

EMMELINE

What do you think?

GRANT

Uhhh... About what?

EMMELINE

I'm starting to see why he had to sue to get hired.

KATHARINE

Emme.

EMMELINE

Okay, I'll give him a fair chance. And... let's just assume you're clever without you feeling like you need to prove it. Okay? Do you think feminists have advanced the liberation of women or do you think we hindered it?

He's been ready for this moment and he takes it. For the first time he reveals through his steady nerve, quick intelligence, and underlying knowledge and passion for feminism just why in the hell he wanted to force his way into W.O.N. in the first place.

GRANT

Okay... Both. This movement overthrew a slavery more insidious and longer lasting than that of even the Atlantic slave trade which... even today my generation is just seeing the last gasps of. The women's movement, your movement, our movement, earned chattel slaves their freedom and fought for their rights to vote long before women were themselves emancipated from masters as abusive and cruel as any overseer to ever walk a cotton field. Margaret Sanger ensured you the right to control when and if you have children... and then your generation saw those rights extended... but... since the 60s this movement, our movement, has been in a culture war about what a true woman is and how she should behave... and... as confusing as it is for women...

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GRANT (CONT'D)

it's just as confusing for men...
and that confusion has only added
to the biggest downside which has
been a breakdown in how both
sexes... interact... uhhh...

Grant searches for a delicate way to phrase it.

KATHARINE

Sexually?

GRANT

Yes. And not just that... how we
build our families now... my
grandparents' sense of commitment
to marriage and raising their
children has been replaced by... a
commercial mentality of when the
going gets tough it's time to shop
for a new partner because sex
isn't sacred it's just biological
necessity, or pleasure.

GRANT (CONT'D)

It's exactly the issue your book
grapples with. There's now no
real cost for having sex and that
has never before in world history
been the case.

Emmeline turns to Katharine.

EMMELINE

Well... he's at least good at
flattery. And since he's drawing
his conclusions from mine... I'm
pretty sure I agree with him.
This is the topic my keynote is
devoted to. We need to
collectively turn our attention as
a society, on reminding our
children that sex is a serious,
wonderful thing, that can either
lift us up or dash us up on the
rocks if we dare to treat it
casually.