**AUDITION SIDE #6: ARTHUR, PAIGE & DAVE**

DAVE What are you, what are we talking about? These are reactions of the people who watched the interview?

PAIGE Yes – now remember these are just voters in this state, but we’re gonna have to do some national polling – immediately. Because… I have never seen numbers like these. “I would describe this person as someone who’s just like me”: 78%. “As someone who is telling the truth”: 84%. “As someone who is real.”…91%. 91%. That is the most real any person has ever been in any poll ever taken.

DAVE Wait. This is from the interview… that just happened?

PAIGE Yeah!

DAVE And these are people’s reactions… to the Governor?

PAIGE Oh – no…

ARTHUR & PAIGE No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no…

PAIGE These are numbers for Lulu.

DAVE What?

PAIGE We’ve already looked at Ned’s numbers. But I suggested to keep the focus groups a little longer to get their reactions to Lulu.

ARTHUR Isn’t that brilliant.

PAIGE And these people identified with her… in ways I’ve never seen before. When asked if they could imagine inviting Lulu to their home for dinner, 36% said they could swear she’d already been there. It’s like they were watching themselves on TV. They loved her.

ARTHUR Well, Dave, I think you’re right. I’ve found the politician I’ve been waiting for.

DAVE This isn’t happening. This is a nightmare. Tell me this is a nightmare.

ARTHUR A nightmare? Dave, you poor, sad, confused man. This is a dream come true. What have you been fighting for since you got up this morning?: the chance for Ned Newley to keep his job. Well, guess what? Your wish is granted… thanks to the political power of Lulu Peakes. Nobody’s gonna try to kick him out of office now that she’s on his team. Here’s the plan: we get the two of them back on TV, ASAP, and make it clear he’s endorsing her in the race for Lieutenant Governor. And she announces her candidacy right here- and then she’s off on a campaign tour of the state.

PAIGE With the Governor by her side every step of the way.

ARTHUR Yes! Every photo she’s in, Ned’s right there, next to her.

PAIGE Or maybe… behind her in the background, a little out of focus. The message is:

ARTHUR & PAIGE They’re a team.

ARTHUR A match made in heaven.

PAIGE Newley and Lulu!

ARTHUR Newley and Lulu! And I promise you, Dave, no one will ever mention that special election again. Ned’s popularity will be through the roof. My god it’s perfect.

PAIGE It kinda is, Dave.

DAVE Yeah, except – no. No, this is not going to happen. We can’t do this. C’mon. We can’t do this to the people.

PAIGE To what people?

DAVE To *the* people. The public. We have a responsibility.

ARTHUR Oh. Do we?

DAVE Yes. Are you joking? We have responsibility to the voters. The Lieutenant Governor is the person who becomes Governor if anything happens to the… This morning you came in with this, this crazy plan, where we convince people that Ned doesn’t know how to do his job, because people are looking for someone who doesn’t know how to do his job, and that way he gets to keep his job, which he is great at doing, as long as nobody knows that he knows what he’s doing. And I’m pretty sure I got that right because I didn’t understand a word of what I just said. But this new plan… electing Lulu? This is something different. We can’t purposely put someone like her in office.

ARTHUR We’re not putting her in office; it’s an election. It’s not up to us; it’s up to the people.

DAVE But we’re the ones telling the people to vote for her.

ARTHUR Because we think they’ll want to vote for her.

DAVE But if they vote for her, they’ll elect her.

ARTHUR And if they elect her, they’ll get exactly what they want.

DAVE But we know that’s not what they should want. We know that she is not who they should be voting for.

ARTHUR Oh, we know that, do we?

DAVE Yes, Don’t pretend that you actually think Lulu Peakes should be the Lieutenant Governor.

ARTHUR Wait, no, we know better than the people who the people should be voting for? I don’t want to alarm you, Dave, but I think you just made an argument against democracy.