**AUDITION SIDE #10: NED & AC**

NED I’m not sure I’m even gonna need this mic. I mean, even when there’s not a camera, I’m not great at talking. Which is… maybe something you and I have in common.

AC Uh-huh.

NED But you see people talk on camera every day. You probably think it’s ridiculous for me to be nervous about being on TV.

AC Well…

NED What? What does that mean?

AC I’m just saying…

NED What? That I should be nervous?

AC Well…

NED What does that mean?

AC I’m just saying…

NED No you’re not. You’re not saying anything.

AC The last time you went on TV…

NED I looked like an ass.

AC Yeah. But look, the truth is… most people who go on TV make asses of themselves.

NED Do they?

AC Oh yeah. God yeah…

NED Okay. I’m not sure this is helping.

AC Especially politicians…

NED Yeah, definitely not helping.

AC But, you know, most politicians are asses to begin with… Ha! See? This is why I don’t like to talk to people.

NED No, I wouldn’t disagree with that. There’s an awful lot of idiots in politics. Though I don’t know why that is.

AC Because no sane, intelligent person would want to work in government. Okay, I’m gonna…

NED Why would you say that?

AC Nah, forget it.

NED No, tell me. Why would no intelligent person want to work in government?

AC Because… what is government? What does it do? Right? What good honest purpose does it serve? I suppose it… has to exist, and always will exist, but… real life? It has nothing to do with my life. I pay my taxes. I bitch about it, but I pay, and then all that money gets spent on… whatever – whatever politicians spend money on, when they’re not busy trashing other politicians, or looking into my TV camera and lying every time they open their mouths. Right? Why should I pay attention to that? Why should I care? Life is crowded enough as it is. I’ve got a brother who’s out of work, needs help paying his rent. I’ve got a friend who’s been in and out of the hospital. And my wife and I… just want to make it to the weekend so we can spend some time with our two boys, who are… awesome, and important. That’s real life. Government is… over there. Making a lot of noise. If you listen to it. But… why listen to it.

NED I’m sorry about your friend in the hospital.

AC Thanks. I don’t know why I brought her up.

NED Well, real life, like you said.

AC Yeah.

NED What kind of work is your brother in?

AC He was teaching high school in Fairview. Got laid off.

NED Was that a public school?

AC You gonna get him a job, Governor?

NED I’m honestly just wondering…

AC I don’t know why I told you all that.

NED I asked you a question. And you answered it. That’s what Dave keeps telling me about this interview with Rachel: it’s just a conversation.

AC Yeah. Though you know he’s just trying to make you feel better, right?.. Okay, I am never speaking again.