Written Transcript On The Line Episode 3.2 "The Other Half"

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Charlie Palmer: Welcome back to On The Line a podcast specifically for today's wild land

firefighters. Today's two guests have a great deal in common. They're both professional women. Tobi worked for a large accounting firm and Korey is a health and physical education teacher at a local high school here in Missoula. They're both very strong advocates for staying active and being in shape. Both are mothers, they're giving each other an air high five here in the studio. Tobi is mom to three kids, two girls and one boy. Korey is a mom to four kids, two girls and two boys. Each of you is now retired, Tobi or soon to be retired. Korey as in retiring in like a couple of days, six days, six. Who's counting? I wasn't but you are now when the school year ends. That's it. Yes. All right. That is so cool and maybe most relevant to the podcast. You are both married to firefighters. Both retired. In fact, not only are you married to firefighters, you are married to the guys that we had on episode one of season three, Mitch Kearns and Keith Wolferman. So we have in the studio today, Tobi Kearns, Mitch's wife and Korey Wolferman, Keith or skids wife, skid is much more appropriate. Right. If we're

going to start.

Korey Wolferman: Oh definitely. That's a rugby name, but that smoke jumper name too.

Tobi Kearns: Okay. So we'll go with that. So ladies, welcome to the podcast. (Thank you.

Thanks.) So we have been trying to coordinate this for some time. Uh, and I'm very excited that we finally got a chance to have you both on the podcast. So maybe a very general question to start things off. And that would be, what's it

like being married to a firefighter?

Korey Wolferman: It's not as cool as you think it is. They think it's pretty cool. They do think they're

pretty cool like being married to GI Joe, right? It depends on the day. I mean, there's a lot of times where it's just like being married to anybody in any sort of nine to five job, but probably eight months out of the year. It's not just like that. It's, they're gone. So you're single parenting or doing your own thing before you have kids. I mean there's a lot of excitement too. Like I was definitely one of the huge things is I was really proud to be married to a smokejumper. Absolutely.

Yeah. Cause their job is so hard. Yeah. Huge time commitment.

Tobi Kearns: The, they're basically the hero of our family. Yeah. Um, my kids think of Mitch,

as one of their heroes when they were little of course,

Charlie Palmer: When they grew up, they realized just like any other dad, right? Yeah,

Tobi Kearns: But still, even, even now, you know that he's retired, they still think that he's

pretty stinking cool. My son who works for the forest service calls him the legend because that's how the district knows them and how other districts know him is Mitch the legend (echoing dramatically) (Wow.) So it is possible

that, you know, they think it's pretty cool to have him as a dad.

Charlie Palmer: Yeah. We'll maybe circle back to that as far as having a kid now, retracing the

steps that your husband took many years ago. So that's something that I think

we need to spend a little bit of time on. Sure.

Korey Wolferman: Both of us knew what we were getting into. Oh, absolutely them too. Like Keith

was military and then a hot shot.

Tobi Kearns: Mitch started on the district down the west fork. Yeah. But that's a long story.

Korey Wolferman: Okay. But still they, I'm Keith's been in fire for 40 years and so I knew going into

it what I was marrying into. Right.

Tobi Kearns: How long have you both been married?

Korey Wolferman: On the 17th it'll be 30 years.

Tobi Kearns: 26 okay.

Tobi Kearns: Yeah. So a long time. Long time.

Korey Wolferman: Yeah. And I think if you know what you're getting into, it makes a huge

difference because me as a teacher, I mean once I got like my master's degree and all that kind of education stuff done, then I had my summers when he was

gone. So that, that made a huge difference for us

Charlie Palmer: to have summer off, not be working. Yeah. Busy time was my downtime.

Tobi Kearns: Yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Tobi Kearns: Well I was fortunate enough that I didn't work raising the kids. I didn't work

until our youngest was a freshman in high school. So seriously, I was the parent. Yeah, you're working here. Absolutely. Well, stay at home. Mom. Yeah. Camp

Counselor, referee, all of it.

Charlie Palmer: Many hats. One title. So how did you make it work then as you just said, you

both have been married for a very long time.

Tobi Kearns:

Well pick your battles. That's one of the biggest things that I've ever been told is pick your battles and be your husband's biggest cheerleader, so if you're going to support them that's the only way that I know. I just learn to be quiet sometimes and the important parts that I should stand up, I would definitely interject and things would get cleared up, but for the most part it just kind of muddled through.

