

HOT IN CLEVELAND
PROOF PASS

"LEBRON IS LE GONE"
11/23/10

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'Jasper'

COLD OPEN 2

INT. CLEVELAND TV STATION - SMALL OFFICE - NIGHT (NIGHT 1)
(Victoria, Jasper Sinclair)

VICTORIA SITS WITH JASPER SINCLAIR, A NEWS DIRECTOR, IN A
SMALL OFFICE FEATURING A LARGE POSTER FOR "HELLO CLEVELAND."

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JASPER SINCLAIR

First of all, Victoria, everyone here
at the station would like to thank you
for auditioning. For an actress of
your caliber to even consider local
news is--

VICTORIA

Extraordinary, I know. I'll admit
that, at first, even I had
reservations. I mean, I am still
fielding offers from Hollywood. ~~But~~
then I realized, I'm not lowering
myself, I'm raising the drab, little
lives of Clevelanders with my special
brand of glamour.

JASPER SINCLAIR

We watched your tape.

VICTORIA

You're welcome.

JASPER SINCLAIR

There's just one problem. We don't
find you... likeable.

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VICTORIA

What? I played one of the most beloved characters on television for 28 years.

JASPER SINCLAIR

Oh, don't get me wrong. We all love Honor St. Raven. But this is a news program and you're just being... yourself.

VICTORIA

So you're saying I'm not likeable?

JASPER SINCLAIR

Not per se. But yes.

VICTORIA

No offense, but lazy network executives toss the word "unlikable" around a lot. What does it even mean?

JASPER SINCLAIR

It means we found you a bit vain, self-centered and completely uninterested in the person you were talking to.

VICTORIA

Well now you're just babbling.

JASPER SINCLAIR

I believe it was a young Al Roker who once said, "The core value of local journalism is likability."

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VICTORIA

You wouldn't know likable if it sat in
your lap and blew in your ear. (THEN)
Would you like that?

AND WE...

Send

CUT TO:

ACT ONE

SCENE C

EXT. HOUSE - PORCH - FLASHBACK (FB1)
(Melanie, Joy, Victoria, Elka, Opera Guy, Jasper Sinclair)

CLOSE ON: VICTORIA, HOLDING A MIC.

VICTORIA

(SUPER PERKY) Some people can't see
the face of Darth Vader in that cut
down pine tree...

WIDEN TO REVEAL: THE LADIES AND OPERA GUY DRESSED IN
IMPROVISED STAR WARS-TYPE OUTFITS.

VICTORIA (CONT'D)

~~...but~~ these Cleveland-area *Star Wars*
fans are anything but stumped. This
is Vicki Chase reporting. Back to
you, Brent.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL:

INT. CLEVELAND TV STATION - OFFICE - PRESENT DAY (DAY 2)

JASPER SINCLAIR TURNS OFF THE MONITOR HE WAS WATCHING THE
PIECE ON AND SMILES AT VICTORIA.

JASPER SINCLAIR

You were right. That was much more
likable.

VICTORIA

Thank you for giving me another
opportunity to show you the real me.

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JASPER SINCLAIR

Welcome to Northeast Ohio's number
three television station.

AND WE...

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FADE OUT.

END OF ACT ONE