm talking about? This is what Nick had to deal with. What we all had to deal with...

Marty is loving this as Roxy continues to spin out on live ${\tt TV}\ldots$

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