

"THE FORGOTTEN MISTRESSES OF 9/11"

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Characters

Narrator

Mistress 1

Mistress 2

Mistress 3

(Three women on stage, spotlight follows them as they speak.)

NARRATOR

September 11 was a day that touched all Americans. Especially, of course, the families: the widows of 9/11 ... the orphans of 9/11. But there's one affected group that hasn't received the attention it deserves. I'm talking about ... the mistresses of 9/11.

MISTRESS 1

Of course, I lost the apartment in Midtown. On a secretary's salary, there's no way I could afford that on my own. Now I'm living with a roommate in a Staten Island walkup.

MISTRESS 2

He sacrificed so much for our relationship. All those (do air quotes) "business trips" we took together meant he missed out on a lot of important family time. If I could count the number of wedding anniversaries, christenings and little league games he had to skip ... well, I know it bothered him.

MISTRESS 3

I remember he would come over on his lunch hour and bang me ... sometimes he banged me twice.

MISTRESS 1

He always used to say his wife didn't understand or appreciate him like I did ... of course, who do you think he made his last phone call to?

MISTRESS 2

Every year he'd take me with him to the Caymans, where he'd manage his clients' portfolio of legally questionable, off-shore tax dodges. (Pause, shakes head) He was a good man.

MISTRESS 3

It's not really the things I miss - the furs, the jewelry - I really just miss the banging ... and the furs and the jewelry ...

## NARRATOR

Sad stories all of them. The untold stories of the mistresses of 9/11. Untold, that is, until today. So when September 11 rolls around this year, won't you please find a place in your heart to remember these forgotten victims? Thank you.

(Lights out.)