

few moments of social commentary. # Best supporting film actress winner Regina King (" If Beale Street Could Talk ") concluded her acceptance speech by referencing #MeToo and saying, " I'm going to use my platform right now to say, in the next two years I am making a vow to make sure everything I produce will be 50 percent women.... I challenge anyone out there in a position of power... to stand with us in solidarity and do the same. " # Powerful words -- and words we might well again hear when King wins the Academy Award for best supporting actress, as I believe she will and she should. # The funniest moment of the night, at least from my perspective, came when the HFPA named " Bohemian Rhapsody " as best motion picture, drama, over " Black Panther, " " BlackKkKlansman, " " If Beale Street Could Talk " and " A Star Is Born. " # Now THAT'S hilarious. # Another nice moment: Sam Elliott serving as the gravel-voiced guide through a montage of films from Jeff Bridges, who received a lifetime achievement award and gave an exuberant, heartfelt, beautiful speech in which he thanked his wife of 45 years, his siblings, his stand-in, a number of directors and collaborators -- and flashed the cuff links he received from his father, who had been given those cuff links from HIS father. Then he explained how we're all " trim tabs " on the " rudders " of " ocean-going vessels, " and you just had to go with it.