

"We can't invite her. Mother hates her."

"And everyone else likes her!"

"Do you want to cause a huge scene at dinner?"

"Why does one person get to make unilateral demands for the rest of us?"

"Because it's a black tie dinner, and your guest is a dog?"

"But she's such a good girl! Just look at her!"

"Am I supposed to be scared now?"

"Fear is a natural state of being, why fight it?"

"Aren't we supposed to be brave?"

"Bravery and fear aren't related. Bravery is just doing something you had to do."

"But it's brave when you do something scary, right?"

"That's for someone else to decide. Waking up can be scary. Continuing can be scary. But we do it. Bravery is what they decide to call it after they know the truth of what we've done."

"This isn't just about you. It's about what's best for all of us."

"But that affects me!"

"So you're just going to think about yourself?!"

"NO! But what's best for all of us includes me! So I have to consider me too!"

"Spoken like a despot in training"

"We're all despots in training if we go too far. We just have to try to stop before we get there."

"Somehow we need to persuade him to part with a million dollars."

"I've got a hammer and creativity to spare!"

"Ok! Let's call that option B. Anyone else?"

"....."

"Someone please give me an option that doesn't involve felony assault."

"I had an elaborate heist in mind, but I can't argue with the simplicity of a hammer."

"The best plans are often the simplest, Julie."

"That's not- Why-" [exasperated sigh] "Look. I'm running a political campaign here, I can't be seen taking a hammer to my opponents, that would look bad."

"So let me do it!"

"This isn't just about you. It's about what's best for all of us."

"Well what if what's best for me IS best for all of us?"

"How convenient for you"

"I know! We all know one smile can create a tidal wave, and today it's me at the epicenter!"

"This seems to happen a lot for you"

"That's because I'm a giver! My happiness isn't just about me, it's for everyone! I'm a sharer."

"On behalf of the entire world: Thank you. So very much."

"You are welcome, world! You are welcome."