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RACHEL
LOUISE
NED
DAVE
ARTHUR

RACHEL. [REDACTED]

Uh, let's come back to you.

LOUISE. Hi there. Louise Peakes.

RACHEL. Yes, uh-huh. So... have you... worked with Governor Newley before?

LOUISE. Oh no. No, I have no experience in government.

NED. *(Having found the cards:)* Wait, I have... I have cards!

RACHEL. *(Happy that he's speaking again, but not knowing where to go with that:)* You have what, Governor?

DAVE. *(To ARTHUR:)* We've gotta stop this.

ARTHUR. *(Stopping DAVE from moving in:)* No, wait. Wait a second.

LOUISE. But, you know, I like it here; I like working for the government.

NED. *(Reading a card:)* It needs fixing.

RACHEL. *(Confused by that, but desperate to get NED back in the conversation:)* What needs fixing? The government? Are you saying government needs fixing?

LOUISE. Oh, I bet it does, which is why it's probably good to have somebody here who's never done this before.

DAVE. Arthur—!

ARTHUR. *(Feeling a vibe, kind of mesmerized:)* No, don't stop this. Don't you dare stop this.

LOUISE. Somebody who, you know, just showed up.

NED. *(Trying a different card:)* We have to find an outsider.

LOUISE. *(Taking RACHEL's lapel mic off her dress, and speaking into it like a handheld mic:)* Exactly. And I think we all feel like outsiders sometimes, *(To NED:)* don't we?

NED. *(Trying another card:)* I'm just an average guy.

LOUISE. Well, yes you are, but you try hard, and you're doing great. *(To RACHEL:)* Isn't he? *(Waving the mic in RACHEL's direction, but then bringing it back to herself before RACHEL can reply:)* And, okay, yes, this is his first day on the job, and he doesn't know what he's doing, and I don't know what I'm doing, but, you know, how hard can this be?

RACHEL. *(Grabbing LOUISE's wrist to bring the mic back to her own mouth:)* What? Running the government?

NED. *(Just reading another card:)* It just takes common sense.

LOUISE. Exactly. That's what I always say. We'll just keep workin' at it, and we'll figure it out.

RACHEL. *(Reclaiming her mic, and reattaching it:)* I'm sorry, uh, Lulu— what did you say your job title was?

LOUISE. Assistant Governor, or something? It's like the Governor, but just under that.

RACHEL. Do you mean... Lieutenant Governor?

LOUISE. Oh that's it.