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[HBO ENTERTAINMENT OPENING LOGO]

INT. HOTEL SUITE BEDROOM - NIGHT.

President Meyer is sitting on the edge of the bed staring out the window. Kent knocks as he enters.

KENT
East coast polls are closing, ma'am.

Tom knocks as he enters.

TOM
Ma'am? History's calling, and it won't go to voicemail.

Gary knocks as he enters.

GARY
Hey. You okay, ma'am?

PRESIDENT MEYER
Oh, I'd love one, Gary. Thank you.

GARY
Okay, I'll get, I'll get you one.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Well, I've asked America if she wants me to be her president. Now she's gonna give us her answer. (clears throat)

GARY
America doesn't just love you, ma'am, she is in love with you. (chuckles)

PRESIDENT MEYER
(chuckles)

MIKE (OS)
We've lost Kentucky!

01:00:53

[MUSIC IN]

[OPENING SEQUENCE]

EXT. TV STUDIO - NIGHT.

Establishing shot.

Election Night
7:15 pm

DAN (VO)
I assume you reached out to...

INT. TV STUDIO HAIR AND MAKE-UP ROOM - NIGHT.

Dan and Amy are seated at dressing mirrors.

DAN
...the O'Brien camp. You taking a meeting with Charlotte or with Kim?

AMY
No, I, I haven't contacted the O'Brien team.

DAN
Amy, if he wins, our lobbying stock is gonna droop like a chimp's tits. We're not gonna be the golden kids anymore. We gotta stay on his radar.

AMY
But we need to be in with her, too. She might win.

DAN
Well, we're on air I'm gonna keep in with her. Off air, I'm telling the Nazis that she's hiding in the attic.

Greg enters.

01:01:27

GREG
Hey. Hi.

AMY
Hi.

DAN
Hey.

GREG
So, we have, uh, Sally Davenport with us, of course. We've also got Matty Curtis.

AMY
Wow.

DAN
Love that guy. [OVERLAP]

AMY
The online statistics savant?

GREG
Yeah. In mid-terms, he predicted the margin in every senate seat, so suck it, Fox.

DAN, AMY
(laughs)

AMY
Oh.

Matty stands in the doorway.

MATTY
So are we doing this, or what?

AMY
(laughs)

GREG

Hey, well, thank god you're here. No one else here knows how tonight will go. Have fun.

01:01:49

AMY

Yeah, I'll see you out there.

DAN

Okay.

MATTY

So, closest election in living memory.

DAN

Yeah.

AMY

Yeah.

MATTY

I hope you guys are prepared.

DAN

We will do our best.

MATTY

Well, we're gonna need better than that.

AMY

Okay.

MATTY

I'm kidding. I'm just kidding.

AMY

(chuckles)

MATTY

But you better be good.

[MUSIC IN]

Matty exits.

EXT. VENUE - NIGHT.

Establishing shot.

Meyer-James Rally, Baltimore

01:02:02

SOUND GUY (VO)

Sorry, guys. We need this area...

INT. VENUE - NIGHT.

The sound guy talks to Jonah and Richard as others set up production equipment.

SOUND GUY

...to be clear. Hey, wait. It's the testicle man.

JONAH

Guilty as charged. Check 'em, don't neglect 'em.

RICHARD

This whole scrotum situation's really working out for you, sir.

JONAH

That hearing was terrible, but it really got my face out there, you know?

RICHARD

You're the face of workplace bullying and genital health.

JONAH

Look at this. Mike wants me up in the presidential suite to get a one on one thank you from the president. How do I look?

RICHARD

Great.

JONAH

Thanks.

Jonah walks away. Richard follows. Jonah stops him.

01:02:27

JONAH

Oh, no, no, no. Uh, one on one.

RICHARD

Oh, yeah. Okay.

EXT. MARRIOTT HOTEL - NIGHT.

Establishing shot.

Marriott Hotel, Baltimore

DAN (VO)

Matty, this is-

BEN (VO)

Oh, man.

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

BEN

Election nights are my cocaine. It used to be election nights and cocaine. I wouldn't mind cocaine, but-

TOM

If Fox says it's close, then it must be. Then again, they said the rapture was close.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Anything yet?

TOM

Indiana and South Carolina just called for O'Brien.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Eh.

KENT

Okay, Vermont and Connecticut. Yep,

they're for us.

01:02:46

PRESIDENT MEYER

Okay.

GARY

Yeah! Vermont! Yeah, Connecticut!
(laughs)

PRESIDENT MEYER

Okay, settle down. A bowl of hair
could win those states.

MIKE

Ma'am?

PRESIDENT MEYER

Yeah?

MIKE

Do you have a moment for Jonah?

PRESIDENT MEYER

Oh, Jonah. Oh, yeah. I want to thank
you for your work on men's health, and
talking about that bullying that you
had to endure.

JONAH

Thank you, ma'am. It was my honor-

PRESIDENT MEYER

You know what? I need to thank
Vermont.

Gary leads Jonah out of the suite.

GARY

Yeah, that's it, Jonah. It's been a
busy night.

JONAH

What was that? I got like four
seconds.

GARY
Well most people get just two.