Tobi Kearns:

The last I would take a good 18 years. You just kind of every day, as long as nobody was bleeding in the house, didn't catch on fire. That's a success. Always positive. I also had a large group of other mothers that were also stay at home moms that I met through my first child's preschool. So therefore we just did things. You were constantly doing something. So did we miss Mitch? Yes, but we were also busy.

Charlie Palmer:

Yeah. How do you learn to pick your battles, but what, what goes on with the, with that process?

Tobi Kearns:

Well, it's just like any marriage. I think you just kind of figure out is it really worth that argument because both of us are so stubborn that there's, you just have to figure out, do I want to win this? Is it worth what I need to go through to get that? No.

Charlie Palmer:

Sometimes maybe the answers yes.

Tobi Kearns:

Sometimes. During the, the majority of the time that he was gone when they were younger, I remember at the very beginning, you know, I would stress about all sorts of things and then he made me realize that unless he can do something about it, all I'm doing is I'm creating a bigger burden for him and his line of work needs to be focused on what he does for his safety. I'm more than capable of taking control and figuring stuff out. So that's just what I did. I didn't lay a burden on him so much. I absorbed all of everything. I didn't barf out my problems to him on the phone anymore, but if there was a contradiction on what he might feel I did wrong, I didn't try to correct him because his frustration with me probably didn't come from me. I learned early that it probably came from something else that happened outside of the home, during work, during the fire, doing something that it was easy to recognize, easy on, just let it go. I got it. His mental was way more important to me than me winning something. I would much rather make sure he was okay.

Charlie Palmer:

Do you feel like he understood that you were taking a lot of that on though? That seems to me like one of the biggest challenges is if we're not in those shoes, we don't necessarily understand just how much that other person is doing to make everything work.

Tobi Kearns:

I think he gets it now while we were going through it. I really don't know if he really knew how much pressure or stress that I went through every day, but my stress I knew and recognized was not nearly as important as his and back-

burner. Yeah. Maybe, but I think everybody turned out great. My kids are good. So I don't know. I think that's the biggest part is, I don't know about Korey, but I definitely felt like my job was just to make sure the kids were safe, make sure they were fun. They grew up right and that was the most important while he went and did his job. Yeah.

Tobi Kearns:

So Korey, you, how does that resonate with you? Is that a line or did you see some differences?

Tobi Kearns:

Well of course, yeah, differences cause there's different families but we align a lot the same in, it took me probably a while longer to when he would call home to not say, well this happened and this happened and I really like, what's your input on that? When he really couldn't do anything about it when he was on the fire. So then he had to ask me like, please don't tell me that kind of stuff. Like cause I can't do anything. And it just raises my stress level. Like Yep. Cause again, like Tobi said, like their job is life and death and the stress level is already super high. So I didn't need to add to it. So, I'd Kind of Quelch a few things that I wanted to, but luckily had a pretty good support system if I needed help on something.

Charlie Palmer:

Okay. And Tobi, you mentioned the same thing as a support network of other bombs and what was what, what did yours look like?

Korey Wolferman:

Well my family, the biggest thing that was kind of an eye-opening time for us is we had just had our fourth kid and she was six months old and we needed a bigger house. And so we were going to put an addition on the house. And so we tore off half the house and the next day Keith's army reserve unit got deployed to Uzbekistan and we were like, oh my, because everybody that was going to be putting the house back together for us, a bunch of smoke jumpers that also build. And then his whole army reserve unit was like plumbers, electricians and carpenters. So then he was gone for a year and I had this half a house for kids a puppy... (irritably) As Keith's idea. Great idea. Yeah, let's get a dog while you're pregnant with your fourth kid. And so, everything was super in disarray and it was then I think that he realized what, like Tobi said, that how much we really do when they're gone because he was gone, gone.

Korey Wolferman:

I mean when they're on hot shots and stuff, they, gosh, I remember talking to him, well not very often. I mean it was before cell phones, so it, uh, but when he was gone there, we talked maybe two or three times that year and the rest was letters and, and I'm making it, having to make all these huge decisions and get support from the smokejumpers that were home. Um, my colleagues and my family, I didn't ask for help a lot, which I should have more. But, um, I, he realized then and he started calling me wonder woman at that time, just because he realized, wow, there's so much to do from parenting and working and rebuilding the house and you're holding it all together. And I, for the most part I did because you just don't have any choice. Right. Like there isn't, there isn't any fallback.

