

AVA

*Ava is a woman overly concerned about appearance. She criticizes Judith, her new co-worker, for her choice in wardrobe.

Look at those shoes. I wasn't talking about hers, I was talking about yours. What is that on your feet? They look like mittens. Judith, we have been going over this for weeks now. Look around here and tell me what you see?? What you should see are people who care about the way they look. Over a billion dollars have walked through these doors and down these halls looking for love. We have a standard to uphold. A degree on a wall, without labels on your back is no degree at all. Let me help you. Think about it.

CANDACE

*Jim is having an affair with Candace. Jim is running for Governor. She is demanding that he pay her one hundred thousand dollars or she'll tell the press about their affair.

I want my money tomorrow or I'm going to the press. I've already been through hell. This is a walk in the park. I believe in karma...like when a man meets a woman who is overweight...he's broke, comes from a broken family with no pedigree. All he wanted was to feel special. So, being the good-looking jock, he goes after the chubby, rich girl from the wealthy family. Although he has a few cheerleaders on the side, they marry. She legitimizes him. She adores him. She can't believe that she was the one he chose. But being so young, she didn't know that he was just trying to come up. They have two kids, and he realizes that this life is not all that he thought it would be. But by now he's in too deep. So, going through a mid-life crisis he meets a woman who is doing the same thing to him that he did to the fat girl. Sound familiar? I can make your career go bye-bye in the blink of an eye. Your time is running out.

HELEN

*Helen is taking care of her abusive husband who has been in the hospital. She gets even for all the years of abuse.

Let me explain something to you. Old Helen is gone...And you will not talk to me like that. Now I came here to help you. But now, I'm gonna get even...Shut up! You want Brenda and your kids? Do you see what you left me for? This is what you left me for. She didn't give a damn about you, Charles. She told them to let you die. I was your wife. I loved you, I never would've hurt you. Why did you do this to me? To us? Answer me! And you know what's funny? I gave you life even though you took it from me. Your kids, your boys....I wanted children, Charles. And had you not been with those whores, we would have had them. Got me all stressed out, my hair falling, my weight up and down, can't keep anything down. Two miscarriages. You took life away from me and you never said "I'm sorry." I'm gonna let you sit here for a few days and think about what I said.

KATHERYN

**Katheryn is married to Jim. Her husband's mistress has just told her that they're having an affair.

Your name is nine. You're number nine. You don't have a name or a soul, you're a number. A number on an assembly line of many. Young, pretty, dumb...you're all the same. You sleep with some woman's husband to get ahead and when you don't get your way you try and bring it all down. It doesn't work that way, Nine. You won't gain anything by telling me this. Jim, Nine has got to be the dumbest of them all. You think I didn't know there was a nine? Yes, you are nine and there will be a ten and eleven and twelve and so on until his pathetic little penis can't count any higher. You are as powerless as all the rest of the chronologicals. I'm not sure what you are trying to accomplish by disclosing all of this to me, Nine. You think I didn't know about you? I saw the cheap lipstick and I endured the faint smell of the most vulgar drug store perfume that I've ever smelled on him. You wreak of it. You wreak of the gutter. You are an offense to all my senses. What did he promise you, Nine? I guess the little red sports car was for you. What else? Did he say that he would leave me? That he would take care of

you? Nine, I hold the purse strings in one hand and his balls in the other. You are a non-factor. Now leave my home and crawl back to the other side of the tracks before you wake up the true bitch in me.

LINDSEY

*Lindsey is a single mother who has received help from Wesley, a wealthy benefactor. They have begun to express interest in each other when Lindsey realizes that they come from two separate worlds.

Stop! We can't do this. Is this what you do for fun? You find companies in trouble and turn them into big business, and then you sell them. Am I a project for you? When I first met you, I envied your position in life. But the truth is, you're not happy. Wesley, you're a good man. You should do what makes you happy. You deserve that, no matter what anybody says. You're not really attracted to me. I'm not really attracted to you. We're both going through some rough transitions right now. Let's not complicate each other's lives because we're both vulnerable. I'm sorry.

MICHELLE

*Michelle is the wife of a sports announcer. She is very upset when she finds out that his new co-host is a beautiful woman. This is a comedy.

Who is Alex Campbell?? You lied to me. You didn't tell me that your new co-host is a chick. Not telling me makes you look guilty. Uh-huh, lying by omission. (Michelle starts getting more upset.) Oh no, baby. My head is as clear as a bell! You deliberately omitted, left out, forgot to mention that your new partner is a woman....and a pretty woman. You didn't tell me because you knew how I would react, and when you do that it's called lying by omission. Oh, I got something for this. You tried to make me think she was a dude?? Really?? You must think I'm a fool! I got your fool, buddy boy.

VERONICA

**Veronica is very powerful and very intimidating. Her son Jeffery is gay but has not come out of the closet yet. She intimidates him since her husband is about to run for public office.

Jeffery, it's time for you to find a girlfriend. Your father will be running for Lieutenant Governor and we need to look the part. A woman in your life is long overdue. Have you met anyone lately?? (Before he can answer she interjects.) You need to get someone to fix you up. You're not doing a good job on your own. I'll make some calls. What kind of women do you like?? (Jeffery does not answer.) What kind of women do you like?? I think you like tall women that are busty and smart...natural looking black girls. That's what you like, and that's what you'll find because that is all your father and I will ever accept. Nothing else, nothing else. I'd rather have no son at all than a son that is not attracted to busty natural black girls. Am I making myself clear, Jeffery?? I expect to meet her soon! Enjoy the rest of your day!