

Michael - Side #2

JON

So much for my Market Research career.

MICHAEL

Damn, Jon, I'm gonna hear about this.

JON

They told me to be creative. I was creative

MICHAEL

Bullshit. You didn't even try.

JON

Hey, I tried.

MICHAEL

Chubstitute?

JON

Come on. How can you take that stuff seriously?

MICHAEL

Because they pay me to. Get over in that lane.

JON

What airline are you?

MICHAEL

Delta.

JON

I see it.

MICHAEL

This wasn't a joke, you know. I really had to push for you.

JON

I didn't belong there, Mike.

MICHAEL

Maybe not. But ... Jon, for me this is it. It's not some show I can rewrite, or throw away if it's not working. It's real life.

[Beat.]

JON

Don't you ever miss acting?

MICHAEL

I don't miss starving.

JON

But you were really good.

MICHAEL

Not good enough. Right here is fine.

[Beat.]

JON

Mike. You all right?

MICHAEL

Yeah.

JON

You sure? You haven't had more than a couple of days at home for weeks.

MICHAEL

They get me the best hotels. I'm not complaining.

JON

I know. But you've really been going all-out lately.

MICHAEL

I like it. Keeps me distracted

JON

From what?

[Beat.]

MICHAEL

Nothing

(beat)

I just - Sometimes I wonder. The life you said Susan wants. It doesn't sound so bad. Some peace, you know? Love. A family... If the chance for those things is there

MICHAEL (CONT'D)

maybe you should grab it.

JON

Yeah?

MICHAEL

(beat)

Sometimes I wish I could.

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