Korey Wolferman:

Like, Oh, you're single parenting yup cause I have to, oh you know, you're making all the choices of what wood to use on your cupboards. Yup like you just have to make all the decisions whether it's kid related or anything and just hope for the best. Yeah.

Tobi Kearns:

I don't know how many things I had to fix. I've learned how to fix a garbage disposal a dishwasher. Many locks, a garage door, you name it. Right. I mean there's just so many things that you're kind of forced into this role of stepping up and taking over.

Korey Wolferman:

And I think at the time, like when we're talking about support systems, we didn't know enough to be like, Oh let's get all the jumper wives together. And Tobi and I, his kids were like, they were going to chunk some similar ages and then a bunch of like little kids and then all way older.

Korey Wolferman:

So it's like we're like the League of our own with four kids. And when you're the new jumper wife, like you go to the base and you take out treats when they're there and you do all this nice stuff and you know, bring the kids out for lunch when they're, when they're home and it's wonderful. But then when you leave the base it's like, oh shoot, who do I go to? So if you were in the position of giving advice to other wildland firefighter wives, what might that sound like? One of them would be forming an alliance, like get to know the other wives sooner and like we did right. And be okay to depend on each other and ask for help if you need it.

Tobi Kearns:

As an older wife to some of the younger ones, I actually reach out and see if I could help them with childcare or anything like that. Because I think as a new mom of even one or two kids, you do get really overwhelmed with how do I juggle everything. So as a person that's gone through juggling, I just wasn't working. I felt for these ladies and offered like, Hey, you know, if you need a break or if you need anything, I can watch your kid. It's okay. And there's a lady that I watched her daughter every day for six months. It was so awesome. It was just because I love babies too. It happened to be a baby that I was like, oh, by all means let me cuddle with her. So that, that is a huge help to is, you know, if you can help another wife out in any way, whether if they don't like to cook, maybe you like to cook, I don't know. Something or even just go for a walk with them. Stroller up and hang out.

Korey Wolferman:

I would suggest to like making a plan for, okay, when you leave, this is what it's going to look like and when you come home, oh gosh, this is what it's going to look like because when you come home, don't think we're all going to do it your way. Right. Because we haven't been doing it your way. When you're gone, (the reentry is the worst.) Yeah, it is. Especially when they've been gone for months, which I mean, like when we got married, he was a hot shot and we got married Saturday, moved to Missoula Sunday, he was gone Monday and I saw him once before September. So like you get a plan going and you get a system going when it's just you and the kids and then when he comes home you have to be, I mean you're, you're happy to see them and welcoming and let's do it...

Tobi Kearns: But please don't play with the kids after eight o'clock. They need to go to bed.

Korey Wolferman: Yes, exactly. And yeah, we need quiet time and um, no, it's Tuesday. This is, you

know, this practice and we've got to go there and do that. Right. So I would definitely recommend to the younger people just, you got to understand that

the world doesn't always revolve around the firefighter. Right. But be

welcoming and accepting and understanding when they come home. But Keith has also told me like, don't make everything revolve around, Oh, let's make dad happy cause he's home for 12 hours. (That's true.) But, or two days or whatever.

Tobi Kearns: But I did try.

Korey Wolferman: Oh yeah. Oh, totally. Both tried. I know. That's why I'm saying like looking back,

because I did.

Tobi Kearns: I felt like when he did come back, he really needed that as an out for him. He

really wanted to feel needed from us, so there were many times that I'd make him go mow the lawn, even though, you know, we've all been mowing the lawn, but by all means make, it looks like the grass needs a mowing. Maybe you

should go mow the lawn for a little bit.

Korey Wolferman: Do the normal stuff when you're home. It doesn't have to be a vacation every

time come home

Tobi Kearns: and we didn't have to jump in the car and go see somebody or do anything and

just let him relax. Let him chill. Let them think.

Korey Wolferman: And lots of affirmations to like that they need to see all the cool things that are

going on at home. Because I know for Keith, that's why he works so dang hard. Right. It's so that the kids could do cool things. Right. You know, we can have a home and just affirmed that. Yeah. I appreciate that. You're working hard. That's

why we are so blessed. Right.

