**AUDITION SIDE #8: LOUISE, RACHEL & NED**

RACHEL Let me start by thanking you, Governor, for inviting us here today.

NED Oh, hey, ya know. I’m just here bein’ an average guy. Doin’ my job. Workin’.

RACHEL Right, and, uh… of course this is a new job for you.

NED Yeah, and how ‘but that? A regular guy like me, bein’ the Governor?

RACHEL Right. So, uh, why don’t you tell us what it’s like on your first day on the job?

NED Oh, today is… uh… uh…

LOUISE Oh, I can answer that one, I think.

RACHEL Oh!…

LOUISE ‘Cause it’s my first day on the job, too. Yeah, I just started this morning. Hi, there, Louise Peakes. And you are?

RACHEL Rachel…

LOUISE Rachel. Nice to meet you, Rachel.

NED Just a guy, movin’ over, makin’ room on the couch.

RACHEL I’m sorry, I’m not quite clear. You said you were…

LOUISE Louise, but my friends- if they’re watching me at home- my friends call me Lulu.

RACHEL No, I meant… your job here?

LOUISE Oh! I’m the Assistant Governor.

RACHEL Assistant Governor?

LOUISE Is that what it is?

NED Haha!

LOUISE Yeah, they brought me in today. I guess, what the ladies in the cafeteria were saying is, everyone who used to work in this office had to quit, because the other Governor had sex with a woman. But Ned didn’t have to quit, because he has not had sex with a woman.

NED (mumbled) Oh, that’s not exactly true, I mean, it has been a while but…

RACHEL I’m sorry what was that, Governor?

NED (mumbled) I can’t believe I just said that on live television.

RACHEL I didn’t quite catch that.

NED (mumbled) Oh god, this has all gone to hell.

RACHEL Okay, then… 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 Wait, I have… I have cards!

RACHEL You have what, Governor?

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

NED It needs fixing.

RACHEL What needs fixing? The government? Are you saying the 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. Somebody who, you know, just showed up.

NED We have to find an outsider.

LOUISE Exactly. And I think we all feel like the outsiders sometimes. Don’t we?

NED I’m just an average guy.

LOUISE Well, yes you are, but you try hard, and you’re doing great. Isn’t he? And, okay, yes, this is his first day on the job, and he doesn’t know what he’s doing, but you know, how hard this can be?

RACHEL What? Running the government?

NED 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 I’m sorry, uh, Lulu… what did you say your job title was?

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

RACHEL Do you mean Lieutenant Governor?

LOUISE Oh that’s it.

RACHEL Is that right, Governor Newley – is Lulu your nominee for Lieutenant Governor?

NED We have to find an outsider!

RACHEL Well, alright – I’m happy to say we’ve just made some news here, as we introduce Governor Newley’s nominee for Lieutenant Governor: Lulu Peakes.