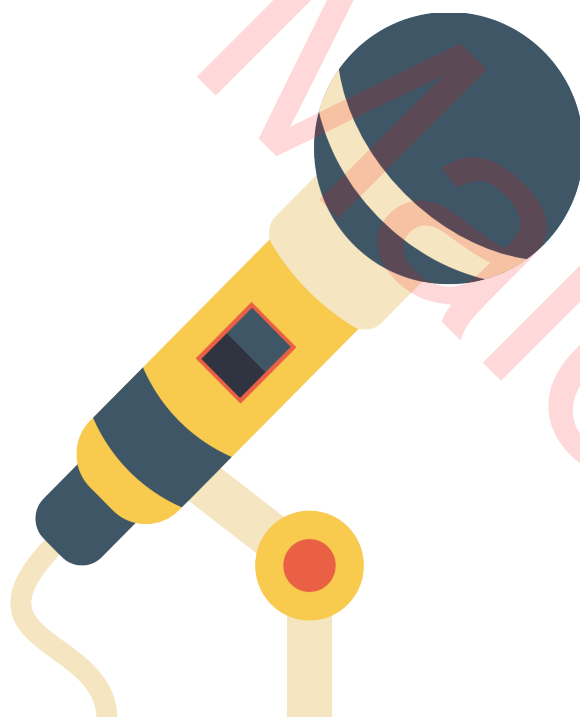


COMMENTARY CONFESSIONS

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INT. ARENA - DAY

The buzzer sounds.

An inattentive crowd of 10 spectators watches on as two women community college basketball clubs are in action.

The crowd ranges from band nerds, a supportive lesbian couple, a coked up homeless guy, neighborhood pedophiles, and the men's basketball team taking their pregame nap.

RILEY LOVETT, 20, erratic, lively commentator announces the game as he's the only source of life in the arena.

RILEY LOVETT (O.S.)

And welcome back to the Orange Valley State closed circuit radio channel KOVS. It's your always live, always honest main announcer Riley Lovett here. And we're back to start the 3rd quarter of this Week 10 contest between the Mighty Terriers of Milford Technical Community College and your home team the lovely Lady Raiders of Orange Valley CC. Folks it's not looking to good right now for the Raiders as they trail 19 to--

The **REFEREE** blows his whistle.

REFEREE (O.S.)

Traveling violation on number 17.

RILEY LOVETT

What do you mean that's a travel?! Her pivot foot never left the ground. Ref if you wanna borrow my glasses, just ask next time!

Riley throws his glasses at the referee as he runs past the announcer's table to the other side of the court.

REFEREE

Watch yourself.

RILEY LOVETT

Well, you need to be watching the game buck-o!

SYDNEY, Riley's girlfriend, one of the Lady Raiders jogs past the table shaking her head with disappointment at Riley.

RILEY LOVETT (CONT'D)
Hey babe, use that post move I
taught you.

Riley mimics the basketball moves.

RILEY LOVETT (CONT'D)
You got back down. Back down.
Shimmy right. Head Fake. Let it
Fly. Come on now!

Sydney back on defense.

SYDNEY
Riley shut up!

RILEY LOVETT
You're right Syd. Imma let you do
you girl. Don't let them get in
your head babe, remember play your
game! I love you.

Sydney ignores Riley comments as she plays defense.

RILEY LOVETT (CONT'D)
Wow, Ladies and Gentlemen we were
just blessed with a treat. Orange
Valley's very own Sydney Paige just
stopped by the desk to have a
little chat with us. As you all
know she's the star of the Lady
Raiders and my very own girlfriend.
Number 17 has a bright future ahead
of her. Folks she's definitely
going places and I'm gonna be right
next to her every step of the way.--

A lesbian from the crowd steps down to talk to Riley.

LESBIAN #1
Excuse me! Your commentary is very
distracting and some of us would
like to enjoy the game.

RILEY LOVETT
Pipe down lady, I'm just trying to
do my job here.

LESBIAN #1
Excuse me young man. First of all,
I'm not your lady--

RILEY LOVETT

Ha, you got that right. To be honest lady-man, I could really care less about your proper pronouns right now.

The lesbian jacks up Riley, pulling him in close.

LESBIAN #1

Listen here you little shit. This is the only weekend I get with my daughter each month and I don't even like basketball. And I didn't drive 3 hours for a 20-year-old cuck to tell me to pipe down.

RILEY LOVETT

With all due respect ma'am-sir. I know it's been a while since you heard the words lady and pipe-down together in the same sentence. But you don't have to take your sexual frustrations out on me. Besides, I'm already taken.

The lesbian throws Riley onto the court interrupting play. The referee blows the whistle.

REFEREE

That's an interference on Orange Valley. Milford Basketball!

Groans from the spectators and Orange Valley players pour in.

A soda flies in from the crowd and hits Riley.

HOMELESS GUY (O.S.)

That's a crock of shit!

RILEY LOVETT

(in pain)

We'll be right back after these messages from our local sponsors.

FADE TO BLACK:

INT. ARENA - LATER

Riley's back at his table drenched in soda, he reads a message on an index card.