01:03:07

ERICSSON
Projections for Wisconsin, ma'am.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Great.

ERICSSON
I haven't read them yet. I'm saving
that for when I go to prison.

BEN
Even money they give you the chair.

CATHERINE
No one came out of the hearings
unscathed, Bill. I had to ditch my
fiancé.

ERICSSON
I'll be thinking about that while I'm
with whichever guy makes me his prison
fiancé.

CATHERINE
Ew.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Oh Gary. I asked a friend to come and
be with me tonight.

GARY
How nice!

PRESIDENT MEYER
Yeah, Karen.

BEN
Fuck.

PRESIDENT MEYER
What?

BEN
Cramp. (grunts)

01:03:28

GREG (on TV)
Senator O'Brien has 33 electoral
votes...

INT. TV STUDIO - CONTINUOUS.

Greg, Sally, Matty, Amy and Dan on set as CNN broadcasts
their coverage.

GREG (on TV)
...based on our projection, President
Meyer has ten. Is this significant,
Dan?

DAN
Oh, I, I think it's far, far too early
to tell at this point. I mean the
election really is in its infancy.

MATTY
Very significant. Uncertainty in
battle ground states is bleeding into
other areas. It's the suburbs that are
gonna decide this contest.

GARY
Well Amy, Dan, who do you feel will win
tonight?

AMY
It's so close.

DAN
So close.

AMY
It's a, it's a tough call to make... at
this point.

DAN
Mm-hmm. Mm-hmm. And, and not just...

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS.

DAN (on TV)
...for us, Greg, but, but for America.
I-

01:03:53

BEN
That was transcendent bullshitting.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Well I'll tell you one thing. If I do
lose, I'm gonna lose like a winner.

BEN
You're not gonna lose. Okay?

PRESIDENT MEYER
Right. Right.

BEN
You're, you're, you're gonna win in, in
a slide. You know? Uh, marginally.

Karen knocks as she enters.

KAREN
(laughs)

PRESIDENT MEYER
Oh my god! Look who's here!

KAREN
Hi, it's Karen.

PRESIDENT MEYER
It's Karen!

Karen and President Meyer hug.

KAREN
Oh! Hi.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Hi. [OVERLAP] Everybody, Karen.

KAREN

Oh, hi Tom. Karen. Yeah, we met at the convention. Okay.

Tom walks into an adjoining room and closes the door.

01:04:20

KAREN

Tell me how you're doing.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Well, I'm trying to stay positive.

MIKE

We lost Oklahoma. Which we were expected to, so... it's only seven votes. Ah!

Mike reaches for the door handle and pulls away quickly from the shock.

MIKE

These damn hotel carpets. I keep getting that static electric shock.

KAREN

You need one of those ionic bracelets that grounds you.

MIKE

Good call.

ERICSSON

It's the prison toilet situation which preys on one's mind. Defecating in full view of another man, that's unthinkable.

KENT

Forgive me, Bill, but I don't wish to ever discuss this.

BEN

Yeah Bill, put a cork in it, will ya? You know, that actually may help.

GARY

Hey listen, how much did you pay your lawyers? Because I lawyered up for the hearings, and they charged me fifteen grand, and they only said words.
(chuckles) You know?

01:04:59

KENT

Shh! There's a call coming.

BEN

He's like a native American tracker.
He can hear it in the wind.

SALLY (on TV)

Senator O'Brien is the predicted victor in the great state of Minnesota with ten electoral votes.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Oh fuck! I thought that was ours!

KENT

I thought we had it.

KAREN

I wasn't entirely sure.

ERICSSON

Ma'am.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Shit.

ERICSSON

If you'll excuse me for one second. I'm not saying we will, because we won't, but if we do lose and you're an outgoing president, you could...

PRESIDENT MEYER

I could pardon you?

ERICSSON

Yes.

PRESIDENT MEYER
That wouldn't look good. You'd be the
first person to say that.

ERICSSON
I'm not entirely sure I would in this
circumstance. If, if there's any way-

01:05:31

PRESIDENT MEYER
Hey Bill, I got a lot on the line with
my presidency right now, so I don't
really have time to be thinking about
your... whatever the fuck it is.

ERICSSON
Probable imprisonment.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Exactly.

ERICSSON
Thank you, ma'am.

PRESIDENT MEYER
You're welcome.

[MUSIC IN]

EXT. WHITE HOUSE - WEST WING - NIGHT.

Establishing shot.

West Wing

KIM (VO)
What are we gonna do if O'Brien wins?

INT. WEST WING - SUE'S AREA - NIGHT.

Sue and Kim are watching election coverage.

KIM
Set up an office for Selina at the
Betty Ford Clinic?

SUE

No. I've applied for a job outside.
Politics bores me. It bores the living
hell out of me. God, it's boring.

01:05:56

AMY

I really, really- I really don't-

SUE

Amy looks off her game, distracted.

KIM

I only really know Amy as the woman who
rushed everywhere clutching her phone
like it contained her frozen embryos.

SUE

She's a workaholic. Works frantically
to avoid dealing with her weird mix of
lack of self-worth and narcissism. I
really like her.