Charlie Palmer: And that just sounds like such a tough road to navigate as you know, to

communicate that, hey, we need you, you're vital to the family, but at the same time, we don't need you. Right. It works when you're gone. We've had to figure out how to make it work when you're gone, so we don't need you. And it gets complicated when you come back, and that's, that's common. And you look at wild land, firefighter wives, blogs, are you, especially on the military side, it's

such a common theme of how difficult homecomings are.

Tobi Kearns: Patience. Lots of patience.

Korey Wolferman: And it hurts to like skid would say like, I feel like I'm not needed. Like you've got

this like, well I do because you have to. Right? But I definitely need you to go

pick up dog poop. Do Something. I do need you. Right.

Charlie Palmer: There's a few things. There's a list. So any other thoughts on that? I mean, just

the difficulty of that reentry that you called it and, and how to, you know, you're, you're here, you're home, you're leaving again soon probably with the

way operational tempos are anymore. How do you manage that

Korey Wolferman: Just go with the flow. Try not to be disappointed when they miss something.

Right. And be excited if they catch a kid's birthday. Right? Yeah. Yeah.

Tobi Kearns: And they try. I know Mitch tried really hard, but they can't be at all of the things

that we are doing, let alone, um, celebrations. There's very few that he missed, I would say. Um, whether we celebrated early or later, you know, somehow we

would adjust to him.

Charlie Palmer: Another question. Communication comes out so often in terms of how

important it is, especially in relationships, right? That the more effective, the better we communicate, the stronger the relationship is going to be. And yet the deck is stacked against firefighters in their significant others. It seems like because communication is so difficult. You've talked about how especially early on before cell phones or cell coverage nowadays, because oftentimes folks are working in places that just don't get great or any cell coverage. And so how do you manage to keep the relationship strong at the same time, realizing that this

vital link to relationships was really, really compromised, that being

communication.

Tobi Kearns: You just kind of get trained. I don't, I'm not that kind of woman that needed to

talk to my husband every day. I know many ladies that are, that are like tied to the hip and they need to know what you're doing every moment. That wasn't me and Mitch. I mean we just, if I heard from him in three or four days, that's great, but I didn't need to hear from him constantly. Nothing changed. Yeah. So he knew that I was taking control at home and I knew he was doing his job and as long as I didn't get a call from the base saying that he was hurt, I was great.

Korey Wolferman: Yeah, I would totally agree on that. Yeah. Because they're there. You don't want

to call from the base. Sure. But we know that when they can get ahold of us, they will. Right. But if they can't, they can't, then you're just, it's not like you sit by the phone and wait for him to call. No, you just keep living. And when they're

home you'll listen to a lot of fires stories and you listen patiently as that communication thing, you listen, just listen. Right. Even if it's the fifth time they'd talked to say sorry, but you, you just keep listening and understanding that what they do makes them tick and you can't base a relationship on each other's job. No, but a lot of the communication is based on that job because when you're in a high stress position, the communication needs to not amp up. And honestly, Keith is just getting better at that. Like I call it the kinder, gentler skid. Turning over this new leaf since retirement, trying to like take it down a

notch and not let everything amp up.

Korey Wolferman: And I think I've been so used to it for years, but now that he's not doing it, I'm

like, wait a minute, this is how I'm used to communicating is like we've got to

get louder or more animated. Does he? I'm talking with my answering. Right. It's a girl thing. It's a skid thing too, for sure. You know, for him, I tell him like, you're our Mr. Make a short story long, but he and his communication style, it always comes back to what he was, his point he was trying to get across. So patience and listen.

Charlie Palmer: Are those things you learned or is it just kind of by your independent natures...

Tobi Kearns: I think it is our personalities that I think Korey and I being independent and those personalities are what has withheld this relationship. I really, truly do. I

think both of us are kind of on that same pattern of, you're here. Hello. That's awesome, but okay, I'm going to go do this now. Yeah.

Charlie Palmer: It's a tough world for codependent people.