RILEY LOVETT

Don't forget Valentine Day is this Thursday and the Latin-X Queer Student Union will be hosting their 3rd annual Valentine's Day Candy Gram. Candy Messages start as low as two dollars. So, be sure you tell that special someone how you really feel anonymously, so they can humiliate you publicly.

The timeout buzzer sounds as the game continues.

RILEY LOVETT (CONT'D)

Alrighty folks, we are back in action as the Orange Valley Lady Raiders still trail by 12 points with 4 minutes left in the contest. Shoutout to my sexy boo bear, Sydney Paige who leads all players in scoring with 9 points. Fun fact, I'm actually Sydney Paige's very own personal trainer, nutritionist, mentor--

Sydney gets knocked down by a screen. Play continues.

RILEY LOVETT (CONT'D)

Aw! What the hell was that!

The referee jogs past the announcer's table.

RILEY LOVETT (CONT'D)

Come on ref, that was a triple international technical fragrant! Hey, are you gonna save all that blowing for your boyfriend later tonight. I think your whistle's getting jealous!

The ref blows his whistle. Makes a T signal with his hands and points to Riley.

REFEREE

That's a technical foul on the announcer kid!

Moans and groans from the crowd.

RILEY LOVETT

What!? Me! What the hell did I do?

The **HEAD COACH**, 47, pantsuit, menacingly approaches the confrontation. She jacks up Riley, pulling him in close.

COACH

Listen here announcer boy! If you cost my team one more technical. I'm gonna shove this microphone so far up your ass. Everybody in the gym is gonna be able to hear your heartbeat.

RILEY LOVETT

Who the hell is everybody? Oh, you mean the ten people you paid to be here. Finally, they'll be able to see some real defense. Bring it!

The coach cocks back to throw a punch. Sydney intervenes.

SYDNEY

Woah, woah. Hey coach, take a breather. I got this. Riley, would you cut it out! You're embarrassing me.

RILEY LOVETT

Baby, I was just trying to protect you out there. The ref's been missing calls all game. And the coach shouldn't have made you sit so long to start the 4th quarter. Someone's gotta say something.

SYDNEY

Well, you need to stop! This game is really important to us. Especially for me. I'm finally getting some attention from those D2 schools we talked about.

RILEY LOVETT

Wow, congrats babe. All that work we've been putting in has really paid off.

Sydney finally lets out her frustration.

SYDNEY

Riley! Stop calling me babe. We broke up 3 months ago.

RILEY LOVETT

What? You never told me that! Why am I the last to know?

SYDNEY

Umm, your mother called me a hussy freak at Thanksgiving and we haven't spoken in weeks. So yea! It was implied.

Everyone in the gym awkwardly watches the argument.

RILEY LOVETT

(crying)

How could you do this to me? We had dreams of going to UConn together.

SYDNEY

What's with this we business. There was never any we! I put in all those hours in the gym. I ran all those miles! I lifted those weights! Not you. Not anyone else.

HOMELESS GUY (O.S.)

(singing)

Bitch, you wasn't with me shooting in the gym.

Riley takes a moment to process everything.

RILEY LOVETT

Wow, I see how it is. So, it's really true what they say, huh. When people get big time division 2 offers they always turn Hollywood and switch up on you. They always forget where they came from and start acting different.

SYDNEY

Riley, no one's acting different. Name me one thing you did to help me become a better basketball player! Oh, you timed me on your stopwatch so what that makes you my trainer now!? Oh, you brought me an Egg McMuffin after our abortion so now that makes you my nutritionist?

RILEY LOVETT

Correction. Your abortion.

SYDNEY

Oh whatever!

RILEY LOVETT

I sacrificed everything for you! My time, which I can never get back! I put off my sports journalism career for you. I coulda been on ESPN, getting my freak on with Malika Andrews. But no, I wasted all my time with you!

SYDNEY

Oh, give me a break.

Sydney starts to walk away.

RILEY LOVETT

Sydney, wait!

Sydney stops.

SYDNEY

(frustrated)

What?

RILEY LOVETT

I'm pregnant.

SYDNEY

Goodbye Riley.

Sydney has finally had enough and walks away.

RILEY LOVETT

Sydney, don't you turn your back on me!

Riley starts to chase after Sydney. One of Sydney's teammates steps in the way blocking his path.

The player is three times the size of Riley.

RILEY LOVETT (CONT'D)

Oh, so you just gonna replace me with Shaq's daughter huh. Wow, you move on quick.

The large basketball player punches Riley in the face.

FADE TO BLACK:

EXT. CAMPUS - DAY

A slow zoom in on the campus newspaper rack.

The newspaper headline reads "Beloved Broadcaster Gets His Shot And Shoots It Too!"

Under the headline. A picture of Riley looking beat up in a hospital bed with a baby bump. Malika Andrews by his bedside. The two are smiling and holding hands.

Other stories in the school paper:

- A Rise In Campus Pedophiles.
- A Latin-X Queer Student Union Ad.
- Superstar Sydney Paige Out For The Season With A Torn ACL!
- Women's Basketball Coach Wendy Frye Retires.