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

MIKE

Uh, ma'am, I don't mean to be the
bearer of bad news, but, um-

KENT

They called Wisconsin! Projected as an
O'Brien win.

MIKE

That was the bad news, which in the
end, I didn't bear.

INT. TV STUDIO - CONTINUOUS.

Greg, Sally, Matty, Amy and Dan on set as CNN broadcasts
their coverage.

GREG

Well this is certainly something not
many people saw coming.

MATTY

For me, it's the domino that signals an O'Brien victory tonight.

DAN

This is a big, big win for O'Brien, and I think the Meyer team is gonna be feeling that. The, the bigness.

01:06:39

GREG

Mm-hmm. Amy, is the race already slipping away from your former boss?

AMY

No. No. Um, a lot of the polls have not closed yet, so no. No, you don't... It's no.

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

President Meyer and Tom are seated together.

PRESIDENT MEYER

I think O'Brien's gonna win this election.

TOM

O'Brien can't be president. He's still contracted to be the KFC logo.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Yeah.

TOM

You're gonna win this, ma'am.

PRESIDENT MEYER

I don't know.

TOM

Ah, you are.

PRESIDENT MEYER

You think you would have won?

TOM
What do you mean?

PRESIDENT MEYER
If you'd been the candidate, you think
you would have won?

TOM
(laughs)

01:07:10

PRESIDENT MEYER
'Cause that's a speculation, you know?

TOM
What do you think, Karen?

KAREN
About something specific or...?

TOM
Should the, uh, should the president
and I have swapped roles?

KAREN
For...?

TOM
For the, uh, the election, this
election. There's an election going
on.

KAREN
Oh. (laughs) Well you're asking me a
hypothetical question, and I need to
answer it as best I can.

TOM
(laughs) Okay. Well, you just did.

KAREN
Great. (laughs)

[MUSIC IN]

INT. WEST WING - CORRIDOR - MOMENTS LATER.

Sue walks through the hallway while talking on her cellphone.

01:07:36

SUE

Amy, I saw your instability on TV.
Call me when you get this. Get someone
else to dial if you're in a
straightjacket.

INT. TV STUDIO - CONTINUOUS.

Greg, Sally, Matty, Amy and Dan on set, waiting for the
break to end. Amy walks over to Dan.

DAN

Hey, I'm sending some of our data to
O'Brien. If he wins this thing, I need
to kiss his ass.

AMY

Mm-hmm. I'm going. I have to go.

DAN

Wha- no, you can't do that.

AMY

Yeah, no, I have to see this play out
with Selina. I've spent a third of my
life leading up to this night, so...

DAN

Are- Amy...

Amy approaches Greg.

AMY

Greg, I have to go.

GREG

You have to go?

AMY

Yeah.

GREG

What does that mean? This is not
summer camp.

01:08:04

AMY

Well, I just, I, I feel that I'm needed
elsewhere.

GREG

Oh, well, then please. Go. Some of
our viewers were complaining that
you're shrill anyway, so...

AMY

Oh, shrill? No, no. I'm never shrill,
and that's...

GREG

Oh.

AMY

Oh, and, and you're acting as though
I'm sounding shrill right now? Yeah.
Yeah. Keep making that face...

GREG

Ow.

AMY

...implying that I'm shrill!

GREG

Hey, could someone check the parking
lot? I think all the alarms are going
off.

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

MIKE

Sorry for your loss, ma'am. I, I mean
about Wisconsin, not a person.

Mike touches President Meyer's arm and shocks her.

PRESIDENT MEYER

No. Ow! Fuck!

MIKE

I forgot. I have incompatible shoes
with the rug.

PRESIDENT MEYER

God!

01:08:32

MIKE

I'm so sorry.

SALLY (on TV)

We don't have a lot of good news for
President Meyer, although every-

PRESIDENT MEYER

Screw this whole sloppy backseat
blowjob of a night anyway. I don't
give a shit.

KENT

Hang on.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Hang on what?

KENT

The Wisconsin call has been rescinded.

KAREN

You mean they went back on the call?

KENT

Yes. Hence my saying that they had.

PRESIDENT MEYER

(gasps)

MIKE

Rescinded is actually not a word that's
immediately clear.

KAREN

This is a 360 degree turn.

KENT
It's 180.

01:08:54

GARY
Rescinded is my new favorite word!
(laughs)

TOM
We are back in the game, back from the
dead.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Oh. Oh!

TOM
Zombies, bottom of the ninth!

ALL
(overlapping cheers / chatter)

ERICSSON
Ma'am, listen to this. Fox just called
Colorado for you.

ALL
(cheering, laughing)

CATHERINE
Oh my god!

TOM
And that Meyer is on fire!

CATHERINE
Look, look, mom. CNN has it, too!

DAN (on TV)
Oh well, it appears that Matty's domino
is standing up straight again.

MATTY (on TV)
Obviously this is a shock, and needs
some unpacking.

DAN (on TV)

Mm-hmm.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Oh yeah, you better unpack it.

TOM (mocking tone)

Let's see if we can unpack this now.

01:09:25

PRESIDENT MEYER

Oh, I got pubic hair on my head.

