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Finally trying out Ted Lasso and so far I am rooting for the divorcee



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What's weird about the premise of this show is that, presumably, she offered Lasso the coach position because she saw the clip of him dancing with the players. And she's only just now realizing that that might make him a good enough coach to improve the team?



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Like, this would have played way, way better if she'd just hired some rando off the street, or an actual soccer coach who her ex really disliked (& then the revenge plan would be the team being intentionally good)



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Otherwise it feels so....Nice Guy-ish. Like the point isn't the story, it's just a message piece advocating for performatively mild-mannered white men who vibe like they're two drinks away from going full Louis CK

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Replying to @uberpreeya

(N.b. how Ted just outright dismisses his boss saying "please don't bring me cookies every morning")



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Also this bit where he holds the door for a good thirty seconds. This is like a checklist of Nice Guy behaviors.



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And this thing where Ted bonds quickest with the guy who sneaked mistresses past Rebecca. And this other thing where they're clearly trying to hint at a MeToo type thing for her ex but it seems to be all consensual affairs. All peak Nice Guy framework



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"We can't do anything about bullying and abuse of power because better things aren't possible unless someone besides us intervenes." Ah, centrism.



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"I love helping people so much that I decided to travel somewhere where I don't know anyone, to get paid to not know anything about their primary activity. Because I'm just so ✨helpful✨!"



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This reminds me a lot of Alexandra Erin's analysis about how the supporters

of that teenage Dem candidate who had harassed girls weren't actually for M4A, they were for being for M4A. Similarly, Ted Lasso isn't pro-helping, it's pro-pro-helping.



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"Look how brave I am for not pushing back on people who somewhat rudely point out that I am not actually helpful. That's how much I love helping!"



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And, of course, Rebecca doesn't even like him, and he constantly dismisses her stated needs, but it's turning out his "niceness" gives him so much power that he can get away with it. If that's not a thesis statement of the Nice Guy ethos, I don't know what is.



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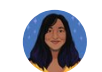


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OH. I just found out this is based on an NBC Sports sketch and I went to watch the sketch and it's SO much better. Probably because it has zero plot premise and real jokes. And Sudeikis's Ted is SO much more relaxed. Like, yeah, I would watch that show. But that's not the show!!!



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