

All Tied Up

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INT: OUTSIDE OF GREEN ROOM - DAY

A sign on the door reads 'Electoral Debate 2019 Today!' and 'Green Room' under it.

INT. GREEN ROOM - DAY

Politician 1 is with one political side. Politician 2 is with the other.

Politician 1 is pacing back and forth in the middle of the area.

Politician 2 opens the door with a smug grin and walks over to over to Politician 1. The door closing behind him.

POLITICIAN 2

(smug) Ha! You are so going down today!

Politician 1 continues pacing and rolls eyes.

POLITICIAN 1

(irritated) Oh can you just save it for the debate?

POLITICIAN 2

(mocking) What's wrong? Realising how stupid your hydraulic plant sounds now?

Politician 1 stops pacing and faces Politician 2.

POLITICIAN 1

(serious) No, I just know they're gonna eat me alive out there!

POLITICIAN 2

(pause)

(confused) What do you mean? What's wrong?

Politician 1 points at tie.

POLITICIAN 1

Look at this! Do you see this?!

Politician 2 looks Politician 1 up and down.

POLITICIAN 2

(pause)

Well I see your tie. What's the big deal?

Politician 1 shakes his head.

POLITICIAN 1

I wore this tie to my interview at the Good Morning show last month!

POLITICIAN 2

(shocked) You What?!

Politician 2 hits Politician 1 upside the head.

POLITICIAN 2

What were you thinking?! You saw what happened when Senator Frank wore the same tweed jacket twice in the same month! The press ate him alive!

POLITICIAN 1

I know! I'm such an idiot! I was just in such a rush to get out of the house. The kids needed to get to school and I hadn't had my morning coffee yet and oh god this is my worst nightmare!

POLITICIAN 2

Can you go without one?

Politician 1 scoffs and gestures to his shirt.

POLITICIAN 1

In this shirt?! I may as well go naked!

POLITICIAN 2

Don't you have a spare tie?! Every man needs a spare tie for these situations!

POLITICIAN 1

I forgot ok?!

(pause)

POLITICIAN 1 (CONT'D)
(to himself) I forget one time and now
I'm screwed!

Politician 1 cries out in frustration.

POLITICIAN 1
Ugh! This isn't fair! Jennifer wore
the same dress for a year on
television and nobody bat an eye at
that! But the second Frank wears the
same outfit he's called 'lazy' and
'unfit for office.' My Political
career is ruined!

Politician 2 grabs Politician 1 and shakes him.

POLITICIAN 2
Pull yourself together! Ok we'll get
through this! You're a strong
independent man! You don't need them
to validate you!

POLITICIAN 1
(startled) But- But my tie!

POLITICIAN 2
Hey! You're a brilliant leader and
have the chance to do some real good
for this country! A tie ain't gonna
change anything!

POLITICIAN 1
(calming down) You think so?

POLITICIAN 2
Yeah I know so. Screw the press and
their obsession with men's clothing!
It doesn't matter who we're wearing or
if we wore it before, or-

Politician 1 gestures to tie.

POLITICIAN 2 (CONT'D)
Even if this stupid tie is a clip on
or tie on or not! It's our policies
that matter.

Both men look to the door at sound of a knock at it.

SECRETARY

(Through door) Sirs? The debate will begin in five minutes. You guys better be ready.

POLITICIAN 1

Thanks for the pep talk.

(pause)

But they're still gonna eat me alive out there for this stupid tie. Policies or not there will still be some article on how I 'don't care about my appearance.'

POLITICIAN 2

No. I won't allow it.

Politician 2 takes off his tie and gives it to Politician 1.

POLITICIAN 2

We'll trade, you wear mine and I'll wear yours.

POLITICIAN 1

(shocked) You would really give this to me? Why help me?

Politician 2 places his hand on Politician 1's shoulder.

POLITICIAN 2

This is a woman's world, us blokes gotta look out for each other.

Both men swap ties and help each other adjust them.

Politician 1 tries to help Politician 2 in tying his own tie but Politician 2 slaps his hand away.

POLITICIAN 2

No, you do a full Windsor knot or none at all.

POLITICIAN 1

But what if-

POLITICIAN 2

(cuts off) Hey! Stop over thinking it!

(MORE)

POLITICIAN 2 (CONT'D)

Now are you gonna stay here and cry,
or are you gonna get out there and
tell the world why your policies are
way better than mine?!

POLITICIAN 1

(gaining confidence) Yeah.

POLITICIAN 2

Yeah?!

POLITICIAN 1

YEAH!

POLITICIAN 2

Now get out there and win that debate!

Politician 1 runs the the door and opens it, running out
cheering.

Secretary dodges Politician 1 as he runs out and walks in,
over to Politician 2.

SECRETARY

(confused) Sir, that is your political
rival. Why would you help him?

POLITICIAN 2

(scoffs) It's a guy thing Cindy, you
wouldn't understand.

Politician 2 leaves the room for the conference. Secretary
shakes head in disappointment and says nothing.

THE END