ALL

(laughs)

MATTY (on TV)

The models are only as good as the data that you put into them, and the data comes from the polling company, so maybe we should talk to them about what went wrong-

PRESIDENT MEYER

Oh god.

TOM

Oh, your website is shit!

PRESIDENT MEYER

Shit. It's shit!

TOM

You (stammers) go back to the shire you fucking moonfaced hobbit.

PRESIDENT MEYER

(laughs) Yeah.

TOM

You know, ma'am, could we, could we talk privately?

PRESIDENT MEYER

Oh, sure. Yeah.

EXT. MARRIOTT HOTEL - NIGHT.

Establishing shot.

TOM (VO)
I'd like to think...

PRESIDENT MEYER (VO)
Yeah?

01:09:50

INT. HOTEL SUITE BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS.

President Meyer and Tom are talking.

TOM
...that I have been some use to the
campaign.

PRESIDENT MEYER
You've been great. I mean, you know,
everyone's like (gasp) Tom James! Ooh,
it's Tom James. He's so dreamy.

TOM
(laughs)

PRESIDENT MEYER
Sign my tits, Tom James. (laughs) Um,
but anyway, so, but you were saying...?

TOM
Madame President, I don't want to be
impotent...

PRESIDENT MEYER
I, I don't really-

TOM
...in your administration.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Oh, right! I have had this very
conversation. You want to be first in,
last out of cabinet meetings.

TOM

No.

PRESIDENT MEYER

You want... oh.

TOM

I want to be treasury secretary.

01:10:27

PRESIDENT MEYER

What?

TOM

As well as Veep.

PRESIDENT MEYER

You want to run my economy? Bank of Tom James? I am bitterly disappointed th-that you-

TOM

With respect, with respect, this administration was coming apart at the seams during those hearings, and I used six rolls of magic tape to stick it back together.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Anything else you want to ask for? Want your face on money or something? Want that TV? Take it.

EXT. / INT. AMY'S CAR - NIGHT.

Amy drives and Sue is in the passenger's seat of the car as they head to the Marriott.

REPORTER (on radio)

Coming in, a low voter turn-out in Broward County. [OVERLAP]

AMY (sings)

It's a low turn-out in Broward County tonight.

REPORTER (on radio)
...O'Brien or Meyer.

01:11:06

AMY (sings)
(overlapping) No turn-out in Broward
County tonight. Sing with me.
(laughs)

SUE
No.

AMY
What's this, uh, this job you've
applied for?

SUE
(sighs) It's a big food corporation.
United Seasonings. They supply 90
percent of the country's paprika.

AMY
Yep, we lobby for them, so my hands are
dirty with paprika money. (laughs)
I'll, uh, mention how good you are,
though.

SUE
No need. They already know.

AMY
That's right.

REPORTER (on radio)
This election is too close to call.

AMY (sings)
(overlapping) Too close to call. Too
close to call. It's too close, baby,
yeah, too clo-

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

KENT
(sighs) It's unbelievable. It's still

impossible to call. I've known sailors less likely to go either way than this. I, pardon my ribaldry.

01:11:43

PRESIDENT MEYER

Hey, Illinois is still ours, isn't it?

KENT

Yes. And Iowa called for O'Brien.

TOM

Fuck Iowa. I'd say nuke it, but I think someone already did.

KENT

Pennsylvania's too close to call;
Florida's too close to call.

BEN

You might gather the general trend is that it's too close to call.

KENT

Well, the congressional results are similarly tight.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Okay, you don't need to shake that bag, all right?

BEN

Hm?

PRESIDENT MEYER

Try chewing with your mouth closed. See if that works.

MIKE

All right, they're saying we're gonna get a clearer picture of this whole thing in about an hour.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Oh god, I'm so tense. I could crack a walnut in my ass.

CATHERINE
All right, mom, come with me.

PRESIDENT MEYER
What?

01:12:17

CATHERINE
Just get out of here until this picture
becomes clearer. Maybe have some
mother-daughter time?

PRESIDENT MEYER
Okay.

EXT. VENUE - NIGHT.

Establishing shot.

[MUSIC IN]

Meyer-James Rally, Baltimore

CROWD
(cheering)

INT. VENUE - NIGHT.

Jonah is on stage addressing the crowd.

JONAH
Everybody give it up for Band of the
Horses. Wait, what? Oh band, oh, I'm
sorry. I'm sorry. Give it up for Band
of Horses. Band of Horses. I just
want to say thank you for, uh,
supporting the, uh, men's health, uh,
campaign and, uh, letting me tell guys
that they should feel themselves up.

CROWD
(laughs)

JONAH
Easiest job I ever had.

CROWD

(laughs)

JONAH

(laughs) You guys remember my, uh, you guys remember my catch phrase, right? Remember it? Just to jog your memories, remember: Check 'em; Don't neglect 'em.

01:13:00

CROWD

Check 'em; Don't neglect 'em!

JONAH

(laughs) Nice! You guys remember the A-Team, right? A-Team? I'm the A-Team. Mr. T. Um, uh, they were, they were supposed to be on the run, but, uh, you know, they were in a really distinctive van. Yeah, what was, what was up, what was up with that?