Korey Wolferman: Oh yeah. It would not work. I thought the smokejumper teacher Combo was

pretty good, but there's smoke tempers that are married to teachers that their marriage hasn't lost. There's a lot of marriages that haven't lasted and it, I, I don't know the ins and outs of it at all. But I would bet a lot of it is you weren't there for me when I needed you or wanted you or you didn't listen to me. Meaning the person that staying at home and the smoke jumper combos that are both smokejumpers right. They're solid. Yeah. Even though they, even the women that have quit jumping cause they've had babies, um, it's still working. Like they really get it. They really get it. Yeah. So they're not only strong

independent women, they understand the firefighting world cause they're doing

it as well.

Charlie Palmer: I'm going to read you a couple of quotes.

Korey Wolferman: Is this like guess which husband said it?

Charlie Palmer: So this is from Keith and this is from podcast number that he and Mitch did just

recently. And Keith says, quote, "they are strong, amazing, resilient women to stay with guys who do what we do". And Mitch's quote is, "they are 100% the reason why we are still together and why our kids are the way they are." What

are your thoughts when you hear that?

Tobi Kearns: Um, you want to weep, you want to cry. Cause it's sweet. It is 100% right. True.

No, but it's true.

Korey Wolferman: And, and I was gonna say, that's funny. Not 100% true because it takes two.

Tobi Kearns: Yeah, true. Yeah.

Korey Wolferman: And I'd hate to get the blame on all of the things of why our kids are the way or

the credit or the credit, because you could turn those quotes around because both of us have had that experience. Like they are 100% fully in when they can be. Yeah. And there, they're amazing men. Not just because they're the GI joes of a firefighting world. Right. Right. I mean, they're cool. They can do seven pull ups and, you know, run a mile and half in 11 minutes. Right. I couldn't do either one of those. So they have to take their credit too. But I think both of them adore their wives and wouldn't get better. Just kidding. They, they all say all sorts of Nice stuff and obviously they couldn't go on fires if we weren't the glue that's holding it together. Yeah. If we fell apart then the family would fall apart. Yeah. When they were gone on fires.

Charlie Palmer: So in line with that then you've both raised just fantastic kids who are involved

in all sorts of fascinating, interesting things. And so to kind of close that loop

that you opened early on about now Gavin, your oldest is in fire.

Tobi Kearns: He is.

Charlie Palmer: And so what's that like as a, as a mom now?

Tobi Kearns: I'm hoping he's gonna dip his toes and then pull them back out. I don't want him

to stay in the forest service. I kind of hope that he moves on, but I know how easy it is to get caught in that money web. Yeah. Yeah. And uh, I wish that he would go back to college, but that's not, who knows what's his plan. Yeah. We have no idea. I think if anything, I think Ms. Hannah Kearns might be a smoke jumper someday cause she's probably got the most guts and the most work ethic. That and no fear. Our third probably never, in fact she hates bugs. She just told me the other day, she hates nature. So the, that's just never going to happen. But they all appreciate Mitch for what he's done. So, but Gavin of course is learned a lot from Mitch just watching and listening, listening to all the

stories. So yeah.

Charlie Palmer: So probably almost natural that at least one of your kids ends up right in around

it.

Tobi Kearns: We'll see. Yeah.

Charlie Palmer: Korey, how about with you?

Korey Wolferman: Well Rex, our oldest, he tried out for um, the great northern crew right when he

got diagnosed with mono. Oh Gosh. And you, you can't believe how proud I was. He passed. I mean he got accepted onto the great northern fire crew, um, when he was super, super sick and he did fire for a year. He liked most of it. Yet at the end of the season he said, I think I need to go to college cause it's really hard work, really hard work. If you want to make a career of it, you have to love it. And he, he liked it but he didn't love it. And I don't think any of our other kids have an interest in fire. They've kind of lived vicariously through Keith and he just left today to go jump in Normandy and they see the pride in him in being able to do something like that based on his career and are stoked for him.

Korey Wolferman: But their interest doesn't lie in that direction. Yeah. Yeah. And they, they see

too, like the original plan was that he would retire when they make you quit jumping at 57 and that would be this June. He retired a year early because his body's just too beat up. So they also see like, well yeah, I'd like to a job like that, but dad's beat up and now that he's retired, is he going to have an awesome

retirement when he gimping around? I don't know.

Charlie Palmer: One of your kids is a world cup skier?

