

Real Talk

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CEO
MONTGOMERY
STANTON

Lights up on the three characters in an office meeting room.

CEO
If we're going to take down
Hallmark, we need punchy new
greeting card messages. Real out
of the box stuff. We need Real
Talk!

MONTGOMERY
What's Real Talk?

CEO
Just saying what you really think.
For example, I'd rather be golfing
than in this room right now. I
want cards that say how people
really feel. Real Talk!

STANTON
You got it, boss.

CEO
What you got for Mom's birthday,
Montgomery?

MONTGOMERY
Mom, wishing you the best on your
special day.

CEO
Ugg. That's not real talk. Pass!
Stanton, your turn.

STANTON
Mom, no matter who I married they
would have never been good enough
for you. You suck. Have a shitty
birthday.

CEO
Nice! I love it. That's what we
need here. Some gritty real talk.
Montgomery, give me one for a
parents anniversary.

MONTGOMERY

Happy Anniversary to the people that mean the most to me. Enjoy your special day!

CEO

Jesus! Did you not hear me when I said Real Talk? Stanton, what you got?

STANTON

Happy Anniversary to my parents, who's marriage taught me that a loveless, dead and shriveled thing isn't worth the charade.

CEO

Another winner from Stanton! Give me nephew's birthday, Montgomery.

MONTGOMERY

Happy birthday you snot-nosed scamp?

CEO

Better but you've got to dig deeper. Stanton?

STANTON

My dearest nephew, I'm older than your mom so I should have been married before her. Because of this, it's weird how I can love you and hate you so much at the same time you little bitchface.

CEO

Whoa! Real Talk indeed! Hit me with Dad's Birthday, Montgomery.

MONTGOMERY

Uhh, Dad, you're a friggin' jerk?

CEO

Getting closer. Come on, I know you can do this!

MONTGOMERY

Dad you taught me to fear everyone and everything, and now I am a joyless shell of a person. Thanks dickwad.

CEO

Well, that one hits a little close to home, Melissa. I know I wasn't the perfect father, but you can't put all your shit on me, honey.

MONTGOMERY

Dad, that's the Real Talk, so shut the fuck up.

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