INT. HOTEL SUITE BEDROOM - NIGHT.

President Meyer and Catherine are sitting in bed talking.

PRESIDENT MEYER

I'm feeling kind of zen-ish, you know? I realize that there's nothing more I can do. Things are out of my control, and I just have to let the tension go.

Kent knocks on the door.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Get the fuck out of here, Kent!

KENT (OS)

Apologies.

PRESIDENT MEYER

I'm sorry about you and Jason. I know that my job can be hard on you and that was a bit of a bummer, huh?

CATHERINE
Yeah, just a little bit.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Yeah.

01:13:46

CATHERINE
But, um, like you said, I, I can't be married to a lobbyist, so...

PRESIDENT MEYER
Yeah. And he was like 60.

CATHERINE
He was 35.

PRESIDENT MEYER
How did he take it?

CATHERINE
It's hard to tell. He, he's not really big on emotions.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Mm-hmm. You know Catherine, men are horrible. Okay? I mean, I have to just tell it to you like it is, honey, but all men are awful. Really. And the key is to just find a man who's the least horrible.

CATHERINE
Okay. Well...

PRESIDENT MEYER
Oh, look at the photo of you and me!

CATHERINE
You look like me in that picture.

PRESIDENT MEYER
No. No, uh-uh. Not at all.

CATHERINE

Oh, a little bit. [OVERLAP]

PRESIDENT MEYER
No. Uh-uh.

CATHERINE
Oh.

01:14:37

PRESIDENT MEYER
Uh, there's daddy. Horrible.

CATHERINE
Mom.

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER.

President Meyer joins the others.

REPORTER (on TV)
Twenty Electoral College votes--

PRESIDENT MEYER
Okay, I'm back. How long was I gone?

MIKE
About 20 minutes.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Is that it? God, it always seems longer with Catherine. All right, so what's my destiny here?

KENT
Still unfathomable.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Why can't the American people make up their minds?

Sue and Amy enter.

KAREN
I mean how hard is it to decide between two candidates? (laughs)

AMY
Oh, for fuck's sake.

SUE
Amy.

01:15:03

MIKE
Hey, Sue. Amy.

AMY
Hi.

MIKE
Nice to see you.

AMY
Mm.

MIKE
I gotta get a little space between Karen's mouth and my ears. Uh, I'm gonna hit the soda machine. Anybody want anything?

BEN
Uh, just something with real sugar. No sweeteners or I'll shit my pants.

MIKE
Welcome back.

AMY
Thank you. (sighs, clears throat)

SUE
Hello, ma'am.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Oh wow. TV's Amy Brookheimer.
(laughs)

AMY
I felt that I needed to be here, ma'am. Um, we went through so much together getting you here, so-

PRESIDENT MEYER
Pennsylvania results are about to come
in. They're about to call this.

REPORTER (on TV)
...result, and once that has declared-

01:15:34

AMY
So how is it...?

KENT
Pennsylvania called for O'Brien.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Ugh! No way!

AMY
I said we should have gone back there.

PRESIDENT MEYER
And you were right. Why did you ever
resign?

AMY
It's, it's hard to understand.

DAN (on TV)
I think Pennsylvania is the real
significant call tonight.

INT. TV STUDIO - CONTINUOUS.

GARY
Pennsylvania, you had, uh, that as a
Meyer win, is that right, Matty?

MATTY
Yeah, uh, (stammers) yes. That's, um,
yes, we did.

DAN
Can't predict everything all the time,
can you? Even though that is your job.

GARY

Is this the end for President Meyer,
Dan?

01:16:01

DAN

Well, I would not be surprised if the
president...

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS.

DAN (on TV)

...were thinking about calling Senator
O'Brien very soon to concede this
election.

AMY

Well what do experts know?

KENT

They got O'Brien, 267; us, 207.

BEN

If those are right, it looks like he's
got the election.

TOM

These are projections. These are not
real results. They're ghosts. You c-
You can't concede. I know you want to,
but you, but you really, really
shouldn't.

KAREN

Or...? What?

PRESIDENT MEYER

I'm gonna concede. I, uh, I don't see
any point in dragging this on, and I'd
like to have a little bit of dignity in
defeat. So, um, I'm gonna call
O'Brien. This fucking job sucks
anyway.

INT. HOTEL HALLWAY - NIGHT.

Mike is standing at the vending machine feeding coins into it.

MIKE

Please don't electrocute me. (laughs)

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

Kent talks into the phone, then hands it to President Meyer.

01:17:09

KENT

The next voice you hear will be the president.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Bill?

O'BRIEN (VO)

A fascinating night, ma'am.

INT. O'BRIEN'S HOTEL - CONTINUOUS.

O'Brien talks into phone, surrounded by his staff.

O'BRIEN

Were you calling me for a particular reason, Madame President?

INTERCUT TO President Meyer and staff.

PRESIDENT MEYER

I, I want to just start by thanking you for conducting a very dignified...

INT. HOTEL HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS.

Mike walks down the hall with snacks in hand. He answers his phone.

MIKE

Ben.