Korey Wolferman: Yeah. He's home trying to heal up the summer cause yeah, he is his ankle and

knee and back and brain are beat up from jumping. Yeah, he is. And that was a, you know, it's cool that he really fell for winter sport. It's interesting though. He's 21 and he was saying like, well how come you didn't get us into a mountain bike and how come we didn't do all these other summer things? I said, cause there's four of you. And it's sometimes it's really hard to do things with four little kids and get everybody on the same page. Sorry. You know, I just, a lot of

times you just do the best you can.

Tobi Kearns: Right? Yeah. So one of the coolest parts though, Charlie, with having Gavin in

fires is before Mitch retired, Gavin and Mitch have had two, I think just two fires together. That was pretty amazing. So for both of them, yeah. Pictures say a thousand words and I have a couple of great pictures, the two of them.

Charlie Palmer: So not many people can say that, right? Yeah. Yeah. So closing thoughts. What,

what would you have told me you want to choose? Start closing thoughts. I think my, my perspective on it oftentimes was it, it's pretty easy to leave. What was not so easy to be left behind, but my perspective was pretty much always the person leaving. And I don't think I always did a great job of really fully

understanding what it was like to be left behind.

Tobi Kearns: Well, to be left behind. It didn't mean that I was on my own. I found other, you

know, help. So I didn't really feel left behind.

Korey Wolferman: The closing thought that I would think would be, I guess if you know what you're

getting into, right. Again, like I feel like I'm coming back to that. But if you know what you've signed up for and you've made that commitment there, there's been times for skid and I where I'm like, man, it's because I made a vow right to you that I would be married to you for life in, you know, this, I like the healthy

side better, but in this disgusting, I've been on a fire two weeks in my

underwear or sticking to my body and my face is all the covered in soot. That's not always such a fun part, but I pray a lot and for, I mean for everything, for

from safety to make sure they're coming home kind of stuff.

Korey Wolferman: And it's that commitment that I made and I'm a, I stick to my word right person.

And so even when, even when it got really hard, right? Sorry. Yeah, sometimes when it was, yeah, it, it's not, it's not easy, but, but because you make that

commitment and you stick to it and you work hard to play hard when they're home, right. Then you just, you do it. Yeah. You stick to it.

Charlie Palmer: That's good stuff.

Tobi Kearns: It was, there was a fantastic journey. I see now the retirement as chapter two.

Yeah. I really do the first 25 years of our marriage, Done let's look forward to

the next. Sure. And um, it's just a new journey. Yeah. Yeah.

Charlie Palmer: And have that part of the book be as rich and thick as the right to the first, the

first part. Yeah.

Korey Wolferman: Cause lots of new stories. Yeah. Oh, I know. Somebody said, what are you guys

gonna do being around skid 24, seven when we haven't been since we traveled together in 1988 a trip to Canada for the Olympics on our 20th anniversary. And that was a week. So we haven't been together 24, seven since 88. What are you going to do? And I said, I'm sure by the time we get home from this trip that we're taking together, that I'll be like, please somebody start a fire somewhere. Start a fire. Because he's a safety officer now. I'm like, just start it somewhere so he can go be safety officer on a fire and he can go do fire stuff and be the certified boy that he wants to be because the, I think that will be a really tough

adjustment for us.

Tobi Kearns: I, I'm looking forward to it. Yeah. Because I think I've put in that effort, that first

effort to our first chapter of not having him and I look forward to learning my

husband all over again. I'm, I'm really, I'm so happy

Korey Wolferman: here. I'm sending mine away already. You're following it. You know, you're going

to catch up.

Korey Wolferman: Yeah. Well, yeah. And you've had a couple months now. Pretty Great. Yeah. It's

again, really great used to it. Yup. Okay. And it's not like just because they're retired from jumping that they don't still have kind of that manly man persona

to put into new things, so, oh yeah. Yeah.

Charlie Palmer: Well ladies, I just so appreciate you taking the time to come into the studio here

and share some really good stuff, but tough stuff at times too. So I'm really grateful that we were able to pull this off and, and recognizing that with women in fire, there are guys as well who are in the positions that you were in. Um, and maybe in one of these podcasts we'll get to explore that side of it. But in a, in a, in a male kind of dominated profession, like it still is. There's, there's a lot more females, I think being left behind that are the, that are the other half, right? Yeah. Yup. That's true. So thanks much to both of you. Thanks for having Nice. All right. Yeah. So that is it for this episode of on the line. We will catch up with

you next time.

Charlie Palmer:

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