

TIME: The Present

PLACE: A Bar

CAST OF CHARACTERS

KIMBERLY - Anyone who identifies as female, 30s-40's, a new mother with a 2 year old daughter.

ELISSA - Anyone who identifies as female, 30s-40s, a working Mom/Bartender with two kids at home. The voice of experience.

KIMBERLY

We sat on the floor for the next two hours. She didn't move. I didn't move. Well, I didn't move until my husband came home and found us in a stalemate.

ELISSA

At least she didn't win!

KIMBERLY

But, she did win... I'm a college graduate, I'm over thirty, she's two... and she waited me out... I couldn't take it anymore and when my husband asked "WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?", I turned so she couldn't see my face and I collapsed in his arms, sobbing like a baby... with the BABY watching me have a break down!

ELISSA

That's how you ended up here?

KIMBERLY

He told me take a break, clear your head, go have a drink... and when you're ready come home and we'll make this work.

ELISSA

And then you're going back?

KIMBERLY

I don't want to go back. I'm a failure.

ELISSA

Cause you're daughter isn't potty trained in one day?

KIMBERLY

Noooo, because I let her walk all over me.

ELISSA

She doesn't know what walking on someone even means... she just knows she wants to get what she wants.

KIMBERLY

Yeah, but...

ELISSA

Isn't that something you want to encourage in a young woman of the twenty-first century?

KIMBERLY

I do.

ELISSA

Then start now when she's young enough not to be intimidated by anyone. She learns that now, you won't have to re-teach it to her when she's eighteen.

KIMBERLY

Most girls do lose their self esteem when puberty hits.

ELISSA

Teach her now... maybe she won't lose anything.

KIMBERLY

Can I ask you something, how'd you get your son to stop peeing on the floor?

ELISSA

We put him in Time-Out.

KIMBERLY

And that stopped it?

ELISSA

I guess... cause one day after that... he told me... "I used the potty. I'm big, just like Daddy" and it just stopped.

Elissa sees the Restaurant Manager again.

ELISSA

I'm still waiting on ice! Do I have to go get it myself? You don't like when I leave the bar. That pisses you off every time I do it, do you want me to go get the ice?

Elissa turns back to Kimberly and Kimberly leans into Elissa.

KIMBERLY

I'm sorry, but who is that?

ELISSA

My husband.

KIMBERLY

Your husband works with you?

ELISSA

He's my boss.

KIMBERLY

Really?