BEN (VO)

Yeah, Mike, uh, Selina is conceding...

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS.

01:17:29

BEN

So forget about the soda and just grab
a crate of whiskey.

INT. HOTEL HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS.

Mike hangs up the phone.

MIKE

Fuck.

Mike's phone rings. He answers.

MIKE

I know.

INT. TV STUDIO - CONTINUOUS.

DAN

Time to turn that noose back into a
necktie, buddy. I got something you're
gonna want to hear.

INT. HOTEL HALLWAY - CONTINUOUS.

MIKE

Dan, there's nothing useful you can
tell me.

INT. TV STUDIO - CONTINUOUS.

DAN

Pennsylvania was the wrong call. We
think it's gonna go Selina. Look, I
have no idea how it-

Mike hangs up and runs down the hall.

MIKE

No! Don't, don't! Stop the
concession!

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS.

President Meyer talks into the phone. Everyone is deflated.

01:17:55

PRESIDENT MEYER

So Bill, I feel now is the time to call you and...

Mike rushes in. He frantically writes on paper as President Meyer stalls her phone call.

MIKE

Don't. No, no, no.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Um, also, uh, another thing, um, I'd like to just mention, uh, how's it going?

INT. O'BRIEN'S HOTEL - CONTINUOUS.

O'BRIEN

How's it going?

PRESIDENT MEYER (VO)

You and I are the only ones...

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

PRESIDENT MEYER

...sort of going through the same thing and I just, I... (gasps)

President Meyer reads Mike's note.

INT. O'BRIEN'S HOTEL - CONTINUOUS.

O'BRIEN

Ma'am, uh, forgive me for being direct, but you're not conceding?

PRESIDENT MEYER

Um, no. I don't know why you would, um, even imagine that I would be doing that, Bill.

GARY (on TV)
...uh, Pennsylvania go to Selina Meyer.

01:18:24

PRESIDENT MEYER
Uh! Ye- Yeah! I don't know if you've
seen this, Bill, but they seem to have
called Pennsylvania for me.

INT. O'BRIEN'S HOTEL - CONTINUOUS.

O'BRIEN
Yes, I heard that.

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

PRESIDENT MEYER
I wonder if it's anything that you
would like to say to me right now.

ALL
(laughing)

INT. O'BRIEN'S HOTEL - CONTINUOUS.

O'BRIEN
I'm taking the White House. Please
leave the hot tub on.

[MUSIC IN]

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

PRESIDENT MEYER
I don't think so, my friend.

President Meyer hangs up the phone.

ALL
(laughing, cheering)

EXT. VENUE - NIGHT.

Establishing shot.

Meyer-James Rally, Baltimore 1:30 am

JONAH (VO)

Sir...

01:18:48

INT. VENUE - CONTINUOUS.

Jonah talks into phone with Richard at his side.

JONAH

The crowd is getting restless. Uh,
the, the band has stopped playing.
I've given them my best material.

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS.

Kent is on the phone.

JONAH (VO)

...and we don't know what to do. We
need to give them a...

INT. VENUE - CONTINUOUS.

Jonah talks into phone with Richard at his side.

JONAH

...hit of political meth. I think we
should send out Tom James.

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS.

Kent is on the phone. The others are nearby.

KENT

Uh, ma'am, would you consider allowing
Tom to go out on the rally stage?

PRESIDENT MEYER

Wha... um, well, let's see. First of
all, no. And then the other thing I
really wanted to say was, uh, no.

TOM

I'm hearing a no.

KENT
Uh, Jonah, sorry. The answer is...
Oh, hello. Holy...

PRESIDENT MEYER
What?

01:19:14

KENT
...mother of moly.

PRESIDENT MEYER
What is it?

KENT
Fox is calling Washington State for us.

PRESIDENT MEYER
(gasps)

BEN
Yes!

PRESIDENT MEYER
No!

MIKE
They called Ohio!

PRESIDENT MEYER
Oh my god! That's amazing!

BEN
Ohio?

MIKE
No, for O'Brien. I should have said...

PRESIDENT MEYER
Oh. Oh, god.

TOM
Well ABC is saying it's still too close
to call.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Yeah.

BEN

No, they're calling it now. O'Brien.

01:19:33

PRESIDENT MEYER

Shit!

ERICSSON

Fox again and Politico. New Hampshire
to O'Brien, and Ohio.

MIKE

Yes! We took Florida!

ALL

(cheering)

PRESIDENT MEYER

That!

BEN

Twenty-nine.

PRESIDENT MEYER

That is extraordinary!

MIKE

Yes!

PRESIDENT MEYER

What is my number now, Kent?

KENT

Okay, one sec.

TOM

You're two, uh, you're...

PRESIDENT MEYER

What?

TOM

Yeah, you're 256.

BEN
Kent, where does that leave us?

01:19:49

KENT
Okay, it all comes down to Virginia.
If O'Brien gets Virginia, he wins.
However, if we get Virginia...

GARY
We win!

SUE
No, actually Gary, if we get it, we
tie.

KENT
What?

SUE
What? I don't follow these things that
closely, but that's right, isn't it,
Mr. Davison?

KENT
Yes.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Tie, like it's a tie?

KENT
Mm-hmm.

PRESIDENT MEYER
You mean we tie?

KENT
You do.

DAN (on TV)
Well the real shock, Greg...

INT. TV STUDIO - CONTINUOUS.

DAN

...is where this leaves us, neck and neck if the president takes Virginia.

GREG

Matty, you'll forgive me if I sideline you here, Dan...

DAN

Sure.

01:20:16

GREG

You know the president well. What is going on in that Meyer hotel suite right this second?

DAN

The president has a lot of top minds working on her campaign. They're gonna be all over this.

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS.

TOM

What happens when there's, when there's a tie?

BEN

Everybody goes online to try to find out what happens if we get a tie.

MIKE

Way ahead of you. Shit, I'm just getting how to tie a tie.

ERICSSON

Is there a book, like an old fashioned, like a paper book?

PRESIDENT MEYER

Jesus Christ, you know? You do your best. You try to serve the people, and then they just fuck you over.

GARY

Yep.

PRESIDENT MEYER

And you know why? Because they're ignorant and they're dumb as shit, and that, ladies and gentlemen, is democracy.

GARY

Yep.

01:20:51

PRESIDENT MEYER

God damn it!

BEN

It's the 12th amendment.

AMY

I have 20th amendment. Yeah.

GARY

Why are there so many amendments? Get it right the first time, people!

MIKE

It's actually both. Twelfth is superseded by the 20th. They give the House until January 20th to elect the president.

SUE

Each state gets one vote. First candidate to 26 is the new president, and the Senate chooses the V.P.

KENT

When it's a close election with a ton of House races too close to call. What happens if it's a tie in the House?

PRESIDENT MEYER

Right.

KENT

Is it a dance-off?

SUE

Well Vice President elect becomes president. Whoever the senate has picked for V.P. will be president.

01:21:21

BEN

Wait, that means...

AMY

That Tom...

TOM

What?

AMY

...could be the president.

TOM

Well I, I had literally no idea. It's good to be prepared.

SALLY (on TV)

Dan, was this the contingency that the campaign...

PRESIDENT MEYER

So wait, so you mean that I wo- I might lose this election to my fucking vice president?

MIKE

It'll at least be somebody from our team, ma'am, and that's good, right?

PRESIDENT MEYER

(sobs)

MIKE

I didn't mean to make her cry.

President Meyer hugs Amy.

AMY

There, there. Oh, it's gonna be okay.

Gary awkwardly reaches for President Meyer from behind.
Mike shoos him away.

GARY
I'm just gonna put my hands right here.

01:22:07

MIKE
Don't touch her.

Tom answers his phone.

TOM
Yeah.

INT. VENUE - CONTINUOUS.

Jonah talks into phone with Richard at his side. The crowd is chanting.

JONAH
Sir, I'm sorry to contact you directly,
but the crowd is drooling for you.

RICHARD
Yeah, the floor is wet out here.

JONAH
Okay great, thank you.

INT. HOTEL SUITE LIVING ROOM - NIGHT.

TOM
I'm gonna go rally the rally.

AMY
With all due respect, you need to get
your shit together now, lady. Ma'am
up. You're still the leader of the
free world. Hm?

PRESIDENT MEYER
Where's Tom?

KAREN
Oh, uh, he's gone to talk to the crowd

at the rally.

BEN

What?

01:22:42

PRESIDENT MEYER

The fuck he has.

AMY

Why would you let him do that?

KAREN

Well you don't work here.

BEN

Well neither do you!

PRESIDENT MEYER

All right. Fuck all of you. I'm going to the rally.

KENT

Well, ma'am, ma'am, that, that would be unprecedented.

PRESIDENT MEYER

No, I'll tell you what's unprecedented, Kent. A tie is unprecedented. So is becoming the first lady president. So is that jack-off becoming president through the back door! Okay, the rulebooks been torn up now, and America is wiping its nasty ass with it!

KAREN

Okay.

President Meyer shoves Karen and heads for the door.

PRESIDENT MEYER

Get the fuck out of my way!

KAREN

Ooh!

BEN

Ma'am!

01:23:14

[MUSIC IN]

BEN

Ma'am!

Everybody runs out of the suite, following President Meyer.

INT. VENUE - CONTINUOUS.

The crowd is chanting.

CROWD

Tom James! Tom James! Tom James!
(cheers, applause)

Tom walks on stage and waves to the crowd.

TOM

Thank you.

INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS.

President Meyer blows her nose as she walks with her team following. She hands her used tissue to Gary.

SUE

Okay, I admit this isn't boring.

KENT

Why make a total of electoral votes an even number?

AMY

Insanity.

INT. VENUE - CONTINUOUS.

Tom is on stage addressing the crowd.

TOM

Listen, I-I know this is, this is a long night. You're tired and you're

cold and your legs ache and you need the bathroom. Uh, boy do you need the bathroom.

CROWD
(laughs)

01:23:46

INT. HOTEL CORRIDOR - CONTINUOUS.

President Meyer walks with her team.

PRESIDENT MEYER
That fucking guy with his fucking charm and his fucking son and his fucking wheelchair with his spine all fucked up!

INT. VENUE - CONTINUOUS.

Tom is on stage addressing the crowd.

TOM
My grandmother survived the dust bowl, and, uh, before she died at the age of 89, she told me a secret that she kept for almost 50 years. The story concerned her own-

PRESIDENT MEYER
Ladies and gentlemen, Tom James! How 'bout it?

President Meyer walks on stage.

CROWD
(cheers, applause)

PRESIDENT MEYER
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Wow. Do I know how to pick 'em? Yep. Well, thank you so much for being here. I know it's been a wait, and, uh, we really do appreciate your presence. What a night. Right? It's the night of nights. Um, you know what I want to

do? I want to introduce you to the first daughter of the United States, my daughter, Catherine Selina Meyer. Catherine!

CROWD
(cheers, applause)

01:24:53

Catherine walks on stage.

TOM
Always a delight to have-

PRESIDENT MEYER
She is such a beautiful girl. I am so proud of her.

INT. TV STUDIO - CONTINUOUS.

Gary, Dan and Matty are on the set.

GARY
Well we have another minute or so before we're prepared to call Virginia. Just checking a couple of precincts. We've made some premature calls this evening, so we're anxious to be absolutely certain this time.

INT. VENUE - CONTINUOUS.

President Meyer continues addressing the crowd.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Why don't we meet some of the people who lift me up?

CROWD
(applause)

PRESIDENT MEYER
I'd like you to meet them. Guys, come on out. How 'bout these great faces?

INT. TV STUDIO - CONTINUOUS.

GARY
Incredible scenes never happened
before, very emotional moment. Dan, do
you wish you were there?

01:25:25

DAN
I, I'm sure it's a very exciting place
to be at.

MATTY
There's never been an election like
this.

DAN
No.

MATTY
You must want to be there.

INT. VENUE - CONTINUOUS.

President Meyer is on stage with Tom, Catherine, Karen,
Richard, Jonah and the campaign team.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Folks, you don't know her, but this is
Karen Collins, and she is a, has been a
friend of mine for a while.

CROWD
(applause)

Gary takes the microphone away from Tom.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Yep. And, uh, Amy Brookheimer's here.
Amy Brookheimer, who so successfully
ran my campaign until she became
unwell. I'll tell you somebody else
that is not here...

INT. TV STUDIO - CONTINUOUS.

Dan, Matty, Greg and Sally watch President Meyer on the

monitor.

PRESIDENT MEYER
...tonight who was with the campaign,
um, quite a while...

01:25:56

GREG
Sounds like it could be you, Dan.

DAN
Well, I, I would be incredibly touched.

PRESIDENT MEYER
...and that is, of course, Leslie Kerr.

CROWD
(applause)

PRESIDENT MEYER
I'm sure...

INT. VENUE - CONTINUOUS.

PRESIDENT MEYER
...Leslie is thanking you, too.

GARY (on TV)
And I'm hearing we can now project a
Virginia result. Dan, what is that
projection?

DAN
Thank you, Greg. CNN is prepared to
make the following projection that
Virginia...

[MUSIC IN]

DAN
...with its 13 electoral votes is a win
for President Meyer.

CROWD
(applause, cheers)

DAN
This election is a tie.

PRESIDENT MEYER
We did it!

[MUSIC IN]

[END CREDITS]

PRESIDENT MEYER
We have one more hurdle to overcome,
and we shall overcome! One more river
to cross! One more mountain to climb!
But I have been to the mountaintop!
Thank you!

President Meyer walks off stage.

INT. VENUE - BACKSTAGE - CONTINUOUS.

President Meyer and her staff follow her off stage.

PRESIDENT MEYER
I don't know what to do.

MIKE
We don't do anything.

KAREN
You do what you have to do.

BEN
Yeah, and I'm getting drunk.

AMY (to phone)
Hey Dan, um, when you get this, can you
put in a good word for me, uh, with
Greg? I think that I need to keep my
TV work going.

GARY
Okay, you're gonna win. (laughs) And
if you don't, I'll kill myself.

PRESIDENT MEYER
Kent, what happens next? You've gotta

know.

KENT

No, I'm afraid not. Some of these House races, they're still too close to call.

01:27:18

CATHERINE

What does that mean?

KENT

Well presently, we cannot predict the result of the vote in congress on January 20th. We're in a kind of purgatory.

ERICSSON

Welcome to my world.

CATHERINE

Can you stop thinking about yourself for one second?

PRESIDENT MEYER

Honestly.

ERICSSON

No, because I'm going to prison. Have I mentioned that?

PRESIDENT MEYER

So what are we gonna do here? What-

JONAH

Well, should we drop the balloons?

KENT

No. No balloons.

RICHARD

Maybe we could just drop half of them?

KENT

No!

JONAH

Why do we even have balloons?

TOM

Ma'am, I seriously overstepped the mark going out on stage. That was fucked up.

01:27:44

PRESIDENT MEYER

Yeah. I'll say. You might want to watch that if you become president.

TOM

If that does happen, wanna be my Veep?

PRESIDENT MEYER

Why don't you go help them with the balloons?

TOM

Copy that.

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